

Rudgwick Parish Council

Weekly Clerk's Update: 2nd – 8th May 2026 (Agenda May 2026)

To: Parish Councillors

c.c: Christian Mitchell (West Sussex County Councillor)
Richard Landeryou (Horsham District Councillor)

From: Anna Clayton

The weekly update provides information regarding:

- Announcements/delegated decisions by the Clerk
- Planning information
- Correspondence/communications from parishioners
- Correspondence/communications from outside organisations

List of organisations that communicate with the Council on a regular basis.

- AIRS (Action in Rural Sussex)
 - APCAG (Association of Parish Councils Aviation Group)
 - CAGNE (Communities Against Gatwick Noise Emission)
 - CPRE (Campaign to Protect Rural England)
 - HALC (Horsham Association of Local Councils)
 - HDC (Horsham District Council)
 - NALC (National Association of Local Councils)
 - WSALC (West Sussex Association of Local Councils)
 - WSCC (West Sussex District Council)
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Clerk's announcements/delegated decisions:

- The vehicles which were parked on KGV Playing field on 4th May 2026 have been reported to PCSO Tom Fontyn.
- The damaged dog bin in Churchmans Meadow has been reported to HDC

GENERAL REMINDER: If you wish to speak face to face to a member of staff, please contact the Clerk on 07927 702321 during her office working hours (Monday – Wednesday 9.30 – 15.30).

Applications for noting at Rudgwick Parish Council Meeting

Applications for noting at Rudgwick Parish Council Meeting 8 th June 2026	
Application No: DISC/26/0141 01.05.2026	Response/Comments:

Applicant: Old House, Tismans Common, Rudgwick	
Reason for Application: Application for Approval of Details Reserved by Condition 3 to approved application DC/24/1856.	
Official Response Date: Not available / Determination 26 th June 2026	

Applications for consideration at Rudgwick Parish Council Meeting

Applications for consideration at Rudgwick Parish Council Meeting 8 th June 2026	
Application No:	Response/Comments:
Applicant:	
Reason for Application:	
Official Response Date:	

Decisions

HDC Council Decisions – Rudgwick Parish Council Meeting 8 th June 2026	
Application No:	Response/Comments:
Applicant:	
Reason for Application:	
Official Response Date:	

Applications going to Committee

Applications going to Committee – Rudgwick Parish Council Meeting 8 th June 2026	
Application No:	Response/Comments
Applicant:	

Reason for Application:	
Official Response Date:	

Appeals Lodged / Appeals Determined

New Appeals Lodged / Determined – Rudgwick Parish Council Meeting 8 th June 2026	
Application No: DC/24/0848 / Appeal Ref – 6002643	Response/Comments: Appeal Dismissed
Applicant: Land To The West of Whites Copse, Horsham Road, Rowhook	
Reason for Application: Change of use of land from agricultural to mixed agricultural, day nursery and forest school (Use Class E(f)). Retention of existing field shelters. Construction of education/nursery building, polytunnels and woodwork shelter. Alterations to existing access and extensive hard and soft landscaping.	
Official Response Date:	

New Planning Compliance Issues

New Planning Compliance Issues – Rudgwick Parish Council Meeting 8 th June 2026	
Application No:	Response/Comments:
Address:	
Nature of Complaint	
Official Response Date:	

Parish Councils Website

Rudgwick Parish Council's New Website is now live!

<https://rudgwick-pc.gov.uk>

Correspondence

Email dated 08.05.2026 from HDC

Latest News: Friday Lates are back! | New Chair for Horsham District Council | Local Plan examination underway

Latest News



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Spring summer entertainment programme returns for Horsham in 2026

FRIDAY LATES

JUNE 2026

**WEEKLY
6PM - 8PM**
*Carfax Bandstand
Horsham*

**LIVE MUSIC
POP UP
BARS
STREET
FOOD &
ARTISAN
PRODUCE**

**FOOD
ROCKS**

 **Horsham
District
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Horsham District Council is delighted to announce that its ever- popular programme of entertainments is returning for the Spring and Summer of 2026.

Organised by Horsham District Council with support from Food Rocks Markets, after an extremely successful programme last year, our Friday Lates events will make a welcome return every Friday night from 6pm to 8pm throughout June, July and August at the Horsham Carfax Bandstand.

