

Chairman's Announcements

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| Subject: | Rural Development Funding – The North Wessex Downs LEADER Programme - 2014-2020 |
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Summary of announcement:

During the summer the North Wessex Downs Local Action Group (LAG) will be submitting a bid to Defra for Rural Development Programme for England (RDPE) funding to enable them to continue their LEADER programme during 2015-2020. If the funding is secured the Local Action Group will be able to continue to award grants to eligible community projects, small rural businesses and for farming, forestry and tourism related projects within the Marlborough AB area.

The LAG is 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.

More details and a very short survey on priorities will be circulated at the meeting – please could we ask all attendees to complete and return the survey. Please feel free to circulate it to anyone who has an interest in community and business development in the Marlborough area.