

Yorkshire  
Rural  
Support  
Network



# Network Annual Presentation 2010/2011

## The Yorkshire Rural Support Network...

Has been established for over 15 years and has built up a strong network of organisations which are dedicated to helping rural and farming communities. These include public sector, voluntary sector and charitable organisations and joint working between the sectors is actively encouraged through the Network. The Network is supported by The Yorkshire Agricultural Society and its home is the Regional Agricultural Centre, next to the award winning Fodder Food shop and Cafe on the edge of The Great Yorkshire Showground.

### Its Aims are:

- To raise public awareness of issues associated with stress and provide information on the sources of support available.
- To promote health and well being in rural areas.
- To support members in the delivery of services aimed at reducing distress through partnership working and an extended knowledge base.
- To encourage a positive attitude to changes in both health and business.
- To bring Network members together to exchange resources, contacts and information and provide practical support.

The Network is delighted to welcome Dr Stuart Burgess CBE, of the Commission for Rural Communities as headline speaker for our Annual Presentation. His highly topical address is entitled: 'Big Society, Localism and the Impact on the Rural Community'.

Helen Waddington, Chair of the Network said: "Stuart's reputation nationally as a knowledgeable and highly respected advocate of the rural sector goes before him, and we're delighted he's able to attend. He is ideally placed to give an up to date picture of how communities are responding to the re-shaping of funding and services. I'm sure he will provide much food for thought and there will be an opportunity for discussion too".



The photo shows visitors to the RABI stand at the Great Yorkshire Show including Dr Stuart Burgess (second from the right).



If I had to identify the one most important factor facing the countryside during my ten years as Rural Officer for the Diocese of Ripon and Leeds it would be summed up by the word change. It's not a word that most people associate with the countryside of Yorkshire, which for many represents the unchanging landscape, and those lasting values, which define Englishness. But rural communities are experiencing a more dramatic period of change than at any time since the last war.

There has for example been a significant inward migration to the countryside from the cities as people have aspired to 'Escape to the Countryside' as the television programmes puts it. This has had its impact on rural house prices which have soared in the past decade with the result that young people, and young families in particular, who have grown up in a village, and wish to stay there, cannot afford to do so. Villages need young people and young families if they are to retain their character and be sustainable; for this to happen there needs to be more flexible and realistic planning regulations and, at the same time, more rigorous conditions to ensure that local occupancy is secure for the long term. The provision of affordable rural housing has been a matter of public and political concern as long as I can recall but progress toward its provision has been painfully slow and it remains an urgent issue for those in the countryside.

No one who has lived in our Yorkshire villages in the past ten years has been unaffected by the loss of services such as Post Offices, shops, pubs, and other services. The current threat of deep cuts in public spending will bring further challenges to those living in the countryside whose services are already fragile, and we have to make sure they are not disproportionately affected. There have however been some creative responses to such losses, with Post Offices and shops starting up in churches and pubs. A feature of rural life that has deeply impressed me has been the resilience and adaptability of rural people. They do not wait for some else to come and help them out but find their own solutions, helping one another and demonstrating what it means to be a vibrant, supportive community. I think we have much to learn as a society from the example of people in the countryside.

**Leslie Morley** - Network Vice-Chair and Honorary Chaplain to The Yorkshire Agricultural Society (and recently retired Rural Officer for The Diocese of Ripon & Leeds.)

# The Structure of the Yorkshire Rural Support Network

The Yorkshire Rural Support Network employs a Coordinator on a part-time basis. Kate Dale, who farms in partnership with her husband in North Yorkshire and works from the Regional Agricultural Centre in Harrogate on Mondays and Tuesdays. Her work is lead by a Steering Group which is currently made up as follows:

**Chair: Helen Waddington, Casework Manager for Perennial (The Charity for Horticulturists)**

Helen has been involved with the Network for the past nine years, firstly to promote Perennial within the Network but also to make contact with other personnel working in rural communities and enjoy the support of regular face to face contact.