This year's programme will open on Friday 5 June with American country tribute band 'The Gamblers'.

[Read More Online](#)

Local Election Results: Thursday May 7



The results of the West Sussex County Council elections; Horsham Parish Council election and Itchingfield, Slinfold and Warnham by-election held on Thursday, 7 May, will be published later today (Friday, 8 May).

The count is currently underway and results will be published via the Council website.

[Read More Online](#)

Council's Local Plan examination is underway



Following Horsham District Council's request to re-open the examination of its 2023-40 Local Plan at the end of 2025, a new examination is now underway.

On Tuesday 21 April a new Planning Inspector appointed by the government, Mr Jonathan Bore, restarted Stage One of the examination with three days of hearings. During the Stage One hearing the topics covered were: the housing requirement from the government, the local housing supply and the local community, business and economic needs.

The Inspector also confirmed that the Council's Local Plan had met the relevant legal and procedural requirements, which allows the rest of the Examination to proceed.

[Read More Online](#)

New Chairman of Horsham District Council elected



Following an Annual Meeting of Horsham District Council on 29 April, a new Chairman has been elected. Cllr Joanne Knowles was elected Chairman of Horsham District Council for the civic year 2026 to 2027 at the Council's Annual Meeting which was held at Albery House, Horsham.

Cllr Knowles takes over the role of Chairman from Cllr Tony Bevis, who was Chairman for the previous civic year. Cllr Nigel Emery was appointed as the Vice Chairman of the Council.

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Making your Parish Council arrangements fit for the next decade

Have your say in a District-wide Community Governance Review



Horsham District is asking residents, parish councils and local organisations whether they think any changes are needed to make their parish council arrangements more effective. This is through a legal process known as a Community Governance Review.

Horsham District Council wants to hear what residents, parish councils and local organisations think about their parish boundaries and governance arrangements. The Council is launching a 6-week consultation to seek new ideas from 9 May to 22 June 2026.

[Read More Online](#)

Broadwood Day of Dance bringing colour and rhythm to Horsham



Horsham town centre will burst into colour, music and movement as the Broadwood Day of Dance returns on Saturday 9 May.

Now in its 34th year, the much-loved event celebrates England's rich folk heritage with a spectacular showcase of Morris dancing, live music and community spirit. More than 20 Morris sides from across the South will fill the town with sound and spectacle.

Continuing a legacy that traces back to 19th-century with folk collector Lucy Broadwood of the original the Broadwood Morris Men of Horsham, the Broadwood Morris Men will lead a colourful procession starting at 10.30am along West Street to The Carfax Bandstand.

[Read More Online](#)

Stay connected



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**Horsham
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Email dated 06.05.2026 from WSALC

Upcoming Training - including Water Compliance & Legionella

Please see below the details of upcoming remote May/June training sessions which are available to book, please let the office know if you would like to attend any of the sessions.

7th May 7pm (up to 2 hours) – New Councillor/Chair training, FREE

How to book: Contact Emily admin@wsalc.co.uk

19th May 2pm - From Challenge to Action: 10 HR issues councils must address now, FREE

Councils are under increasing pressure. With ongoing employment law changes and a growing list of HR responsibilities, it's becoming harder to stay compliant while managing day-to-day challenges and protecting the council, its people, and the public. This practical, solutions-focused webinar from WorkNest on 19 May at 2.00pm will help you make sense of the key challenges - and what councils should be thinking about to address them.

How to book: <https://utmtracking.worknest.com/go/prospect-may26-councils-peter>

4th June 6.30pm (lasting up to 2.5 hours) – Introduction to planning, £40+vat per person

How to book: Contact Emily admin@wsalc.co.uk

10th June 10am (up to 2 hours) – Water Compliance & Legionella training, £45+vat per person.

It is an HSE legal requirement for staff to be aware of their responsibilities in Legionella Control Code of Practice for any buildings where they are responsible for the public.

The log books will be supplied to you along with a recommendation of where to get the thermometer and how to manage and maintain all the requirement needs to be compliant.

This will allow you (as the duty holder) to know how things work without getting too technical and be able to make the decision on whether to manage this in house, making a substantial saving, or outsource it instead.

