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| Title: Measuring the availability of services and facilities in rural England |
| <p>Purpose of this paper (please also indicate whether empirical, conceptual or case study etc)</p> <p>The empirical study presented in this paper explores the decline of services in rural areas of England and its impact on local communities, economies and village identities. The authors use a unique dataset comprising information about facilities and services available in the English countryside, complimented by additional interviews and a detailed literature review. Information is provided in two different points in time (2000 and 2010), allowing for a longitudinal analysis of the changes occurred in the selected parishes.</p> |
| <p>Design/methodology/approach (including limitations if applicable)</p> <p>Use of SEM models/regression models.</p> |
| <p>Findings</p> <p>Results provide factual evidence of the decline of rural services, measuring the impact this decline has on a wide range of activities carried out at a local level. In addition, findings corroborate evidence gathered from previous studies on the relationships between small retailers and social engagement in rural communities.</p> |
| <p>Practical implications</p> <p>The analysis demonstrated the disappearance of essential facilities in the rural communities examined, while others maintain their number constant and some others even increase. Outcomes of this analysis are discussed and explored with regard to possible policies and initiatives which could help preserving the positive impact that local businesses and entrepreneurship have on the English countryside.</p> |
| <p>Policy Implications (if applicable)</p> <p>N/A</p> |
| <p>What is the originality/value of paper</p> <p>Unique longitudinal dataset of rural data providing multiple information of different aspects of rural life</p> |

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