



**Affordable Rural Housing
Commission: One Year On**
14TH June 2007 - The QE2 Centre, London

Commission for
Rural Communities
Tackling rural disadvantage

Agenda

10.00 – 10.30am Coffee and Delegate Registration

Morning Session: Reviewing Progress

Chair – Dr Stuart Burgess, Chair of the CRC and Rural Advocate

10.30am **Introduction**
Stuart Burgess

10.35am **Why 'Rural' Matters**
Barry Gardiner MP, Minister for Biodiversity, Landscape and Rural Affairs

11.00am **Progress So Far**
Margaret Clark, Commission for Rural Communities

11.15am **Panel Response and Discussion**
David Fursdon, President, Country Land & Business Association
Neil Sinden, Policy Director, Campaign to Protect Rural England
Helen Williams, Asst. Director of Neighbourhoods, National Housing Federation
Margaret Clark, Commission for Rural Communities

12.15am **Lunch**
with Best Practice Market Stalls

Afternoon Session: Action for the Future

Chair – Elinor Goodman, Chair of the ARHC and CRC Commissioner

13.30 pm **Setting the Scene**
Elinor Goodman

13.35 pm **To Hills and Beyond – Taking Forward Affordable Rural Housing**
Peter Dixon, Chairman, The Housing Corporation

14.00 pm **Workshop Sessions**
A = Regional Frameworks
B = Rural Sustainability
C = Local Delivery

15.00 pm **Key Issues from Workshops**

15.15 pm **Priorities for Action**
Andy Lloyd, Dorset RHE
Jack Ellerby, Chair NWRAF
Anthony Ball, Penwith District Council

15.45 pm **Closing Speech**
Yvette Cooper, MP, Minister for Housing and Planning

16.15 pm **Close**

