

United Kingdom Rural Policy & Practitioners Group

Bringing together organisations, agencies, and professionals across the United Kingdom involved in issues relating to rural policy and practice.

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BRIEF:

Collating, analysing and promoting best practice and evidence, and establishing joint working and networking on social and economic rural issues across the United Kingdom with a view to the establishment of impartial commentary and the recording of evidence and considered best practice.

AIMS:

- *Collating and analysing considered best practice across the United Kingdom.
- *Examining the impact of current policies on rural people, communities and businesses.
- *Facilitating the promotion of general rule thinking across the United Kingdom.
- *Providing from a practitioner's perspective, evidence and knowledge to support the development of future rural policies.
- *Contributing to policy discussions by providing impartial practitioners commentary on current issues primarily relating to social and economic matters.

WORKING:

- *An annual event which will seek to establish an agreed yearly overview relating to general rural considerations and the perceived state of the countryside across the United Kingdom. (*Winter*)
- *Workshops on topics identified as being of particular relevance. (*Summer*)

*Web-based discussion forums and email groupings relating to current issues.

ASPIRATIONS:

- *To establish post graduate assistance with best practice and evidence compilation.
- *The establishment of teleconferencing sessions as appropriate.

LINKAGES:

- *Rural and Farming Networks
- *The Area Forums run by the Rural Services Network and its communications network generally.

OPERATING PROTOCOL:

Representation or lobbying on specific issues will not be the remit of this group but supplying information and evidence to existing bodies which do so will be.

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