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Sent: 04 September 2023 12:29
To: Clerk | Arlesey Town Council
Subject: RURAL MARKET TOWNS GROUP - ARLESEY

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Dear Janet,

We recently sent out to you an invitation to have a free period of membership of the Rural/Market Towns Group. (details set out below). We very much hope that you can take up this one up and we can work with you for a while.. It is important that, at this difficult time, rural local councils do come together to their mutual benefit. Please do send me an e mail taking up this offer. I look forward to hearing from you.

Kindest regards,

David

Consultant to the Rural Services Network

David

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 through local council groups, the Rural /Market Town Group and the Rural Village Services Group. The organisation works with Rural England, a stand-alone CIC research group.

18th August

Subject: Rural Market Town Group

We are the Rural Services Network, a membership organisation that provides a national campaigning voice for rural communities. We have over 500 organisations in membership, and support both rural local authorities, and rural Town and Parish Councils.

We would like to invite you to join our Rural Market Town Group, a grouping of the larger Parishes and Market Towns 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 living in your town and in rural areas generally , receiving significantly less in Government funding, paying higher council tax and receiving less services which cost more to provide.

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

This link provides more information about the group and the services that we provide.

These services include:

- Weekly Rural Bulletin delivered to your inbox setting out key rural news stories and monthly Funding Digest highlighting potential funding opportunities for you and your local organisations.
- Free attendance at RSN seminar programme – 8 events held online annually.
- Opportunity to share your news and good practice with the group and the wider RSN.
- Dedicated RMTG newsletter six times a year.
- Two bespoke meetings a year for Councillors and Clerks.
- Discounted access to tickets for online RSN National Rural Conference

We are currently offering free membership for six months to those joining the group, (from September 2023 to end of February 2024) and after that date, IF you chose to stay with us, the subscription varies between £97 and £133 depending on your population size. There is no requirement to join us after the free six-month period. Your town council will decide then.

If you'd like to take us up on this free offer for towns to join for the six months, please let us know and we will put you on service straight away.

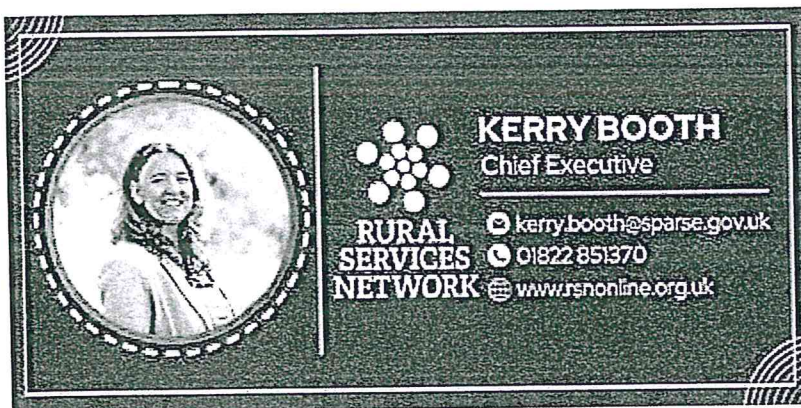
Alternatively, if you'd welcome a chat to find out more, let us know and we can arrange a time that suits.

Best wishes

Chief Executive

RURAL SERVICES NETWORK

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



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