

Rural living – Does it appeal to a younger generation?

When I think about living in a rural area of Britain, I think lush green fields, idyllic rolling hills, old stone farmhouses and traditional shops - but that isn't all that seems to be drawing the younger generation out of the smog-filled cities to breathe fresh country air. Speaking as a young person myself, what becomes more and more appealing to me about living in a rural area as I get older is the sense of *community*.

As someone that's lived in a bustling town for most of my life, I yearn for that sense of family and belonging that rural villages like Marshfield often possess.

We're seeing more people give up their city life to raise their families in a safe country environment, and it's becoming pretty obvious why: people just seem to genuinely care about each other more in rural areas.

The pubs are full of friendly regulars and you can't walk 5 steps without bumping into someone you know. Churches and chapels ring with a harmony of hymns and laughter. Small businesses thrive, and you'll never find better personal service than from those located right in the heart of the village.

While we may lack amenities that are attractive to the younger generation; leisure centres, sports halls, cinemas and shopping malls, I truly believe the safety and security country living provides, more than makes up for it. To sit on your patio in the last rays of the evening sun and not hear the hum of a motorway, but the melody of a songbird is every bit of peace and serenity I think everyone living in the city secretly wishes for.

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