**Sally Conner, Royal Agricultural Benevolent Institution Regional Officer (North and East Yorkshire and covering Durham & Northumberland)**

Sally has had a very positive involvement in the Network as a long standing Steering Group member and sees the Network as an essential part of her awareness raising role in the Yorkshire area as well as an effective way of gaining contact names.

**Sally Wade, Health & Safety Awareness Officer, HSE (South and East Yorkshire)**

Sally has been an active member of the Network over several years and has contributed massively to the pro active nature of the Network's operation throughout her patch of Yorkshire in the South and East of the region, in particular, with HSE presence at the Next Generation events and Network members' presence at HSE SHAD (Safety and health awareness days) events

**Vice-Chair: Rev Canon Leslie Morley, Hon. Chaplain to the Yorkshire Agricultural Society**

Leslie has been involved with the Network since 2001 and has been an excellent ambassador for its work within the wider rural communities. His in-depth knowledge and experience of rural issues has given many Network members the benefit of his contacts, ideas and advice.

**Hugh Baker, The Rural Officer for the Diocese of Wakefield**

Hugh joined the Network more recently and has been an excellent representative in the Wakefield Diocese within its rural communities. His input on the Steering Group has helped to keep the West Yorkshire voice represented. Hugh is also involved with the CRC's South Pennines Farm and Rural Business Support Project, The Rural Churches Support Network and rural representative on the Wakefield Diocesan Social Responsibilities Board and most recently, the Churches Regional Training Partnership.'

**Jane Harrison, Regional Adviser, CLA Yorkshire**

Jane recently joined the Steering Group having been involved with the Network for many years. Over the past 30 years, she has gained a great deal of experience in a range of farming and rural issues as the Regional Adviser for the Country Land & Business Association (CLA) in Yorkshire. Jane brings valuable expertise and contacts to the Network.

**The Network actively seeks funding for its outreach events to cover all costs and has been successful in achieving this to date.**

# A year in the life of the Network - 2010/11

The Network provides an excellent means of information sharing, vital face to face interaction, as well as mutual support for members, who often work in isolation on behalf of some of our most rural communities. It has enabled wide promotion of all member activities and events.

**YRSN** is continuing to provide support to its members through bi-monthly meetings, events, joint initiatives and publicity to the wider rural community.

## Bi-monthly Network member Meetings 2010/11

### November 2010

Clare Guinan of Ryedale Citizens Advice Bureau gave Network members an outline of their work covering a large rural part of North and East Yorkshire and acknowledged how the awareness of our Network had provided excellent contacts and support for several cases, particularly in the farming communities. As part of a 'bumper' meeting we also had an excellent presentation by Andrea Sedgewick, Children's Centre Development Officer with NYCC Integrated Services who explained how the Network might be able to help with information and support in their more rural centres.

### January 2011

Richard Siddall of Age Concern gave Network members an update on the Fit as a Fiddle initiative and funding available to groups throughout the County which address the health and wellbeing of the over 50s where target groups are rural, mining and BME.

### March 2011

John Longden, CEO of Pub is the Hub (operating from one of the upstairs office at the Regional Agricultural Centre) gave us a truly inspirational presentation about 9 years of hard work to promote and support good pubs as hubs in rural communities which can continue to offer appropriate and tailor made rural services where many are being lost in their original form. More recently, some of the pub companies have come in as big supporters as there has been a change of mindset towards social responsibility. Pub is the Hub works with many Community Liaison Officers to identify



Andy Ryland speaking at Bolton Abbey.

community needs and address the logistics about how a hub might work. Capacity could become a problem if they become too successful! In Cumbria, Wales and Cornwall, Pub is the Hub is well known and successful and John has found that some areas of the County are more proactive and interested than others! Pub is the Hub had a launch event in Bullmoor, near Northallerton at the end of July, so watch this space!

