

**MEETING OF THE RURAL ENGLAND STAKEHOLDER GROUP WITH  
UK RPPRG / HEI SECTOR<sup>1</sup>**

**Online via Zoom  
Tuesday, 5<sup>th</sup> March 2024, 13:00 – 16:00**

**Agenda**

**NB: For Information - [Notes of the last meeting](#) held on 16<sup>th</sup> January 2020**

**1. Chair's Welcome & Introductions**

**[Graham Biggs, MBE](#) – Chair of Directors, [Rural England CIC](#)**

2. Apologies for Absence

3. Feedback by Professor Janet Dwyer, OBE from earlier meeting of UK RPPRG / HEI sector

4. **13:20 - 13:50:** Rural England CIC Research presentation 1:  
**Professor Martin Phillips**, Research Director, **Rural England CIC**  
*The State of the Town Centres in English Small Rural Towns: Interim Findings*

**OTHER RESEARCH PRESENTATIONS:**

**Each circa 15 minutes followed by 5 minutes discussion**

5. **13:50 – 14:10:** Research presentation 2:  
**Dr Jane Atterton**, SRUC – **Scotland's Rural College**  
*A review of rural policies for Scotland over the last few decades.*

6. **14.10 – 14.30:** Research presentation 3:  
**Professor Mike Woods**, **Aberystwyth University**  
*Linking Rural Research and Policy in Wales*

7. **14:30 – 14:50:** Research presentation 3:  
**Dr Paul Caskie**, Head of Economics Research, Agri-Food & Biosciences Institute, **Belfast**  
*AD|ARC work to estimate off-farm incomes and household dependence on agricultural income in Wales*

8. **14:50 – 15:20:** Updates from Partners:  
A brief Opportunity to share information about recent research outputs or needs

9. **15:20 – 16:00:** Brief General Discussion  
Including reflections on how the political landscape might affect the year ahead for rural research.

10. Any other business and close