

Chairman's Announcements

Subject:	Rural Development Funding – The North Wessex Downs and Plain Action LEADER Programmes - 2014-2020
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Summary of announcement:

Representatives of the North Wessex Downs and Plain Action Local Action Groups (LAGs) will be at the Devizes Area Board meeting on Monday 24th March.

They will be at the meeting to explain to attendees before and after the meeting their plans to bid for Rural Development Programme for England (RDPE) funding to enable them to continue their LEADER programmes during 2015-2020. If the funding is secured the Local Action Groups will be able to continue to award grants to eligible community projects, rural businesses and for farming, forestry and tourism related projects in the Devizes area.

The LAGs are keen to:

- Understand from area and community representatives what they consider to be the key funding priorities for the next 7-8 years.
- Work with area and community representatives to ensure wide business and community input during the bidding stage.
- Once funding is secured, work with area and community representatives to communicate as widely as possible the benefits of the Programmes.