



RURAL CHARTER

The Welsh Conservatives' Charter for Rural Wales sets out the party's commitments to rural areas in Wales.

Each pledge is aimed at supporting and sustaining rural communities across the country.

This Charter commits a Conservative Assembly government to:

- ✓ **Protect key public services in partnership with local authorities**
- ✓ Give communities the opportunity to take over the running of community assets such as village halls, community centres, pubs and post offices, assisted by tailored business support
- ✓ **Develop a planning policy that gives communities a stake in economic and social development, including the release of more land for affordable housing**
- ✓ Protect public access to woodland and prioritise new forestry planting in areas where it delivers maximum benefit, such as reducing flooding risk and enhancing biodiversity
- ✓ **Support the future of family farms through a range of measures including securing the future of direct payments, the elimination of wasteful red tape, and ensuring the flawed Glastir agri-environment scheme is fit for purpose**