



You are invited to the

**East Sussex Rural Forum
Friday 11 September
The Reid Hall, Boreham Street, Wartling, Nr Herstmonceux,
East Sussex, BN27 4SD
1.30pm – 4.00pm**

Agenda

**Theme:
Adult care and rural isolation – meeting the needs of older
people in rural areas.**

- 1.30pm Arrival and refreshments**
- 1.45pm Introduction from Jeremy Leggett**
Chairman of East Sussex Rural Partnership.
- 1.50pm Setting the context and aims of the Forum.**
- 2.00pm Presentations:**
- a. Adult Care Services**
Meeting the needs of older people in rural areas, in the context of changes to the service.
Speaker: Barry Atkins, Head of Service Strategic Commissioning Adult Social Care, East Sussex County Council
- b. The delivery of health services to older people**
Overview and challenges.
Speaker: Richard Watson, Health Improvement Commissioning Manager, NHS – East Sussex Downs and Weald, Hastings and Rother PCTs.
- c. Reducing isolation for older people**
Action in rural Sussex (AirS) Village Care Programme.
Speakers:
Pat Buesnel and Scott Lipa, Action in rural Sussex.
Linda Graham, East Sussex Seniors Association (ESSA) and community activist involved in a large number of community schemes in the Hartfield area.
- 2.45pm Open Forum and discussion of the issues**
- 3.50pm Summary of findings and action points, to be reported back to the East Sussex Rural Partnership.**
- 4.00pm Close**