The training will cover:

- Background to Legionella Bacteria
- The Law and UK Legislation and your responsibilities
- Penalties, Fines and Imprisonment – Corporate Manslaughter
- Where Legionella Occurs
- What you have to do to comply with the Law
- Identify the medical objectives of the Risk Assessments
- Recognise how Legionella causes problems in water systems
- Understand the risks and the organisation reporting lines of communication
- The importance of keeping records and the format and layout of written reports
- Keeping a log register and making sure it is accurate

How to book: Contact Emily admin@wsalc.co.uk

24th June 10am (lasting until 2.30pm) - New Clerks training, £75+vat per person

Suitable for all new clerks or for those in need of a refresher.

How to book: Contact Emily admin@wsalc.co.uk

29th June 7pm (up to 2 hours) – New Councillor/Chair training, FREE

How to book: Contact Emily admin@wsalc.co.uk

As well as the above, we have all the training on offer from Breakthrough Communications (comms and social media; data protection), Parkinson Partnership (finance) and CloudyIT (all things tech related). These can be booked directly with the provider – more details on our website.

If there is any training you would like to see offered, please do let me know.

Kind regards, Emily Simpson, WSALC

**Email dated 07.05.2026 from NALC
Chief Executives Bulletin**

Events

- Our latest event on local government reform explored how the sector can help navigate a rapidly changing landscape. Our panel emphasised how parish and town councils can strengthen local democracy, represent community voices, and play an expanded role in delivering services and supporting neighbourhood-level decision-making. You can [read more about the event](#) on our website.

Meetings

- In this week's meeting with county associations, we heard from the Parish Council Domain Helper Service, who outlined the success of parish and town councils moving to .gov.uk domain names, which nearly 6,000 councils have now done, and their ongoing cyber security training workshops. We also provided updates on our work on the English Devolution and Community Empowerment Act, clarified aspects of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return, and our [committees](#) and [networks](#).

Political and parliamentary engagement

- We have responded to the government's consultation on three proposed measures that would require Local Planning Authorities to consult the Secretary of State on certain planning applications, urging a local approach to planning thresholds and referrals. You can [read our full response](#) on our website.
- As a member of the Digital Democracy Partnership, alongside other local government partners, including the Local Government Associations, we have written to the government to highlight the need to take the opportunity of the next parliamentary session to prioritise legislation on remote attendance at council meetings and reform to the councillor standards regime.

Resources

- [In this week's blog](#), we explore how parish and town councils can use AI to help them thrive. With contributions from across the sector, the blog showcases rich and varied perspectives grounded in real experience.

Support

- Congratulations to the [latest parish and town councils accredited under the Local Council Award Scheme](#). The scheme celebrates the best of councils, helps them develop their potential, and recognises that they are well run and meet the required standards. One council achieved the Gold Award, seven achieved the Silver Award, and four achieved the Bronze Award. You can find out more about [the scheme and how to apply on our website](#).
- Weston-Super-Mare Town Council recently participated in the [Corporate Peer Challenge](#) through our partnership with the Local Government Association. The team of peers, which included councillors and clerks, spent three days in the town,

meeting councillors, staff and local stakeholders, with a report back on the final day. A full report will be published in the coming months.

From across the sector

- New analysis from our partners, the Democracy Club, highlights an encouraging picture of grassroots democracy ahead of the 7 May 2026 parish and town council elections. Thousands of people across England are stepping forward to serve their communities, a clear sign of the continued strength and relevance of local representation. You can [read more analysis](#) on our website.
- [PoliticsHome has published an article highlighting our Star Council Awards 2025/26 Young Councillor of the Year winner](#), Cllr Connor Mulhall, as part of a new generation of mayors bringing younger voices into local politics. As Wetherby Town Council's youngest-ever mayor, he focused on strengthening community engagement, improving communication between the council and residents, and ensuring local development reflects community needs, with an emphasis on accessibility, collaboration, and making local government more relevant to younger people.
- The [BBC has published a report on plans to establish a new parish council in Willaston in Cheshire](#), following strong local support. Residents say the move would give the community a more formal and democratic voice, particularly on issues such as planning and local services. Consultation results showed an overwhelming majority in favour, and if approved, the council could be in place by 2027.

