

Subject:	Rural Development Funding The North Wessex Downs and Plain Action LEADER Programmes - 2015-2020
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Summary of announcement

On behalf of North Wessex Downs and Plain Action Local Action Groups (LAGs) Alan Truscott will be at the Pewsey Area Board meeting on Monday 7th July 2014.

He will be explaining to the meeting through a short presentation what LEADER funding is and will detail the plan for a bid for Rural Development Programme for England (RDPE) for funding to enable the LEADER programme to continue during 2015-2020. If the funding is secured the Local Action Groups will be able to award grants to eligible community projects, rural businesses and for farming, forestry and tourism related projects in the Pewsey 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.