



BNED LEADER Programme 2014 - 2020

Update August 2015

Here is the latest news from the BNED LEADER team:

Defra Bulletin

We have received the August bulletin from Defra which gives us a little more information about the start of the programme.

- We are awaiting the funding agreement from Defra which should be with us sometime this week. Once signed and returned, Defra will arrange a 'set up evaluation check visit' to check our processes.
- Outline Applications and Operating manual should be available in the next few weeks.
- The final draft of the handbook has been received. This needs to be updated with our local information and contacts, and then signed off by Defra before we can use it. Once available, we will be in touch, and the document will be placed on the BNED LEADER website www.bned-leader.co.uk
- Defra will be hosting a National LEADER launch event which will be attended by the Local Action Group Chair, Ken Savidge and Richard in London on 14th October 2015. Hopefully, we should be able to accept applications before then if all the funding arrangements and applications are ready and in place. Though this date is useful to show that the start date of the programme shouldn't be after 14th October at least!

LEADER Team Training

Defra database training sessions are arranged for team members to attend in early October.

Funding

We have no further news on how the fluctuation of the euro will affect the programme.

Once the funding agreement is in place we hope to have some more information.

LAG Meeting

Our LAG meeting on 24th June 2015 went as planned and the members received training from a representative of Defra.

Regular meetings will be arranged once we have a programme start date.

Thank you..

- Thank you for taking time to read our update! We know there isn't much to report but hope this keeps you 'in the loop' with where we are with our funding.
- Feel free to get in touch if you have any more information about your own projects and remember we are here to help. We will help you as much as we can when you are applying for funding and all our information and advice is FREE!!
- If your project can't be helped by LEADER we can point you in the direction of other funding that may be available to you.

We hope to be in touch again as soon as we have any more information

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