Email dated 05.05.2026 from HDC Planning Compliance Monthly Planning Compliance Team statistics for April 2026

During April 2026, we received 31 new Planning Compliance investigations.

The closure statistics for April are shown below:

Year	Month	Complaints Closed	Reasons Closed						% Closed within 90 days
			No Breach	Breach Ceased	Plan App. Received	Not Expedient	Closed within 90 days	Closed over 90 days	
2026	April	54	17	15	12	9	42	12	77.78
Total for 2026		54	17	15	12	9	42	12	77.78%

Two Enforcement Notices were issued during April, as follows.

EN/26/0003	Flame Grill, 3 - 5 West Street, Storrington, Pulborough, West Sussex, RH20 4DY Without planning permission, the installation of a mechanical extraction ventilation system including metal ducting (the Extraction Equipment') to the external rear elevation of the building within the Storrington Conservation Area.
EN/26/0038	Wagtails Farm, Okehurst Road, The Haven, Billingshurst, RH14 9BW Without planning permission, the siting of a mobile home for use as a rural worker's dwelling

No appeal decisions have been received. We therefore still have 10 outstanding decisions on appeals relating to enforcement notices previously issued.

I hope this is helpful- if you have any questions on individual cases, or any other planning compliance matters, please contact me.

Kind regards, Madeleine

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Email dated 02.05.2026 from CAGNE

May Bulletin



[Make Your Voice Heard This Election](#)

With the May elections approaching, now is the time to engage with your local candidates.

CAGNE remains independent and not aligned to any political party. We encourage you to ask candidates what they understand about **airspace change** and how their party plans to address its impact on local communities.

Key questions to raise:

- Will your party oppose a new runway at Gatwick by working with CAGNE?
- Will you support a fair and balanced approach to airspace change, including:
 - Meaningful community input
 - Compensation for affected residents
 - Protection from property devaluation and loss of wellbeing

No news is good news – we have still not heard from the High Court to the Judicial Review ruling. Gatwick's CEO confirmed they had not heard anything but felt it would be only weeks before they get the go ahead. Gatwick has therefore been undertaking work on designs and delivery of the new runway in the meantime.

Upcoming CAGNE Meeting

Join our next **online meeting at 7:30pm Wednesday 6th May** to:

- Learn more about aviation developments
- Hear about plans for 2026/27 campaigns
- Ask questions and share your concerns

Book to attend: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/cagne-members-meeting-tickets-1988617933772?aff=oddtcreator>

Have Your Say – Current Consultations

There is still time to respond to important consultations:

Economics of Tourism / Northern Ireland Aviation Policy

Deadline: 22 May 2026

<https://www.economy-ni.gov.uk/consultations/aviation-policy>

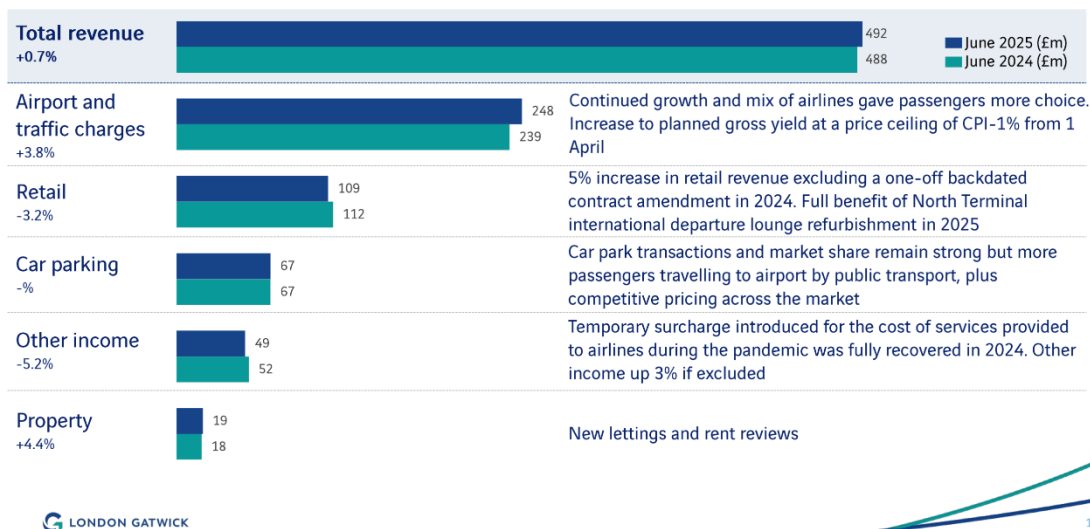
Planning & Rural Protection

[CAGNE continues](#) to work closely with the Surrey, Kent, and Sussex branches of the **Campaign to Protect Rural England**.

