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to access funding

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The Rural Direct team would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very happy New Year. We look forward to continuing to work with you throughout 2010.

Reminder!

The deadline for submissions for the spring RPAC assessment round is fast approaching

The effective submission deadline for Rural Priority applications to be considered at the March 2010 RPAC meetings has been set as **January 11th**.

Further details are available here:

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Topics/farmingrural/SRDP/SRDNews/October2009>

A series of rural networking meetings have been scheduled for across rural Scotland. Check for dates and venues in your area here:

<http://www.ruralgateway.org.uk/en/node/1585>

Scottish Government announces the results of the November assessment round

The Cabinet Secretary for Rural Affairs and the Environment, Richard Lochhead has endorsed the recommendations made by the Regional Proposal Assessment Committees (RPACs) at the November assessment round for Rural Priorities. All applicants will now have have been contacted with regard to their individual cases.

The full media release from the Scottish Government can be seen here:

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/News/Releases/2010/01/07100449>

Case studies from each of the eleven regions can be accessed here:

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Topics/farmingrural/SRDP/RuralPriorities/KeyFacts/C aseStudies>

Scottish National Rural Network events - programme available now

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### **Contact the Rural Direct team**

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[Sheila Fraser](#) supports communities in Fife, Forth Valley, Lothian and Borders

[Ian Mathieson](#) works with communities in Argyll, Ayrshire, Clyde Valley, and Dumfries & Galloway

[Eleanor Morris](#) works with communities in Grampian, Moray and Tayside.

[Barbara Robertson](#) at Voluntary Action Orkney and [Wendy Hand](#) at Voluntary Action Shetland are the local contacts in the Northern Isles.

Other team members are Rural Development Officer [Sandra Hogg](#) and Rural Direct Administrator [Liz Syred](#). The service is managed by SCVO's Head of Rural Policy [Norman MacAskill](#)

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