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Rural Community Council Report to Council

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Issues to be highlighted to Council

The Rural Community Council was established in 1924 with a fundamental aim of supporting rural communities across Leicestershire and Rutland. Its mission over the last 99 years has evolved to suit the times in which we live. As RCC approaches its centenary in 2024, it aims to take simple but effective action for people and organisations in Leicestershire and Rutland facing issues such as loneliness, isolation, poor mental wellbeing, suicide, unemployment, deprivation and the decline of valuable rural services and amenities.

The following links offer further detail of the work undertaken by RCC and crucially the impact the work has had.

<https://www.ruralcc.org.uk/> - home page

<https://www.ruralcc.org.uk/read/> - latest Impact magazine

<https://indd.adobe.com/view/10203f9e-81a2-439b-8713-39b2b87740ee> - annual review

March 2024 will see investment in Rutland for the proven and effective mobile café which has been highly successful in other areas offering great opportunities to socialize whilst also sign – posting to crucial support for those who need it.

I will be meeting with the RCC CEO to explore further opportunities to increase the reach and impact of RCC across our County. This will start with a fundamental aim of increasing the membership of organisations within Rutland to RCC, noting membership is free. The current number of members in Rutland stands at 24.