

**Meeting of the Devon Churches Rural Forum**  
**28<sup>th</sup> September 2016 - 10 am to 12 noon – Tedburn St Mary Village Hall**

- 1) Opening Prayer
- 2) Apologies
- 3) Minutes of the last meeting
- 4) October 8<sup>th</sup> Conference – finalisation of any details
- 5) Matters Arising
  - a. Possible sub groups – further discussion and next steps
    - i. Farming issues; chaplaincy to markets; pastoral care of the farming community
    - ii. Theological reflection on rural ministry – Bright Field Community
    - iii. Barnstaple Archdeaconry Church and Community Research Project (BACCRP) – inc. general rural issues and contact with external agencies (this was noted in the minutes of the previous meeting as “Penny Dobbin’s research into the role of the church in North Devon”
    - iv. Centre for Rural Ministry
    - v. Environmental concerns
    - vi. Information sharing – website, email newsletter
    - vii. Rural Advocacy
    - viii. Models of rural ministry
  - b. Rural “press officer” to co-ordinate press releases and make comment on current issues?
- 6) Items, updates and reports from Sub Groups
  - a. Farming Report
  - b. BACCRP update
- 7) Notices/Information for sharing
- 8) Any other business
- 9) Confirmation of dates of next meeting
- 10) Closing prayer