



BNED LEADER Programme 2014 - 2020 Update April 2017

Here is the latest news from the BNED LEADER team:

Latest news from RPA

We have received the following update from the RPA on 29th March 2017 regarding Brexit -
"We are very pleased to confirm that, following discussions with HM Treasury, LEADER Groups should now work on the basis that they will be able to enter into funding commitments up to the point that the UK leaves the EU, and that these commitments will be honoured by the UK Government" Alison Webster, Director, Rural Development, RPA.

Applications

To date 3 projects have been approved and contracted, with over £108,000 of LEADER funding committed. We will have more news on these projects as work progresses. 7 bids are currently being supported to develop their Full Application, and one Full Application is in the appraisal process. All the information needed to apply for LEADER funding is available on our website www.bned-leader.co.uk. Do not hesitate to give us a call to help you through this process or if you wish to discuss your project with one of the Team.

LAG Meeting

The Local Action Group met on 21st March 2017. We discussed the promotion of the programme and how to reach eligible businesses that may want to apply for funding. We also discussed arranging 'masterclasses' to aid applicants with the completion of the application forms. Let [Nicola Parsons](#) know if you are an applicant and this is something you would find useful. Further LAG meeting dates are arranged for June, September and December and meetings to approve projects will be arranged as and when required.

Promotion

Leaflets have been distributed with Business Rates letters in March. Richard Madin has been visiting various Parish Council meetings to inform councillors and attendees about the LEADER programme. Nicola Parsons has been visiting Industrial Estates and Business Parks around the district, delivering leaflets and speaking to business owners. If you are aware of any forthcoming events or publications where LEADER can be promoted please let the LEADER Team know.

Thank You...

Thank you for taking time to read our update! Feel free to get in touch to discuss a potential project and remember we are here to help. We will support applicants as much as we can when applying for funding and all our information and advice is FREE! If a project can't be helped by LEADER we can point you in the direction of other funding, guidance and support that may be available.

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