## May 2011

Gareth Gaunt, Farmer, Vet and Care farming Pioneer gave another amazing presentation about his struggle to establish a Care farming operation near Wetherby. As ever, paperwork and regulations have made life challenging for his alternative educational training project, but completely undeterred, Gareth and his staff continue to expand what they can offer at Carlshead and full details can be accessed at [www.carlshead.co.uk](http://www.carlshead.co.uk) Carlshead's current target group are the 14 – 16 year olds with learning or behavioural problems, those not attending school or at risk. There is a strong emphasis on individual personal development. They currently work closely with Education Leeds.

## July 2011

We travelled West for our Network Summer Meeting on the Bolton Abbey Estate and we were joined by the newly appointed Rural Officer for the Diocese of Ripon & Leeds, Andy Ryland who gave us a presentation about his vision for rural communities within the Diocese and his colleague, Alice Ullathorne talked about her work with communities in developing ideas for some alternative uses for church buildings. We were also treated to the story of The Calendar Girls, given in a touching but lighthearted way by Angela Knowles. Her husband, John Baker, worked for the Yorkshire Dales National Park and his illness and subsequent death from leukemia sparked the sequence of events which lead to the raising of almost £3m (to date). Angela personifies true Yorkshire determination and she and her friends, family and supporters have made something amazing happen out of great adversity. She put their success down to three things: (1) Having a great idea (2) Having great support and (3) Having a bit of luck along the way!

The Bolton Abbey Estate made excellent hosts and they provide a brilliant example of adaptation and relevance to our world today and a very diverse range of visitors share and enjoy the Estate's surroundings. The Network has access to the contact details for

anyone wishing to explore possibilities for their community or on behalf of those they work with.

Each Meeting gives members the opportunity to have face to face contact and conversation with others and many good relationships have been forged for joint working, the exchange of information and ideas, mutual support and the excellent facilities at The Regional Agricultural Centre in Harrogate.

**Anyone wishing to chat through any ideas for joint working is very welcome to make contact with us on**

**DD: 01423 546217 (Monday and Tuesday 9am to 5pm) or Mobile: 07912 495604 or E-Mail: [kated@yas.co.uk](mailto:kated@yas.co.uk)**



Calendar girl Angela Knowles at our Summer meeting.

# Meeting follow up

## Following our November Meeting where we had a presentation from Andrea Sedgewick, NYCC Integrated Services and Policy Officer...

... about their work supporting families within North Yorkshire through the Sure Start Centres (many of which are based in schools and community buildings), the Network prepared some information packs for the 37 rural centres around North Yorkshire (including details of the help available from The Farming Help Charities, Perennial, HSE, Business support etc). The packs have been very well received and some very positive feedback on their practical use in Nidderdale, Ryedale, Wensleydale and the North York Moors areas and are documented here. These centres are great hubs for vital support information within our more isolated rural areas. With the loss of many mobile library services, the Network saw the Sure Start Centres as a good place to offer help as they have become a popular and well used access point for families in rural areas. Likewise Andrea and her colleague Marc Mason at NYCC were pleased to make contact with Network members who may know families who would benefit from their varied services.

'In Harrogate and Nidderdale the packs have been really useful, especially as the new team have started to grapple with some of the issues facing communities in Nidderdale. We have used the pack as a starting point for setting up 3 identical information files and have expanded on the different sections to create mini 'information stations' for use in the centre and in outreach. We have also made contact with The Rural Voice Project and Rural Action Yorkshire who have supplied complementary information (less farming orientated) to round off the offering. In Nidderdale we have run a weekly community 'open doors' session at Nidderdale CC where anyone from the community can just drop in to see the centre, have coffee and the information in your packs have been really well accessed. We plan to use the packs at all outreach sessions in the future – thank you for a really helpful resource'.

'In Ryedale the materials have been very useful and have pointed us to agencies we were unaware of previously. We particularly like the Haynes Manual 'Fit for Farming'. We are planning to put up a permanent display with the information for easy access for all visitors to our Centre. We also hope to get the information into parish council packs and the pastoral council Clerk has agreed to distribute centrally to save costs. We are designing a suitable poster which won't date too quickly and our local NFU have had access to all the information/Haynes manual.

