

The RSN organises an annual seminar programme. The events are intended to help Councils and Rural Services Partnership Members overcome some of the issues and challenges that they face in delivering services in rural places. For 2015-16 events are free.

The following events have been programmed to date:

19 August 2015 - Market Harborough

Viable Rural Communities and Economies – Through the lens of the Market Town

Speakers approached: Gavin Fletcher - Sustainable Harborough Project (including walking tour), Liz Price - University of Lincoln the role of smaller settlements in rural economies, Lyn Aisbet - CEO Melton BC, Peter Couchman - Plunkett Foundation

18 November 2015 - Cirencester

Tackling the Challenges of Ageing – Fuel Poverty and Services for the Elderly

Speakers approached: Holly Sims (Calor), Jon Bright (CEO Oxfordshire RCC), Alice Woudhusyen (Age UK)

9 February 2016 - Northallerton

Planning Settlements that work – Planning and Affordable Housing

Speakers approached: Jackie Cottingham (Faith in Affordable Housing), Mark Shucksmith (University of Newcastle), John Welbank (Rural Futures) - Cumbria Planning Advice Scheme, David Renwick - North York Moors National Park Authority

5 July 2016 - London

Making the Rural Case – Finance and Access to Services/Rural Proofing

Speakers approached: Pete Moore County Treasurer (Lincolnshire CC), Justin Griggs (NALC), John Coleman (Defra)

For more information or to book a place at any of the events contact: events@sparse.gov.uk or call: 01822 813693

We aim to give rural areas a louder voice and help safeguard and improve services in rural communities.

