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DID you KNOW this about deprivation in Devon.....?



- **Deprivation affects rural scattered, isolated people:** 47% of all *people* facing income deprivation in Devon live in rural areas, even though only 5% of the most deprived '*areas*' in Devon are rural.
- **44% of all Devonians claiming benefit are rural**, along with 37% of Devon's overcrowded households, and 47% of its homes without central heating.
- **38% of Devonian households are 'doubly disadvantaged':** these are rural people who have no vehicle and are unable to access key opportunities, like Job Centres, unless there is regular public transport.
- **The recession is biting hard on low-income households** and low-skilled workers' prospects. Most people relying on basic out-of-work benefits don't reach the Minimum Income Standard recommended by the public. A single person on Income Support gets less than 1/2. Out-of-work families with children typically get 2/3rds. A single adult, working full time, needs to earn 25% more than the minimum wage to reach this standard. And if that's not tough enough, the minimum budget does *not* include a mortgage, or running a car, or childcare! **You can calculate where your income falls on the standard** at: www.minimumincome.org.uk

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