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Welcome to the latest [Spotlight on Vulnerability - Broadband Edition](#). This service is brought to you by the **Rural Services Network** and the **Rural England CIC** in association with **Calor**.



The Spotlight on Vulnerability service aims to disseminate information about three key rural issues: fuel poverty, broadband and rural transport.

[This newsletter](#) focuses on the availability of broadband across rural areas.



In [Hinterland](#) this week:

This week: public transport, planning, fracking, stalling growth and canal dwellers – All is True... [Read on...](#)

## WHAT'S NEW THIS WEEK AT RSN HQ!

Basic Mobile call not possible across main network in a third of rural homes according to a report launched by Rural England CIC at the Rural Vulnerability Day yesterday in Parliament. Some interesting facts and figures to support rural policy makers and full details are in [this news story](#).

In the coming months the **RSN Observatory section** will be changing with the provision of Observatory - **Member Insights**, where our member authorities will be able to search for the analyses and data that define their areas.

Sample analyses can now be found for:

[Childcare Provision and School Inspections](#), currently sitting in the Observatory Learning, Skills & Education section (Access it [here](#))

[Road Network Size & Condition](#), currently sitting in the Observatory Travel & Transport section (Access it [here](#))

[The Road Traffic analysis](#) has been also recently been created and the analysis presents data from the Department for Transport showing road traffic by Local Highway Authority area. Access it [here](#)

As the Member Insights section takes shape, further details of the analyses available will be advertised here in What's New, so keep checking back for more information.

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## LATEST RESEARCH & COMMENTARY



[That it costs more to deliver health and care in rural areas is well-rehearsed among RSN members. But how much more does it actually cost to deliver in rural areas and are these costs recognised in current funding formulae?](#)

Jessica Sellick investigates

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### [The beef farmer](#)

There's a **new podcast** available from Carole Walker.

This episode, is titled 'The beef farmer' and includes Beef farmer Hugh Broom who details the uncertainties and opportunities of Brexit...and the future of farming after Veganuary.

[Access the podcast here](#)



The **latest** edition of the **Funding Digest** can be viewed [here](#)  
Looking for funding for your local project or community group? This monthly bulletin includes links to various sources of grant funding that you may be able to access!



Read the **latest RSN suggested draft responses** for key rural consultations and view the latest Government Consultations that may be relevant to rural communities [here](#)



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