

MIDLOTHIAN VOLUNTARY ACTION (MVA)

**SOURCES OF INFORMATION - RURAL**

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<b>ORGANISATIONS, SERVICES AND WEBSITES</b>		
<b>ORGANISATION/SERVICE</b>	<b>CONTACT/WEBSITE</b>	<b>NOTES</b>
ACRE (Action with Communities in Rural England) - website includes some useful information sheets for village halls etc	<a href="http://www.acre.org.uk">www.acre.org.uk</a>	Note, some of these leaflets will not apply in Scotland (e.g. referring to Charity Law, alcohol etc), however, others (e.g. on VAT, Marketing etc) should be useful
Campaign to Protect Rural England	<a href="http://www.cpre.org.uk/home">http://www.cpre.org.uk/home</a>	Wide variety of publications - some of which will be of interest in Scotland as well
Carnegie UK Rural Development Programme website	<a href="http://rural.carnegieuktrust.org.uk/home">http://rural.carnegieuktrust.org.uk/home</a>	
Carnegie UK Trust website	<a href="http://www.carnegieuktrust.org.uk">www.carnegieuktrust.org.uk</a>	
Community Councils in Midlothian	<a href="http://www.midlothian.gov.uk">www.midlothian.gov.uk</a>	
Definitions - Scottish Government Urban Rural Classifications	<a href="http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Topics/Statistics/About/Methodology/UrbanRuralClassification">http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Topics/Statistics/About/Methodology/UrbanRuralClassification</a>	
Joseph Rowntree Foundation	<a href="http://www.jrf.org.uk">www.jrf.org.uk</a>	

<b>Midlothian Voluntary Action (MVA) Rural webpage</b>	<a href="http://www.mvacvs.org.uk/information/links/rural.html">www.mvacvs.org.uk/information/links/rural.html</a>	Information including links to Population Estimates for Settlements; Definitions of Rural areas etc
<b>Midlothian Voluntary Action e-mails and e-briefings</b> - the Information Officer holds email lists for a number of subjects, including Rural and Transport. E-briefings are also produced in particular "Midlothian Info" but also occasional single subject ones - see website for previous issues and a full list of e-mail lists.	<a href="http://www.mvacvs.org.uk/information/index.html">www.mvacvs.org.uk/information/index.html</a> tel: 0131 663 9471 email: <a href="mailto:margaret.nisbet@mvacvs.org.uk">margaret.nisbet@mvacvs.org.uk</a>	Information sent out includes: consultations; funding; local projects and services; publications; events and training etc. Most info is included in "Midlothian Info" but some stuff targeted to email groups.
<b>Midspace website</b> - includes information on Mental Health and Wellbeing within Rural and Farming Communities	<a href="http://www.midspace.co.uk/default.asp?page=23&amp;fsid=53">http://www.midspace.co.uk/default.asp?page=23&amp;fsid=53</a>	Website is coordinated by the Midlothian Wellbeing Intervention Network
<b>Plunkett Foundation</b> - education charity, based near Oxford, which supports the development of rural group enterprise world-wide	<a href="http://www.plunkett.co.uk">www.plunkett.co.uk</a>	Website also includes an extensive links page
<b>Scotland National Rural Network</b> - details on the latest important documents; funding; projects; events etc	<a href="http://www.ruralgateway.org.uk">www.ruralgateway.org.uk</a>	
<b>Scottish Government - Rural Development</b> - includes: Rural Policy (including Rural Definitions etc); Land Reform; Funds and Grants; Scottish Rural Development Plan etc	<a href="http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Topics/Rural">www.scotland.gov.uk/Topics/Rural</a>	

UK National Rural Network	<a href="http://www.uknationalruralnetwork.org.uk/">www.uknationalruralnetwork.org.uk/</a>	
Village Halls website (Scottish Council for Voluntary Organisations - SCVO)	<a href="http://www.scvo.org.uk/villagehalls/Home/Home.aspx">http://www.scvo.org.uk/villagehalls/Home/Home.aspx</a>	
Volunteer Centre Midlothian - for volunteers or those thinking about volunteering; for local organisations who involve volunteers; for agencies who refer people to volunteering	<a href="http://www.volunteermidlothian.org.uk">www.volunteermidlothian.org.uk</a>	

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