Rural County is involved in a diverse range of functions and these functions support the Council's delivery of a range of statutory duties and compliance with legal and policy requirements. The legislation delivered by Rural County includes:

- National Parks and Access to the Countryside Act 1949
- Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000
- Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (as amended)
- Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act
- The Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2010
- Countryside Act
- Invasive Species Regulations
- Protection of Badgers Act 1992
- The Highways Act 1980
- The Environmental Assessment of Plans and Programmes Regulations 2004
- Town and Country Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2011 (as amended)
- The Water Environment (Water Framework Directive) (England and Wales) Regulations 2003
- Flood Risk Regulations 2009
- Environmental Information Regulations 2004
- Town and Country Planning Act 1990
- Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990
- Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Areas Act 1979
- 1996 Treasure Act and the subsequent Treasure (Designation) Order 2002
- The Hedgerow Regulations Act 1987
- Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act
- Planning Act 2008
- Localism Act 2011
- Forestry Act 1967 as amended
- Occupiers' liability Act 1957
- The Reservoir Act 1975
- The Weeds Act 1959
- Waste (England and Wales) Regulations 2011
- Food and Environmental Protection Act 1988
- Control of Pesticides Regulations (as amended) 1997