We remain concerned about:

- Ongoing planning challenges
- Weak policy frameworks
- The increasing reliance on assumptions rather than robust planning policy

Revenue growth exceeding increase in traffic



Gatwick Airport – Key Updates

Recent developments raise important questions:

- Aircraft movements have increased to **57 per hour** (from 55)
- Local authorities (WSCC and ESCC) are funding a bus route to Eastbourne (118 bus stops and max fare £3), despite previously low uptake
- The Government has contributed **£100,000** towards cycle routes to the airport, despite Gatwick reporting **£492m profit in 2025**
- Gatwick continues to withhold data on public transport usage by CAA
- A study into the Redhill–Tunbridge railway line is part-funded by Gatwick

The **Noise Management Board** will now feature in Gatwick’s social media communications.

Route 4 Westerly Departure – Consultation Concerns

Although the consultation deadline has now passed, CAGNE has formally raised concerns with the CEO of the CAA.

Key issues identified:

- A single “black-line” map that may have misled respondents
- Poor-quality mapping undermining the consultation process
- Changes to the historic Noise Preferential Route (in place since the 1950s)
- Dispersal of routes likely to affect new communities
- Lack of clarity around northern runway operations

CAGNE believes airspace changes must not divide communities and must follow a fair, balanced process.

Airspace Modernisation

The Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) oversees all seven stages of the **CAP1616 airspace change process**.

As airports sponsor these changes, CAGNE continues to call for:

- **Independent oversight**
- Greater transparency
- A fairer regulatory process

Night Flights – A Growing Concern

CAGNE supports a **ban on night flights**.

Thousands of night flights at Gatwick continue to:

- Disrupt sleep
- Impact health and wellbeing
- Increase traffic at unsocial hours

These impacts extend far beyond flight paths, with limited local benefit.

Air Quality

Air quality remains a critical issue.

- Ultra-fine particles from aircraft are still not adequately addressed
- CAGNE has been working with experts on this issue since 2014
- Government research is expected soon

During the Development Consent Order (DCO) process, CAGNE's expert analysis raised serious concerns about the adequacy of proposed air quality measures. Policy change is now urgently needed.

Stay Involved

Your voice matters. Whether responding to consultations, attending meetings, or engaging with election candidates, every action helps ensure communities are heard.

Email dated 01.05.2026 from Sussex Police
Keeping Our High Streets Safe



**Sussex
Police & Crime
Commissioner**

KATY BOURNE OBE





I'm committed to keeping our high streets safe and supporting the local businesses that form the backbone of our communities.

That's why I'm pleased to share that Operation STOP – our innovative programme targeting prolific shoplifters using GPS tagging – is now being expanded across the whole of Sussex.

Since I launched the UK's first-ever pilot programme tagging shoplifters in East Sussex last summer, the results have been clear. Every individual tagged has reduced their offending, with several stopping altogether. We estimate that more than 100 shop thefts have already been prevented, saving valuable police time and reducing pressure on the wider criminal justice system.

Just as importantly, retailers have told me they feel more confident seeing real action taken against repeat offenders.

Operation STOP will now be expanded to operate across East Sussex, West Sussex and Brighton & Hove, backed by a dedicated co-ordinator and continued close working with Sussex Police, the courts, probation and retailers.

This expansion sends a strong message - that persistent shop theft will not be tolerated in Sussex.

Enforcement alone isn't enough so we're also introducing a new Business Crime Navigator to help offenders address the issues that drive repeat offending, such as addiction, housing and health needs. By combining firm action with practical support and rehabilitation, we're taking a smarter and more compassionate approach to breaking the cycle of persistent shop theft.

