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## My background

- Retired since 2011.
- 1969-1996 working in maintained and independent schools as a Teacher, Head of Department, Deputy Head Teacher, including 15 years as a Headteacher (in England and the Middle East).
- 1996-2011 working as a self-employed Educational Consultant providing in-service training, consultancy on school improvement and Performance Management activities and lead inspector for the inspection of maintained and independent schools.

## My research

- Focused on the interactions of the concepts of rural community, older people and ageing well.
- The key question being: What role does a rural community play in helping older people to age well?
- Using a narrative approach, framed within a case study context, guided, in-depth interviews will collect the older people's views. The interviews will inform a reflexive thematic analysis of their views to discover the themes of their 'lived experience' narrative.

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