

Rural Services Network

(in association with the Countryside and Community Research Institute)

'Rural Services 2020: the challenge of sustaining rural communities'

SECOND ADVANCE NOTICE OF
a ONE-DAY CONFERENCE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF GLOUCESTERSHIRE
to be held on
24 October 2008



The **Rural Services Network**, in association with **The Countryside and Community Institute**, is organizing a one-day conference which will focus on the future for rural communities and the services on which they rely.

The conference is organised following the recently published Taylor Review on rural economy and affordable housing [*Living Working Countryside: The Taylor Review of Rural Economy and Affordable Housing*, July 2008] which identified key challenges threatening the future sustainability of our rural communities, from market towns to the smallest hamlet.

It will take place on **Friday 24 October 2008** at the University of Gloucestershire, and will seek to look forward 12 years, to the point when, if current projections and plans are fulfilled, three million new homes will have been built in England, new communities established and the government's commitment to improved and locally responsive public services has been delivered

Delegates will be encouraged to consider what the future shape of rural communities will be in 2020, as well as to review the changes those communities will have experienced between now and then, and to identify the key crossroads or turning points which have influenced this change.

Chaired by **Elinor Goodman**, speakers will include **Professor Malcolm Moseley** of CCRI, and **Trevor Cherrett** of the Commission for Rural Communities. Presentations will also be given by **James Shorten** (formerly of Land Use Consultants), **Graham Biggs** (Chief Officer of the Rural Services Network) and **Chris Wade** of Action for Market Towns.

The **conference will particularly interest** rural service providers, rural decision-makers, policy makers and stakeholders.

The cost to attend is £75 per head (including VAT) which includes lunch. Please see below for details on how to reserve a place.

Delegates from member organisations of the Rural Services Network will be particularly welcome. Member organisations will be each be entitled to one free delegate place if a full price booking has been made.

Programme

10.00-10.30	Reception	
10.30	Introduction and Welcome	<i>Elinor Goodman</i>
10.45	Services and Service Centres	<i>Graham Biggs, RSN, and Chris Wade, ACT</i>
11.30	Coffee and Biscuits	
11.40	Delegate Feedback and Challenge	<i>Rob Hindle, Rural Innovation</i>
11.50	Looking Towards 2020	<i>Malcolm Moseley, CCRI, and James Shorten, C4G</i>
12.30-13.30	Lunch	
13.30	Living in 2020	<i>Trevor Cherrett, CRC</i>
14.00	Workshop Sessions	<i>Rob Hindle</i>
		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• How will Government policy shape the future of rural communities and the services they rely on?• Will these outcomes be positive and help support a sustainable future for the next generation?• If not, what will have been the problem and how might it have been averted?
15.00	2020 Debate	<i>Elinor Goodman</i>
15.30	Summing Up	
15.45	CLOSE	

ABOUT RSN and CCRI

The **Rural Services Network** is a membership organisation which exists to ensure services delivered to the communities of predominantly rural England are as strong and as effective as possible (www.rsnonline.org.uk). The **Countryside and Community Research Institute** is a joint initiative of the Universities of Gloucestershire and the West of England and Hartpury College (www.ccri.ac.uk)



To reserve a place, please complete the form below and return it to Chris Rayfield at the address on the form, enclosing a cheque for £75 made payable to the 'University of Gloucestershire', or indicate to whom an invoice should be sent.

Alternatively, it is also possible to book online by visiting the University of Gloucestershire's Online Store. To do this, go to the University of Gloucestershire's website at: <http://www.glos.ac.uk/Pages/default.aspx>
At the top of the page, by the *University of Gloucestershire* logo, click on *For Staff*, then go to *Online Store*, then click on *CCRI* then *Events*.

All applications will be acknowledged, and full details will be sent out in early October.

REGISTRATION: Please complete one registration form for each delegate attending and return it to the address below by Friday 10th October 2008.

Name: _____

Organisation: _____

RSN Member?:

Address: _____

_____ Postcode: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

Registration Rate (please tick requirements):

Delegate rate £75

Two for one bonus rate
(Member organisations)

Please make cheques payable to [University of Gloucestershire](#)

Please tick this box if you require an [invoice](#) to be sent to the above address

Please tick this box if you require [hotel information](#) to be sent to the above address

Dietary or other requirements.....

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