
Who we are

Much of rural England is extraordinarily attractive, economically buoyant and socially cohesive. But this general picture conceals real deprivation: often dispersed, sometimes remote and often at odds with policy measures generally developed with an urban focus.

We act as the advocate for England's rural communities, as an expert adviser to government, and as a watchdog to ensure that government actions, policies and programmes recognise and respond effectively to rural needs.

Our role is to understand and explain rural England in the 21st century, working towards practical, creative solutions to key challenges.

As an organisation we plan to remain small but effective and highly influential. We have already developed strong links with communities, with national, regional and local agencies, and direct access to the highest levels of government. Our Chairman is also the Prime Minister's Rural Advocate.



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Where are we based?



We're based in the bustling Regency spa town of Cheltenham, in the heart of the Cotswolds. The town offers a wide choice of housing, education, excellent shopping and cultural activities.

Cheltenham has good travel links with a number of major cities; London, Cardiff, Oxford, Bristol and Birmingham.

Come to Cheltenham at any time and you'll find plenty to do, including our internationally famous festivals:

- Horseracing
- Music
- Literature

Gloucestershire is a great place for a real breath of fresh air. The Cotswolds, one of the most beautiful areas of England, is right on the doorstep. Rural villages, historic towns and architecture, stunning scenery and a real sense of community. It has lots to offer the whole family.

What can we offer?

The Commission for Rural Communities appreciates the contributions of its staff and as a result offer a great range of staff benefits:

- Annual leave – we offer full time members of staff 30 days paid leave with additional public holidays.
- Childcare voucher scheme
- Flexible working – there are a number of policies which can be discussed from flexitime to compacted working weeks.
- Full range of learning and development
- Comprehensive maternity and paternity leave
- Civil Service pension scheme
- Volunteering opportunities

Why work at CRC?

Diverse knowledge and expertise has given our unique evidence based organisation an influential national voice. The work is interesting and covers a wide range of topics. Your work will benefit people in rural communities by helping policy and decision makers understand the unique rural perspective.

You will work with dedicated people in a dynamic and flexible environment.

What our staff say

Audrey Roy **Programme Manager,** **Social Justice &** **Services**



"I joined the organisation because I wanted to work somewhere that I could make a difference to the lives of rural people and actually see the benefit of what I do turning into something real. CRC is a refreshing and interesting place to work never – boring or stuffy, but upbeat, enthusiastic, creative and full of energy."

Will Aston **Rural Financial** **Inclusion Champion**



"My role allows me to get out and meet people delivering programmes on the ground but I also input into a number of strategic working groups to develop new policy options. As a small organisation there are lots of opportunities to work on new issues and develop new skills."

Further staff testimonials can be found on our website: www.ruralcommunities.gov.uk/jobs