Feedback from Wensleydale was that the Farming Help 'credit cards' had been taken by rural families, together with the Fit for Farming booklet. Centre workers expressed appreciation for the additional information as a resource for them.

In the North York Moors the team plan to have it available at their Team Meetings and acknowledge that the charity contacts may well be useful in the current climate.

John Longden, CE of Pub is the Hub invited Network members to 'get involved' with their North Yorkshire launch at Bullamoor near Northallerton at the end of July and the Network was represented through Rural Action Yorkshire, together with officials from NYCC's Adult Services and Libraries. The hope is that some pubs will provide community hubs for rural areas, offering a range of services for their local area. This requires a huge amount of energy, enthusiasm and effort, but will also present opportunities for good things to happen in areas where many services may not exist or may disappear in the future.

Our presentation from Gareth Gaunt gave members another point of contact for all that Carlshead has to offer and it gave him access to a group including some charity contacts who may be of assistance in some of his areas of work in education and horticulture.

## THE NETWORK IN ACTION! GREAT YORKSHIRE SHOW ROUNDUP



**Both the Yorkshire RABI ladies (Sally Conner and Georgina Lamb) hosted their usual drinks reception at the Great Yorkshire Show which brings together many of those immersed in the rural scene and they paid their own tribute to Network member Richard Ellison who retired as NE Regional Director of the NFU at the end of July after many years of diligent service to the farming community. His successor, Barney Kay, was also present and is warmly welcomed to our Network. Another newly appointed colleague is Charles Smith who joins Farm Crisis Network as their Chief Executive,**

based in Northampton, giving him the chance to make many Yorkshire connections. Andy Ryland, the newly appointed Rural Officer for the Diocese of Ripon & Leeds attended the Farm

Photo above: Stephen Wyrill and Anne McIntosh MP at the GYS.

Crisis Network Barbeque at the GYS and admitted his head was spinning with the number of people he had been introduced to during the day! Proof, if it were needed, that the Great Yorkshire Show provides the perfect platform for people to meet up for both business and pleasure over three exhausting days!

Involve Yorkshire & Humber worked with Rural Action Yorkshire to provide a fabulous showcase of arts and crafts skills as well as engaging with the public to discuss their concerns and anxieties in their own particular communities. Sophie Stockdale (Involve Yorkshire & Humber) has been a regular Network member since she came into post and it has been a delight to work with her and her colleagues on the casework which contributed to the Rural Deprivation Report and as a means to raise awareness of the Network on their travels to many of the more rural parts of the County.



# Fit for Farming...

Following on from the success of the 'Fit for Farming' health booklet for Yorkshire farming families and their staff within our own region and as a result of a Senior HSE Officer, seeing the booklet and promoting it further afield, The Livestock Auctioneers Association, through Alastair Sneddon of Bagshaws at Bakewell Mart (which also serves the whole community with its business centre) have now distributed it to every livestock mart in England and Wales.

