

**Home Page**


The screenshot shows the website's header with the RSN logo and navigation links. The main content area is titled 'Weekly News Digest' and describes the service as a comprehensive news service. It lists an archive of news items for 2017 and 2016, with specific dates for each month. A sidebar on the right contains a section for 'Our Events' with a link to click here.

**Logo****URL**

<http://www.rsnonline.org.uk/news/weekly-news-digest>

**Subject**

Rural development - Digest

**Accessibility**

Free

**Language**

English

**Publisher**

Rural Services Network

**Brief History**

The Rural Services Network provides their weekly news archive from 2011 onward.

**Scope and Coverage**

The Rural Services Network is the national window for rural services, ensuring that people in rural areas have a strong voice. It covers various areas of rural perspectives like rural development, rural health, rural policy etc.

**Kind of Information**

Rural Services Network Digest provides rural development related articles.

Articles are available with its title, author name, short description, publication date and a photograph. Sometimes link available for further detail information. See also link sometimes present with the article. An example is given below for easy understanding.

Monday, 10 April 2017 14:25

### **Government crackdown on fly-tippers**

Written by Ruralcity Media



Fly-tippers could be forced to help councils clear-up illegally dumped waste in a new drive to clean up the countryside.

Government recommendations include making offenders on community sentences – including people caught fly-tipping – help councils clear up litter and fly-tipped waste.

Litter louts could be hit with £150 fines as the government seeks to curb littering with proposals for new enforcement, education and community engagement.

Defra secretary Andrea Leadsom said she wanted the government's first Litter Strategy for England to reduce the near £800m burden to the taxpayer of clean-up costs.

**See also:** [New action plan to tackle fly-tipping](#)

Vehicle owners could receive penalty notices when it can be proved litter was thrown from their car – even if it was discarded by somebody else.

The new motoring rules, which are already in force in London, make owners liable even if they didn't throw the litter themselves.

Mrs Leadsom unveiled the strategy on Monday (10 April).

"Litter is something that affects us all – blighting our countryside, harming our wildlife, polluting our seas, spoiling our towns, and giving visitors a poor impression of our country," she said.

"Our litter strategy will tackle this antisocial behaviour by building an anti-litter culture; making it easier for people to dispose of rubbish; and hitting litter louts in the pocket.

"We want to be the first generation to leave our environment in a better state than we found it, and tackling litter is an important part of our drive to make the country a better place."

Recent figures suggest that fly-tippers are increasingly seeking out rural locations to dump industrial quantities of waste.

Other recommendations include stopping councils from charging householders for disposal of DIY household waste at civic amenity sites or rubbish dumps.

Legally, household waste is supposed to be free to dispose of at such sites.

The government will also work with Highways England to target the 25 worst litter hotspots across the road network to deliver long-lasting improvements to cleanliness.

Communities Minister Marcus Jones said: "It's time we consigned litter louts and fly-tippers to the scrap heap of history.

"Through our first ever National Litter Strategy we plan to do exactly that.

"Our plans include targeting the worst litter hotspots, cracking down on litter louts with increased fines and getting people to bin their rubbish properly."

### ***Special Features***

- Contact and feedback option available with proper form.
- Links to social networking sites like Facebook, Twitter, Google+ and so on.
- List of forthcoming events and meetings are present.
- It links to other rural networks.

***Arrangement Pattern***

The articles are arranged according to publication date wise. Publication dates are arranged newer to older date wise.

[Government crackdown against fly-tippers](#)  
10 April 2017  
Fly-tippers could be forced to help councils clear-up illegally dumped waste in a government drive to clean up the countryside.

[£2m awarded to rural transport groups](#)  
7 April 2017  
DOZENS of community groups have been awarded a share of £2m to help keep rural people on the move.

[Crime taskforce celebrates first anniversary](#)  
7 April 2017  
A POLICE team dedicated to serving rural communities is celebrating its first anniversary – and its 100th arrest.

[Bank closures to hit rural businesses](#)  
6 April 2017  
A fresh round of bank branch closures threatens to make life difficult for rural firms, say business leaders.

[Revealed: Best rural places to live in 2017](#)  
3 April 2017  
Britain's best rural places to live in 2017 have been revealed in the latest annual quality of life survey.

***Remarks***

The main aim of the Rural Services Network and its news digest is to provide a platform for rural communities to maintain their social and economic viability for the benefit of the nation as a whole.

***Comparable Tools***

- Open Medicine Digest (<https://blogs.biomedcentral.com/on-medicine/tag/open-medicine-digest/>)
- Biofuels Digest ( <http://www.biofuelsdigest.com/>)

***Date of Access***

April 21, 2017