

Questions?

Who can help?

Assistance with developing your project is available. Your first point of call is the Dales LEADER Co-ordinator who can give you details of organisations in your area who can give free funding advice, help with forming a group or developing a constitution. The Co-ordinator is also there to help if you are eligible for LEADER support, with advice on how you should present your project.

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Want to get more involved in LEADER?

Interested in joining the Local Action Group? You will need to register on a form to join the Local Action Group. This is to make sure we have a good mix of representatives from throughout the LEADER local communities. Anyone can join in. Meetings are held bi-annually.

A key role of the Local Action Group is to set and guide our LEADER Programme. Please contact the Dales LEADER Co-ordinator for further details about the role of the Local Action Group or to receive a registration form.

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A community led approach
to sustainable rural regeneration

2011 draws to a close

The LEADER Local Action Group would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and prosperous and happy New Year for 2012!

Our **AGM and Open meeting** will be held at Christ Church Community Centre in Darley on **February 8th** from 2.00pm till 4.30pm. Everyone in the LEADER area is invited to come along to meet the LEADER team, members of the Local Action Group, hear from inspirational projects,

swap ideas, and, importantly, hear the plans and upcoming Rural Development funds for 2012 and beyond.

Rima Berry
Dales LEADER Co-ordinator

UPCOMING LEADER Open Meetings:
8th February 2012

NEXT LEADER deadline:
TBC. Join our Email News to get the up to the minute details!

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What is LEADER?

What and how does it work?

“LEADER” stands for “Liaison Entre Actions pour le Développement de l’Economie Rural”. That is, linkages between rural economic actions and activities. LEADER is a European Union initiative for assisting rural communities to improve the quality of life and economic prosperity in their local area.

In North Yorkshire, LEADER is the community aspect of the Rural Development Programme for England (RDPE). That is, it can support community groups and charities but not offer direct support to businesses.

How is it going?

Since we started the Programme in June 2009, we have granted and committed over £2.2m. This is nearly all the allocated budget, however we do still have future funds to allocate.

Full details will be available in early 2012. Alternatively come along to our AGM Open Event on February 8th 2.00pm -4.30pm Christ Church Community Centre and find out from the horses’ mouth!

Decisions on which ideas are funded are made by the Local Action Group, a group of 16 with more than half being community representatives. The Chair and Vice Chair are elected annually from within the group. Vacancies on this group are announced as they arise via the LEADER E Newburst and Newsletters. Without the Local Action Group LEADER would not work or give the “bottom up approach”. We greatly value all the volunteer time and commitment given from the individuals on this group.



Settle Riverside Development
A LEADER supported scheme in 2010

What's on in the RDPE?

Defra launches Rural Community Broadband

Defra has launched the Rural Community Broadband Fund (RCBF) with confirmed funding of £20m. The RCBF is jointly funded by Defra and Broadband Delivery UK (BDUK), and complements BDUK’s mainstream broadband rollout programme. The Fund enables the funding of superfast broadband projects in the most hard to reach areas in England, bringing superfast broadband to a greater number of communities than would otherwise be reached. This will ensure that a greater proportion of businesses and

consumers in those communities can take advantage of the benefits of superfast broadband. The Fund is being delivered as part of the Rural Development Programme for England (RDPE). More information about the fund and details on how to apply can be found on Defra’s RDPE Network webpage
<http://rdpenetwork.defra.gov.uk/funding-sources/rural-community-broadband-fund>

The first Expression of Interest round is between 1 December 2011 and 31 January 2012.

Farming and Forestry Improvement Scheme (FFIS)

The FFIS is a scheme, developed to help farming, forestry and horticultural businesses to become more resource efficient. In upland areas there is a grant rate of 50%.

For more detail contact 0300 0604459 (calls charged at a local rate) or email rdpedeliveryyorkshire@DEFRA.GSI.GOV.UK

The 1st round of the scheme is open from 16 November 2011 until 17 January 2012.

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