

## **Contact your MP**

It is vital that MPs are made aware of the concerns of people in rural areas. This is best done by contacting your MP directly and raising the issues that matter to you and your community with them.

MPs can be contacted by letter, email, telephone or a meeting arranged in Parliament, or locally at a constituency surgery.

## **Find your MP and their contact details [here](#)<sup>1</sup>**

Parliamentary rules mean that MPs are only able to act on behalf of their own constituents so make sure you include your full name, address and postcode in any letter or email. As a constituent, you should expect to receive a response to your correspondence.

To arrange a meeting, contact the constituency office or look on the MP's website. You can also telephone the MP's office in Westminster by contacting the House of Commons switchboard on 0207 219 3000 and asking for your MP by name.

**For more information** Please contact the Countryside Alliance political team at [political@countryside-alliance.org](mailto:political@countryside-alliance.org) or on 0207 840 9260.

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<sup>1</sup> MP details found at:

<https://members.parliament.uk/constituencies/>

## **What issues should I raise with my MP?**

Now the UK has left the EU the Government must ensure that every region benefits. The countryside faces many challenges from digital connectivity to rural crime. There is also significant pressure from animal rights activists directed against farmers, shooters, land managers and the wider rural community.

Suggested issues you may wish to raise include:

- Full digital connectivity for rural communities by 2025.
- Ensure proper country of origin food labelling.
- Fair funding for policing to tackle rural crime.
- No unjustified restrictions on firearms and no punitive increases in the cost of licences.
- Support for the Post Office network, ensuring it delivers proper banking services in rural communities.
- Oppose any further restrictions on legitimate rural activities such as hunting, shooting and fishing.
- The need for the law to be applied to prevent trespass, intimidation and online bullying against farmers, those who hunt, shoot and fish, and the wider community, by animal rights activists.