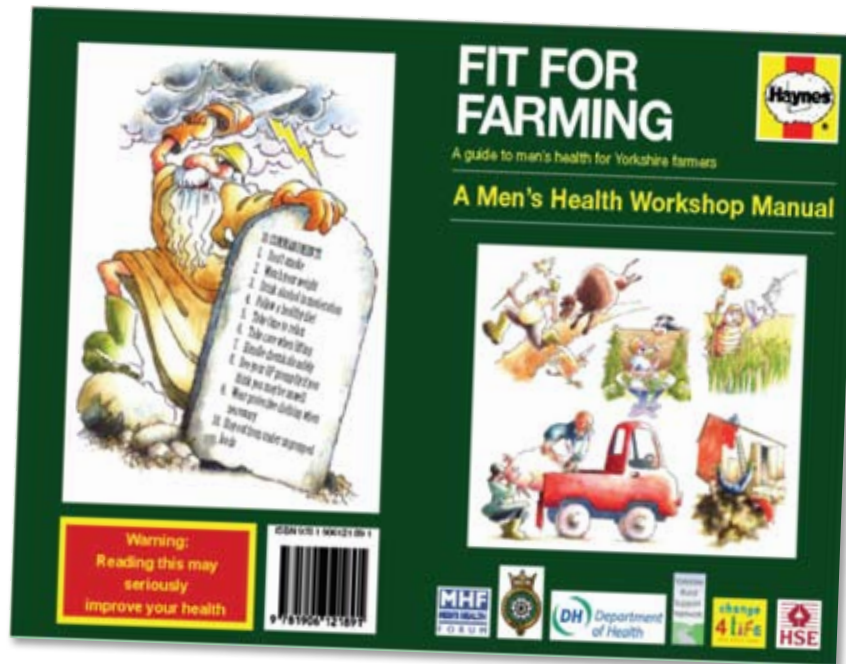
Alastair, a recent LAA Chair has played a pivotal role in making this happen and we are very grateful to him. In his letter to all LAA members he states "We as auctioneers work very hard for the financial health of our clients by doing our best to achieve the highest returns for their stock. Auction Marts are vital meeting points for the farming community and ideal places for the distribution of information. I believe that it is in all of our interests to promote health issues amongst our farmer clients, our staff and ourselves. Whilst involved in various farm safety issues I came across the enclosed booklet which you will find is very well produced to target the needs of farmers and was published specifically for Yorkshire farming families. We very much hope you will trial the booklet and give us feedback. After all, what use is a good trade to a man not well enough to enjoy the benefits?"

If the booklet is well received, the LAA will consider funding a reprint to cover its availability nationwide. We have much to thank our own HSE Network members, Sally Wade and Ann Hall for in the promotion of this booklet. Limited copies are still available from Network Coordinator, Kate Dale on 01423 546217.

Health checks were held at the Great Yorkshire Show for The Future Farmers of Yorkshire group at their Breakfast Meeting in The Green Factory and for The Yorkshire Federation of Young Farmer's Clubs. Several referrals to GPs were made in both groups, which highlights the need for checking early signs of potential health problems whatever your age. We particularly targeted the younger age group as they are inclined to neglect their health, being unaware of the serious future implications which may arise. It served as an excellent awareness raising exercise and we were very grateful to farmer's wife and health professional Anne Reed and her colleague, Tricia for making the effort to provide a 'mobile clinic' for us. The Fit for Farming booklet and additional health information was available for both groups to takeaway and share with family and friends.

Some of the Future Farmers Group, as well as Dr Stuart Burgess of the Commission for Rural Communities and Ian Bell of ARC-Addington took part in Radio York's discussions which were broadcast live from the Great Yorkshire Show on the subject of rural housing, broadband and food and farming – all issues which concern Network members.

Network Members were very much in action at The Great Yorkshire Show and a selection of photos record the collaborative



approach where personal contact can lead to effective joint working and helps to maintain and strengthen the excellent contacts within the membership, whilst making new introductions along the way!

## HOT off the press!

Is the news that the Men's Health Forum (who were involved in the production of the booklet) has been highly commended by the British Medical Association Patient Information Award for **FIT FOR FARMING**. The Award ceremony was held in London on 14th September.

The Network is delighted with this particular success and grateful thanks go to all who have contributed time, energy, medical expertise or money to its

# Bovine TB Awareness Raising Events

The Yorkshire Agricultural Society's support for the Network and its members actively encourages the promotion of positive and practical help for rural communities and this has been demonstrated by getting out and about throughout the County.

