



Consultation Work

Over the years we have built a reputation as being widely recognised for our ability to undertake **rural transport and access surveys**. Working with community leaders, community groups and parish councils we have been able to provide ground level support, advice, guidance and facilitation skills.

The Rural Transport and Access Adviser (RTAA) uses a range of community participation techniques to identify local needs. The techniques ensure that the whole community has the opportunity to get involved, particularly those who do not usually become involved in community life.

Advice on funding is available!

As well as seeking, exploring and testing innovative forms of service delivery the RTAA is also able to identify funding streams and link communities to these.

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Our Mission: *'To provide local communities with the skills, resources and expertise necessary to achieve a thriving and sustainable future.'*

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Transport and Access to Services

Transport and access to basic services are two major problems facing rural communities and, as a result, influence many areas of RCCE's work.

The RCCE's Rural Transport and Access Adviser (RTAA) has an expert knowledge of the issues concerning rural areas. The RTAA is part of a team at RCCE working with local people to strengthen their communities by combating the loss of essential services and revitalising community life. The RTAA also contributes this expertise in rural issues to local partnerships and fora, and acts as a key consultee on policy documents.

Areas of work:

- Offering independent advice to local people on transport and access options
- Helping communities form partnerships with other agencies and across parish district and county boundaries, to progress ideas and projects
- Sharing good practise and providing advice on funding streams available

Linking Communities

Lead by the RTAA the Linking Communities project has a unique role in the county working closely with rural communities to develop a range of transport and access projects. The need for improved access to vital services in rural areas continues to dominate community surveys and as a result the expertise of the RTAA has proved invaluable in guiding communities through successful projects.

The project aim is:

'To develop partnerships and facilitate projects that improve access to employment, education, health and leisure facilities, and that enhance other essential services in rural areas.

We hope to achieve the above by working closely with local communities to identify needs, particularly the needs of disadvantaged and socially excluded individuals, and find solutions that address these needs.'



Did you know?

The Linking Communities **Fast-track Fund** (FTF) offers up to £3,000 to help finance rural transport and access projects. The FTF has, over the years, proved easily accessible and greatly beneficial to many voluntary and community groups throughout rural Essex. Speak to our adviser to find out more.

Can Linking Communities help you?

Does your community/organisation have problems accessing vital services such as - Doctors, supermarkets, sports clubs, employment, education etc?

Do you have a question relating to rural transport or access to services from rural areas?

Are you looking for information on good practise?

Does your organisation have a project in mind and requires independent advice?

If you have answered yes to any of the above, then please contact our Rural Transport and Access Adviser on **0844 4773938** (calls charged at local rate)