This is about protecting our high streets, backing local businesses and making our communities safer for everyone – and I'm determined to keep delivering on that promise.

Working together for safer streets



Last Friday, I was pleased to chair and speak at a national policing event in the London Stock Exchange focused on improving public safety in conjunction with the security industry, businesses and other partners. The discussion brought together police leaders, government officials, community organisations and technology experts to look honestly at what is and isn't working and, importantly, what needs to change.

One clear message came through - policing alone cannot achieve greater safety on our streets. To really cut crime and strengthen public confidence, we need a whole system approach – bringing together neighbourhood policing, prevention, rehabilitation, community services, the private sector and smart use of data and technology.

I spoke about what this looks like in Sussex - investing in visible neighbourhood policing; tackling the drivers of crime such as addiction and violent exploitation; and using innovation to manage risk and target prolific offenders more effectively. We also discussed how early intervention, diversion and better information sharing can reduce pressure on policing, courts and prisons while delivering better outcomes for our communities.

Technology was another key theme – from crime mapping to data analytics – but I was clear that public trust must always come first. New tools must be used responsibly, transparently and always in support of keeping people safe.

Events like this matter because they give us the space to share what works, learn from other areas and challenge ourselves to do better. I will continue to make sure Sussex's voice is heard nationally, while staying focused on what matters most locally -

protecting people, supporting victims of crime and delivering a safer Sussex for everyone to enjoy.



Katy Bourne OBE
Sussex Police & Crime Commissioner

FRIDAY FOCUS

Protecting tradespeople from tool theft

Tool theft can be devastating for tradespeople, often costing them not just equipment but their ability to earn a living. That's why I'm pleased to be supporting a new partnership to help prevent these crimes and protect those who rely on their tools every day.

Working alongside Sussex Police, SelectaDNA and Travis Perkins, I am co-funding 1,000 SelectaDNA tool-marking kits. These will be given **free of charge to tradespeople** if they attend one of our tool-marking events across Sussex anytime from 07:30hrs to 16:00hrs:

- Travis Perkins, Brighton & Portslade, Wellington Road on May 12.
- Travis Perkins, Eastbourne branch, Whitley Road on May 13.
- Travis Perkins, Crawley branch, Crawley Road in Horsham on May 14.

These events will give tradespeople a practical, proven way to deter criminals and recover stolen tools.

Marking tools with forensic DNA has already shown strong results in Sussex, particularly in rural communities. Last year, we expanded this approach for tradespeople following concerns raised directly with me about the impact of tool theft. A previous event in Hove saw over 120 kits distributed in a single day, with strong take-up and positive feedback.

If you are a tradesperson, please go along to your nearest event to have your tools marked and protected - free of charge.



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Email dated 07.05.2026 from Rural Services Network
Your Free RSN Weekly Newsletter - 7 May 2026



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The National Champion for Rural Services

FREE WEEKLY RURAL NEWS SUMMARY



You are receiving this abridged version of the Rural Services Network newsletter because you subscribed on our website, click [here](#) to unsubscribe.

As the national champion for rural services, the Rural Services Network brings you the latest stories shaping life in rural communities.

Here's a snapshot of what we're covering in this week's rural news:

- [No More Excuses, Affordable Rural Housing Works](#): English Rural publishes new evidence that challenges the myth, rural affordable housing can match or outperform the wider sector on cost and outcomes.
- [Rural Economy In Focus](#): Our latest seminar brought rural economies into sharp focus, highlighting both their contribution to growth and the challenges that still need to be addressed.
- [Don't Put Off the Switch, BT Warns](#): With the 2027 switchover approaching, find out what it means for households and why acting when contacted matters.
- [How Are Funding Cuts Affecting Local Services?](#): Town and parish councils are invited to complete our [short survey](#) on local service impacts.

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The Rural Services Network encompasses a wide range of partners and organisations who all work together to help provide a voice for rural communities. We represent over 500 organisations across the public, private and voluntary sectors including leading national bodies, local authorities, utility companies, health trusts, housing associations, grass root community organisations and more.

The Rural Services Network is a membership organisation and includes different types of membership depending on the kind of organisation you belong to.

For further details click here