Another strength has been the joint working on these events between, in particular, the NE Regional NFU, The CRC Farm Business Support & Development Project team, HSE, together with the goodwill of local professionals. Network members including the CRC Team based at Thirsk, supported by Farm Crisis Network (who can offer specialist support for those affected in Yorkshire) and teaming up with local veterinary professionals and The Animal Health Service, have also run a series of very successful bTB Awareness raising evenings in Ingbirchworth, Skipton, Grinkle Park near Whitby and Northallerton to highlight the issues concerning animal movements, recording and practical advice for keeping bTB out of Yorkshire. The events also secured a powerful presentation from Cheshire farmer Ian McGrath, whose family are currently living with bTB not far from the Yorkshire border. These events are set to continue into the Autumn/Winter. The CRC Project also used the services of BCMS (British Cattle Movement Services) to demonstrate the practical application of moving over to the new cattle passports brought in on 1st August 2011 on their stand at The Great Yorkshire Show in July. These events are run with the endorsement of Lantra Landskills, who are committed to subsidising the costs of training in their most practical applications. Visit their website for a full list of providers in our region at:

[www.lantra.co.uk/Downloads/Projects/LandSkills-YH/LandSkills-YH-providers](http://www.lantra.co.uk/Downloads/Projects/LandSkills-YH/LandSkills-YH-providers)



The BovineTB Meeting at Grinkle Park, near Whitby.



## Women in Rural Enterprise

**WIRE (Women in Rural Enterprise)** have secured funding from the Prince's Countryside Fund and their remit is to provide subsidised training for small and medium rural businesses nationally.

We are delighted that they are active in the Yorkshire area with a 3 day start up course being run near Scarborough on 11th, 12th and 13th October. The key contact for this particular initiative is [polly@wireuk.org](mailto:polly@wireuk.org). Courses are open to both men and women and for either existing or new businesses.

Further details can be obtained from their website [www.wireuk.org](http://www.wireuk.org) and localised event dates and details will be circulated around the membership of this Network. WIRE can also offer subsidised training for women involved in landbased industries through Lantra Landskills and fuller details are set out on the WIRE website.

**The Network was sorry to lose the Growing Routes team** at the end of July, but were delighted to be able to celebrate their eight years of success within the Yorkshire region, helping, supporting and mentoring rural businesses as they embarked on new and expanding ventures. Good luck to George, Fenella, Claire and Debbie as they move on to pastures new! Dennis remains as a Mentor Coordinator and Cheryl has transferred roles and continues to be employed at YAS.

**Network members, Business Link Advisors**, Bill Langhamer and Wayne Page, together with their expertise are sadly missed, but we are very pleased to have regular contact with Philippa Coultish and Paul Kelley until November.

**There are some interesting developments** within the Institute of Agricultural Secretaries organisation for short courses for those requiring training or updates in the near future. Paperwork in farming businesses has increased massively over the past 10 years and these courses are designed to support those involved in working in farm offices. The Network Coordinator is in touch with local providers and details will be circulated once dates and venues are fixed.

# Network Presence Events 2010/11

## Next Generation Events & Developments

### How it all started



In support of our farming communities, The Next Generation events have continued and are popular and successful with farming families throughout Yorkshire. Over 250 members of the farming community have attended three events

held during the last 12 months at Sandburn Hall, Flaxton, near York (November 2010), Tennants of Leyburn (March 2011) and Parkside Social Club in Howarth (May 2011). These events have seen the Network very much in action here with joint working between The Churches Regional Commission Farm business support project, HSE and The Airedale Partnership (for the Howarth event). We are also very grateful to professionals at Cundalls of Malton, Robin Jessop, Land Agent in Bedale, Moore Stephens Accountants in Scarborough, Kenneth Easby Accountants in Bedale, Pearsons & Ward Solicitors in Malton, Napthens Solicitors of Preston, Latimer Hinks of Darlington, Windle, Beech & Winthrop of Skipton, Geoff Hall of Lloyds TSB York office, The Regional NFU office, many of whom have provided sponsorship to make these evenings possible and for giving their time to ensure an appropriate, relevant and professional outcome.

Whilst we acknowledge that measuring the success of these events is difficult and we understand that every farming business is different, they do at least provide an outline of what planning is required and give key information about the 'do's and don'ts' and we know that many attendees have taken some positive action to improve their family communication/discussions, to make and/or revise their Will and to seek further tailor made advice for their own situation.

