

Does your project fit The Yorkshire Dales LEADER programme?

Does your project

- Develop basic sustainable services for the economy and rural population?
- Promote better use of community facilities?
- Celebrate the culture, heritage and environment of the Yorkshire Dales LEADER area?
- Develop recreation and tourism opportunities based upon culture, heritage and environment?
- Encourage distinctive local products?
- Promote sustainable use of local resources?



Repairing the drystone walling



Mowing hay meadow

The Yorkshire Dales LEADER Programme 2008-2013

A Craven, Hambleton, Harrogate and Richmondshire Partnership

Funding projects which:

- Address issues of exclusion and accessibility to services
- Capitalise on the environment, heritage or culture
- Introduce new approaches to rural development
- Support sustainable rural communities

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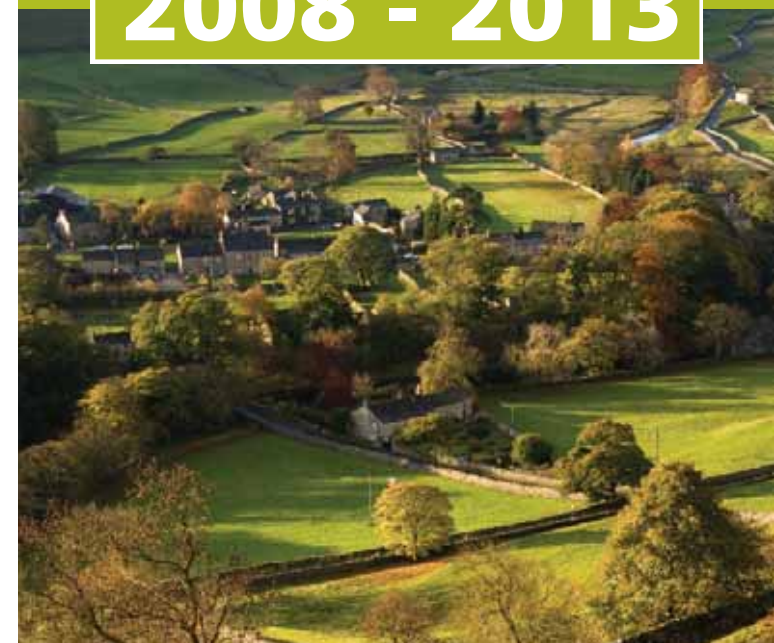
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A community led approach to sustainable rural development

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What is The Yorkshire Dales LEADER programme?

The Yorkshire Dales LEADER Programme has been awarded £2.6 million and is now open for applications until 2013.

The aims of the Programme are:

- Development of innovative community service provision to meet the needs of the local population.
- Promotion and development of village regeneration and local community identity.
- Enhancement and promotion of the rural heritage and culture features.

The Yorkshire Dales LEADER programme staff send out regular newsletters, briefing and information notes, and regularly update the website. We can assist with project development and assessment.



Supporting rural communities

What will The Yorkshire Dales LEADER programme do?

Introduction

LEADER aims to assist rural communities to improve the quality of life and prosperity in their local area. It is a community-based approach that allows local communities to identify their own issues and devise appropriate solutions. It is important that projects supported through the LEADER programme produce sustainable impacts that continue after the grant comes to an end.

Innovation is one of the key features of the LEADER approach and the intention is not to simply sustain existing work. Collaborative projects that bring benefits to many are a feature of the type of actions more likely to be funded under the LEADER programme.

LEADER Programme in the Yorkshire Dales

Three themes have shaped the Yorkshire Dales LEADER programme.

1. Creating Stronger Communities

Active and vital rural communities are recognised as essential for supporting economic development. Activity that is community-based, providing opportunities for dealing with the challenges of living in remote locations and enhancing the quality of life will be funded under this theme.

2. Encouraging economic growth and employment

Projects will be supported which provide innovative collaborative approaches to improving the rural economy, increasing prosperity and productivity.

3. Capitalising on the environment

Community-based initiatives that will conserve and enhance the rural heritage, as the basis for sustainable economic growth in rural areas, will be funded under this theme.

Who can Yorkshire Dales LEADER programme help?

How much grant is available?

The amount of grant support available varies across the LEADER programme.

Support for individual projects is for a maximum of three years. Projects may be eligible for between £5000 and £150,000 to fund specific activity.

If you have a project idea that will help to meet the programme aims, would like to be informed through our mailing list or think you can help make the Yorkshire Dales LEADER programme a success, please contact the programme staff.

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