

# Rural England Supporters meeting (20<sup>th</sup> July 2020)



# Our purpose and structure

Aim: to build the resilience of rural England, by informing better policy making.

How:

- Providing independent evidence
- Building rural networks
- Supporting information exchange
- Encouraging informed debate

Rural England is a not-for-profit (CIC) organisation that is:

- Managed by its Directors
- Enabled by its Supporters
- Enhanced by its Stakeholders

# Research activity in 2019/20

- Rural 16-18 year olds: their access to education and work-based learning
- Experiences and opinions on housing and employment: rural residents survey
- Awareness of home energy efficiency advice and take-up of measures: rural analysis (ENWL)
- Commence work on a Rural Proofing for Health Toolkit

Also:

- Rural Vulnerability Day held in Parliament 10<sup>th</sup> March 2020
- Main focus was on issues facing rural young people
- They included access to education, transport and affordable housing

# Planned research activity in 2020/21

- Rural Proofing for Health Toolkit – to create a tool for local health and care providers and commissioners
- Rural Net Zero Inquiry – to explore rural challenges and opportunities
- Rural Vulnerability Project – to better understand the experiences of rural customers (or their carers)
- State of Rural Services 2021 – initial work during this year

Impact of C19 restrictions on our work:

- Research projects – timing and methodologies
- Operation – virtual meetings

Comments, questions ... ?