### Moving on ...

The Network has provided a good model for this type of event, making them informal with appropriate venues, good food and using specialist agricultural professionals speaking farmer-friendly language in places and at times to suit the audience. In other words, we have all put ourselves out to make sure they are as helpful as they can possibly be! And that is mainly thanks to the cooperation of all those Network members and our chosen professionals – thank you!

Another really positive thing to come out of these events, is that other people around the Country are wanting to copy them! We recently had a request from Wales (yes, Wales!) from a former Network member who wanted to run some similar events for groups of farming families in North Wales. Of course we were happy to help and Hybu Cig Cymru (Meat Promotion Wales) have successfully run three events along



Network members have links at the highest level as Sally Conner and Georgina Lamb meet NFU president Peter Kendall at the Great Yorkshire Show.

very similar lines. Former Network member Helen Ovens says "Succession planning is a topic that affects all farming families, even though each family business circumstances are unique. The success of the Yorkshire events over the past couple of years inspired us in Wales to run events of a similar nature the in Summer of 2011, focusing on beef and sheep family farms in North, Mid and South Wales. With a panel of speakers and an opportunity to talk in more details with the experts and presenters, the evenings were very well received, with farmers endorsing the meeting to their farming neighbours. These events have helped farmers to understand their options and feel more confident about tackling what can feel like a very thorny issue. We all need to remember that succession has the work 'success' in it!"

Network and Steering Group member, Sally Conner (RABI North East) and Network Coordinator, Kate Dale were invited to address the Duchy of Lancaster's Tenant's Forum at The Great Yorkshire Show about the work we have done on succession planning for farming families. This invitation kindly came through Philip Coles of Smith Gore's Darlington office. Philip had been very involved in the initial Conference held at Pavilions of Harrogate on the Great Yorkshire Showground back in 2007 after the publication of Sally Conner's Yorkshire Agricultural Society commissioned Report in late 2006 'Succession Planning for Farming Families'. This event was attended by some farming families and quite a number of professionals and industry supporters and paved the way for the series of smaller, more focussed farmer events all around the County. Sally gave the Duchy Tenants the details of the rationale for the Report and outlined how she researched and reported the ... results. Kate spoke about the Network's response to the findings and together with support from The Yorkshire Agricultural Society,

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pulled in the expertise of Network members and our additional contacts to organise a series of over 10 events regionally. This presentation has already yielded responses from various quarters and developments are being considered to extend the work already done.

Paul Clarke CEO and Clerk of the Council for the Duchy of Lancaster adds his own endorsement: "May I thank Sally and Kate for their excellent presentations at our Tenant's Forum at the Great Yorkshire Show. I know that there was debate after the event and it will be interesting to see if this continues and is evidenced on the ground. I am hoping that we can do some follow up through our Duchy Newsletter in September and I will let you have a copy. I have taken the liberty of copying this message to Debbie Garrity of Bell Pottinger, who assist us in the general PR side of the Duchy activities – and is editor-in-chief of the Newsletter!"

The Network welcomes approaches for further joint working in this area, especially building on the success of the informal evening meeting format, but possibly introducing new themes as we move into new territory for farming families on tenancies, succession, new entrants and career choices.



**Sophie Stockdale, Rural Network Manager**

with Involve Yorkshire & Humber, will launch a new Report at our Presentation Meeting. 'Rural Lifelines is a joint

project by the Yorkshire & Humber Rural Network, The Yorkshire Rural Support Network, Rural Action Yorkshire and Humber and Wolds Rural Community Council. The Report highlights the issue of rural isolation and deprivation in Yorkshire & The Humber by providing real life case studies of socio-economic deprivation supported by data from the 'Evidencing Rural Needs' database'.

