



Action in rural Sussex 80th Anniversary 1931 – 2011

Next year Action in rural Sussex (formerly Sussex Rural Community Council) will be celebrating its 80th Anniversary. As part of this we are looking to compile an archive record of the story of AirS over the last 80 years. This will be in the form of photographs, stories and publications from both those who have benefited from AirS support and those who have worked with and for AirS. If you have any memories or material about AirS that could be included in the archive we would love to hear from you.

Some information we already have that may help to jog your memory:

- 1930's** SRCC set up a service for using Village Halls as makeshift hospitals to care for those suffering with TB.
- 1940's** SRCC Committee organised the Child Evacuation Scheme and the first Citizens Advice Bureau was set up in SRCC offices.
- 1950's** Most Active Village Competition is launched by SRCC and a Youth Drama Festival is held.
- 1960's** Federation of Sussex Amenity Societies was formed by Sussex Rural Community Council, Society of Sussex Downsmen and Sussex Vigilants Association to decide on policy to counter a threat from indiscriminate developments.
- 1970's** Programme of Village Appraisals introduced across Sussex (now called Parish Plans or Action Plans). Joint Rural Life Conference held.
- 1980's** First Rural Housing Enabler appointed as part of three national pilot projects.
- 1990's** Village Care Schemes established. SRCC involved in developing local rural childcare facilities and services. Mobile Youth Service set up in West Sussex.
- 2000** Launch of the Local Network Fund managed by SRCC.

We would be grateful if any information submitted is clearly labelled with the date it refers to together with names of people in any photographs submitted wherever possible.

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