

## Chairman's Announcements

<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Rural Development Funding – Plain Action LEADER Programme - 2015-2020</b>
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### Summary of announcement:

Alan Truscott of the Plain Action Local Action Group (LAG) will be at the Royal Wootton Bassett and Cricklade Area Board meeting on Wednesday 21st May March.

If you are looking for funding to start up or expand a business from January 2014 then they are the people to talk too. Grants will be available from £1000 to £150,000 for up to 75% of the total cost.

Plain Action currently operates across Salisbury Plain but is looking expand into the north western side of Wiltshire in the new funding programme from January 2015. He will explain to attendees at the meeting their plans to bid for Rural Development Programme for England (RDPE) funding to enable them to continue and expand the 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, rural businesses and for farming, forestry and tourism related projects in the Royal Wootton Bassett area.

The LAG 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.