**The Report can be accessed at <http://www.involveyorkshirehumber.org.uk/resources/reports/> or by contacting Sophie on 0113 394 216 or at [sophie.stockdale@involveyorkshirehumber.org.uk](mailto:sophie.stockdale@involveyorkshirehumber.org.uk)**

## Forthcoming Events

### Safety and Health Awareness Day Friday 14<sup>th</sup> October 2011

Network member Sally Wade (HSE) is coordinating a Safety and Health Awareness Day (SHAD) at Burton Constable Hall on FRIDAY 14TH OCTOBER 2011. It is aimed at the SMEs who have not attended in the past from East Yorkshire. There will be two sessions, one at 8.40am and the other at 12.40pm with six scenarios including ATVs, Tele handlers, tractor and trailer maintenance issues, chemical and health, manual handling, roof work and ladders. Bookings can be made through Sally at [sally.wade@hse.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:sally.wade@hse.gsi.gov.uk). HSE are also holding a 'ladder exchange' running to the end of November and full details can be found on the HSE website [www.hse.gov.uk](http://www.hse.gov.uk).

### Careers Conference - Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2011

A Careers Conference at Askham Bryan College will take place on THURSDAY 20th OCTOBER 2011 between 9.30am and 3.30pm with Headline speaker Adam Henson. Organisers the Yorkshire Food & Farming Forum are increasingly irritated by the number of Careers Advisors in schools telling talented students that 'they could do better than to go into agriculture' and that a careers in food and farming was 'a waste of their education'. As a very direct response, the Conference entitled 'A Future in Food, Farming and the Environment' is being staged to inspire Careers Advisors to take back positive messages to their students. Industry representatives will showcase their particular areas of expertise and there will be interactive workshops to ensure the right messages are conveyed and questions can be answered accurately by those 'on the ground' doing the job. **Further enquiries should be made to Liz Hudson at Yorkshire Agricultural Society on E-Mail: [elizabethh@yas.co.uk](mailto:elizabethh@yas.co.uk) or Mobile: 07702 598108.**

### FCN & RABI at Countryside Live - Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2011

Network members, Farm Crisis Network (Yorkshire group) will launch their Silent Auction at Countryside Live (SATURDAY 22ND AND SUNDAY 23RD OCTOBER 2011 at the Yorkshire Event Centre, Harrogate) with over 50 Lots of country treats to bid for (food, unusual 'experiences', luxury accommodation and rural workshops will all feature). Please visit their stand at Countryside Live and pick up a brochure or access the details online and [www.farmcrisisnetwork.org.uk](http://www.farmcrisisnetwork.org.uk) and follow the link. The Auction runs from its launch to early December to enable appropriate food/drink Lots to be allocated pre-Christmas. All proceeds are used to continue the valuable work of FCN in supporting those in the industry needing help, whether it be business, personal or emotional. Network members Sally Conner and Georgina Lambs of RABI will also be at Countryside Live and will be offering their fantastic range of Christmas cards and a 2012 Calendar as well the chance to 'win a quad for a quid' with a Polaris Youth Quad Bike on offer to the successful ticket holder. They can also offer practical help and advice for anyone wishing to make an enquiry. Regional links can be accessed at [www.rabi.org.uk](http://www.rabi.org.uk) for additional events later in the year and local contact details.

### CRC farm Business & Rural Project Team 2011

The CRC Farm Business & Rural Project team are running a series of tailored events in their respective areas over the winter months. For details please contact Clare Wise at their Thirsk office on **01845 525757** for Bob Baker (Northern Dales) Graham Bulmer (Ryedale & North York Moors) and Pauline Broadwith (Western Dales) or **07595 410707** for Jonathan Charlesworth (South Pennines).

### YRSN Meeting 29<sup>th</sup> November 2011

Our final Network Meeting of the year will be held on TUESDAY 29TH NOVEMBER 2011 at The Regional Agricultural Centre, Harrogate at 10am for coffee and a prompt 10.30am start and our speaker will be Marilyn Shersby, Student Support Manager at Askham Bryan College, York who will outline the College's policy for supporting their young people. Members and guests are all welcome and the Meeting will include an information sharing session before it closes at 12.30pm.