



The East Sussex Rural Partnership invites you to the

## East Sussex Rural Forum

being held on Friday 15 April 2011 from 9.45am  
at Heathfield Community Centre, Sheepsetting Lane, Heathfield, TN21 0XG

### Title: Decentralisation and Localism Bill Jointly organised by AirS and SALC

#### Programme

- 9.45am **Arrival, Registration and coffee**
- 10.00am **Welcome and Introduction**
- 10.05am **Decentralisation and Localism Bill:**
- **Key proposals from the Government, timetables, highlights and headlines**  
**A new role for Parish Councils – the challenges**  
Trevor Leggo, Sussex Associations of Local Councils
  - **What it means for Local Authorities**  
(speaker to be confirmed)
  - **A District Council perspective**  
(speaker to be confirmed)
  - **Questions and answers to the Panel**
- 11.00am Refreshment Break
- 11.20am **Community 21 – a tool for the Big Society**  
Nick Gant, University of Brighton
- 11.40am **Group discussions focusing on opportunities / challenges to rural communities.**  
Teresa Gittins, Action in rural Sussex
- 12.40pm Plenary session
- 1.00pm Lunch