

# Want to know more?

**FAQ: I've got an idea for a community project, who do I call?** Assistance with developing your project is available. Your first point of call can be the Dales LEADER Co-ordinator who will give you details of organisations in your area who can give free funding advice, help with forming a group or developing a constitution. You can also be put in contact with similar projects, so no-one is re-inventing the wheel...or a project idea.

**FAQ: LEADER isn't seeking applications, what happens next?**

The overall management of the Rural Development Programme for England (LEADER is part of this) is transferring to Defra from Yorkshire Forward. There is a change of "master" and inevitably there has to be a period of taking stock. The Dales LEADER area priorities remain the same, the team at NYCC are there to help with claims queries and issues. The Dales Co-ordinator is there making sure we get the maximum benefit LEADER can offer. LEADER is operational in the Yorkshire Dales until December 2013.

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## A community led approach to sustainable rural regeneration

### LEADER in the Dales:

It has been a phenomenal 2010 for the LEADER Programme in the Dales. As I write, our Local Action Group has approved 37 projects this year. 3 of these are Co-operation projects, linking in with other Local Action Groups, other LEADER areas and in some cases in other countries. I still feel we are touching the tip of the iceberg with the potential for our communities to use the LEADER approach, however we have made a good start.

In this issue there are features from projects we have funded and early warning of our future events. From the Local Action Group, have a great festive season and a happy New Year!  
Rima Berry  
Dales LEADER Co-ordinator

### LEADER UPDATE:

We are not seeking applications to the LEADER programme at present. Please refer to our website for future development or sign up for our monthly e-news burst.

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## Parish Caretaker Support Scheme

Parish Councils that are part of the LEADER Parish Caretaker Scheme gathered last month at Middleham Key Centre for the 'Sharing Best Practice' Event. Clerks, councillors and caretakers took the opportunity to discuss the noticeable differences their schemes are making to their local communities. Interesting comparisons were made to established caretaker schemes in Lancashire when Countryside Officer, David Oyston gave his presentation. Parish Clerk, Iona Taylor, and Rob Gooderidge of the Ripon City Walled Garden also sparked a lot

of discussion describing how they successfully co-ordinate schemes in 4 Nidderdale parishes. Another meeting will be held in the spring to enable further sharing of experience and best practice. The Parish Caretaker Support Scheme gives advice, primarily on the conservation and heritage aspects of parish work. It can be in the form of information, practical help or training from key organisations. Set up to support LEADER funded parishes, it welcomes enquiries from all parishes seeking to improve their environment and heritage. Gillian Muir: 015242 51002

## The Green Communities Project

The Green Communities project selected 8 communities in August to work with in-depth, giving advice and support to act on climate change. This exceeded the original LEADER target of 6. The communities are: Bentham; Clapham; Grassington and Threshfield; Grewelthorpe and Kirkby Malzeard; Horton in Ribblesdale and Stainforth; Malhamdale; Newton le Willows

and Raydale. The project has encouraged the participation of the primary schools. As a result of the project, Kirkby in Malhamdale has joined the Eco-Schools programme and has achieved bronze status with the intention to go for the top award 'the Green Flag' by the end of the school year. More about this LEADER supported project can be found on <http://www.sustainability4yorkshire.org.uk/index.php?id=72>

## LAG Events

The LEADER Local Action Group have two key events in 2011. Anyone within the Yorkshire Dales LEADER area is welcome to attend.

**February 2011: LEADER AGM and Co-operation Event – strength in unity.** Richard Whiteley Theatre, Giggleswick.

**June 8<sup>th</sup> 2011: Bi-Annual LAG Event.** Fountains Abbey. Showcasing the Way of the Roses cycleway and some of the most iconic LEADER projects supported.

Booking essential on both events, contact the Dales Co-ordinator for further details.

## LEADER online

You can keep up to date and in touch with LEADER activity online in many ways; through our website [www.yorkshiredalesleader.co.uk](http://www.yorkshiredalesleader.co.uk) our Blog Site [www.yorkshiredalesleader.wordpress.com](http://www.yorkshiredalesleader.wordpress.com) our photographs on Flickr [www.flickr.com/photos/dalesleader](http://www.flickr.com/photos/dalesleader) and tweets on [www.twitter.com/ydmtleader](http://www.twitter.com/ydmtleader)

## Who's new

The LEADER Local Action Group welcomed in a new Business Sector representative, David Doorbar from Richmondshire at the August panel meeting. David brings that much needed diversity to the Decisions Panel (also known as the Management Group of LEADER), with a strong commercial business focus.



## Review of LEADER

During June 2010 the LEADER Local Action Group reviewed the scope of LEADER activity to date. This showed where we had achieved and highlighted the areas where there was still much to do. A review of LEADER is continuing with Yorkshire Forward and NYCC. Details will be posted on our website.