

Rural Services Network _ Rural Village Services Group - Alturnum Parish Council, Cornwall.

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To:clerkaltarnunpc@gmail.com <clerkaltarnunpc@gmail.com>

Dear Robin,

We are very keen to work with Alturnum Parish Council in our proposed new Rural Village Services Group. <https://www.rsnonline.org.uk/page/rural-village-services-group> To assist here is a copy of our recent e mails to you. (Please scroll down) I hope we can work together here.. Numbers in membership of the Group are the key to being heard. We feel places with limited services to their disadvantage as communities need to be indicating their wish for better support from government, if any change is ever to occur.. Local Councils do need to Group more nationally.

You may recall that as the [Rural Services Network](#) we sent you a direct invitation for your Council to join the Rural Village Services Group we are in the midst of forming. We have had an encouraging level of early take ups, but we need as many villages as possible working with us from the 300 Councils approached in this first tranche of invitations, and we would love to work with you.

We feel that rural communities need to work together more if we are to receive reasonable recognition from Government and it is also healthy to discuss common problems, hear how some are tackling them and to share best practice generally. We operate the one parliamentary All Party Parliamentary Group that is of rural reference – The [Rural Services All Party Parliamentary Group](#). It is vital, if we are to accurately mirror rural opinion and current concerns, that we have rural sounding boards /groups providing us with local parish information on rural issues as they present themselves in communities.

We must charge a small subscription to keep our organisation sustainable, but we have reduced the intended asking price to £50 +VAT per annum (from the previously intended £80-£90) for this group. We really want to include as many Parishes and their villages as possible in this initiative, and work with the All-Party Parliamentary Working Group and with those working in the rural interest. In return we provide you with the services set out here. <https://www.rsnonline.org.uk/page/rural-village-services-group>

The area of England that is rural covers 79% of the England but because it has less population its wishes will not be heard without groups of this nature emerging. Please can you drop us a line agreeing to work alongside us and establish the benefits it will give you as a Council.

We look forward to hearing back from you .

Kindest regards,

David

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- **Winning the rural vote**

The Rural Services Network, as the national champion for rural services has put together a series of asks which we want to see the political parties adopt in their manifestos. The challenges rural communities face cannot be tackled in isolation, our communities need homes they can afford, with good jobs, connectivity to enable businesses to grow and access to public services that are fairly funded. To find out more visit:

<https://www.rsnonline.org.uk/winning-the-rural-vote>

Mob: 07792 106 133

Earlier E mail..

4th April

We are the [Rural Services Network](#), a membership organisation that provides a national campaigning voice for rural communities. RSN have over 500 organisations in membership through a number of groups, and support both rural local authorities, rurally based organisations and rural towns, and now through this initiative rural parish councils.

We would like to invite your Council to join our Rural Village Services Group, a grouping of Parish Councils in England where we aim to share best practice and enable the group to contribute to our national campaigning work.

Rural Local Authorities have been underfunded by successive Governments, leaving rural residents in rural communities like those in your Parish, receiving less in Government funding, paying higher council tax, whilst receiving less services which cost more to provide. It is vital that across rural areas we can present the rural position and the more support we have, the better we can show a united rural voice.

Whilst our primary aim is to campaign for fairer funding for rural areas, we also work on key issues such as rural affordable housing, the rural economy, access to health and care services and rural public transport.

This link provides more information about the group and the services that we provide:
<https://www.rsnonline.org.uk/page/rural-village-services-group>

These services include:-

- Weekly Rural Bulletin delivered to your inbox setting out key rural news stories.
- Monthly Funding Digest highlighting potential sources of funding and grants for you and your local organisations.
- Share your news and good practice with the RVSG group and the wider RSN.
- Dedicated Rural Village Service Group newsletter six times a year.
- A bespoke annual meeting for Councillors and Clerks of the group to share best practice and contribute to RSN campaigning work.

We are currently offering membership at £50 + VAT a year to those joining the group.

If you'd like to take us up on the offer to join and continue with us, please do contact us at sally.sargent@sparse.gov.uk.

Alternatively, if you'd welcome a chat to find out more, let us know and we can arrange a time that suits.

Best wishes

Kerry

Kerry Booth

Chief Executive

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Please note, I work 4 days a week – my days vary but I will get back to you as soon as possible.



The Rural Services Network seeks to provide a voice for rural communities by representing rural services, networking between rural service organisations and establishing and broadcasting best practice in rural service provision. It

comprises SPARSE Rural, the Rural Assembly, the wider Rural Services Partnership and the Rural Market Town Group. The organisation works with Rural England, a stand-alone CIC research group.

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