

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.

Will there be any more LEADER Calls?

It is unlikely we will have a "Calls for Projects" after 2011, however not impossible. It depends upon the quality of applications and whether projects are approved by the Local Action Group. We are already starting to make plans for post-2013. The impact of the LEADER Approach has been at times amazing and as an area we must lobby to make sure we have this opportunity again. There are lots of community initiatives out there, with lots of potential to improve our economic performance. There is a lot still to be done.

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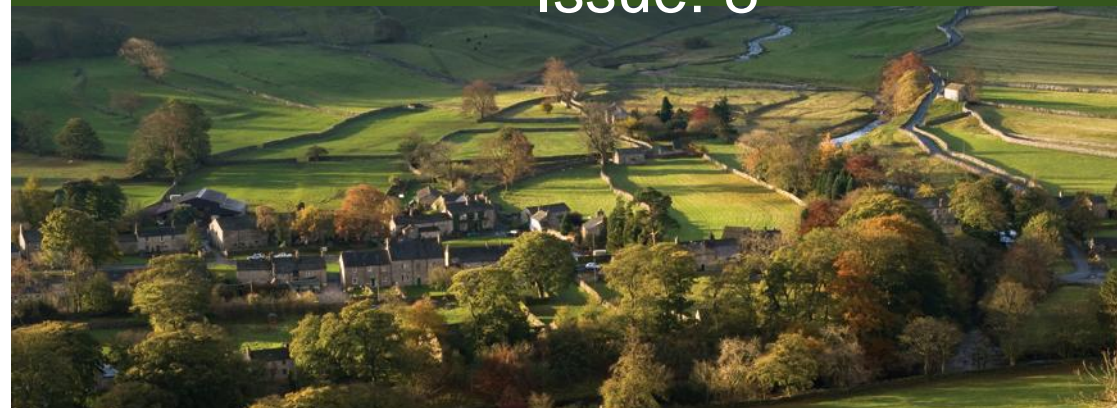


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**A community led approach
to sustainable rural regeneration**

LEADER in 2011

Well, we have certainly had an interesting year in terms of LEADER funding. We began with the transfer to Defra and demise of Yorkshire Forward, which regrettably meant no further finance could be approved. Thankfully that situation altered in July and by mid-August we were in a position to open up the Programme again to potential applicants. We are particularly interested in supporting small scale

infrastructure projects in and around villages. Please contact me if you think we can support your ideas.

Rima Berry
Dales LEADER Co-ordinator

**UPCOMING LEADER
APPLICATION DEADLINES:**
October 31st 2011

NEXT LEADER Open Meeting:
January 2012

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Call for LEADER Projects: Small Scale Infrastructure.

Who Decides what is funded?



Heritage Lighting Scheme
Nidderdale

require a Business Plan, so most applications for small scale work tend to be under that threshold! In the past we have supported improvements to village green areas, clapper bridges, heritage lighting and signage in and around villages. Some applicants in the past have “built in” some wages to employ a Parish Caretaker over a period of 2 years, as well as capital improvements in and around their parish.

Fill in our Project Enquiry Form on the website – under the “How to Apply” tab.

What is Small Scale?

It is any capital improvement project that needs a LEADER grant of between £5000 and £20,000. Our guidelines state that all applications to us requesting more than £20,000

What happens next?

Once your enquiry has been received the Project Co-ordinator will be in touch, either to issue a full application pack or with information of other sources of funding that may be more appropriate.

The Project Co-ordinator can guide you through the process. Call 015242 51002 if there are any queries.



“The Curtain” setts
Eppleby

The Local Action Group

The Management Group make the decisions about which projects in our area are awarded funding. It is made up of 8 “public sector” individuals nominated from organisations with interests within our area and 8 “private sector” individuals who are elected from the wider Local Action Group membership. At the Annual General Meeting the Chair and Vice Chair are elected from the Management Group. New members are always welcome; although there is not a vacancy on the panel at present, the Group can co-opt onto the

board at their discretion. It’s challenging being a custodian of local rural development and gives a great perspective on activity, places and people all over the Dales LEADER area.

What better reason to get involved?

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Local Food Map Study

This research in our area has now completed. Full results are available to download from the Download Library on our website. If you’d like a hardcopy, please email your name, address and we will post you one. We hope to support actions arising from this research in the next few months. Interested in local food? There is more going on than you think.

