



Derbyshire
Economic Partnership



LEADER grants in the Peak District Rural Action Zone

Staffordshire Parishes' Newsletter – Update 10 April 2012

Additional funding awarded to the Peak District Rural Action Zone

Defra has just announced an additional sum of £160,000 for projects in the Peak District RAZ.

Please follow this link for more information:

<http://www.derbyshireeconomicpartnership.org.uk/media/news-events/433>

It is planned to invite expressions of interest for projects under the following measures:

- Farm diversification
- Micro Enterprise

The timetable for applications is reproduced overleaf.

This update has been produced by Andrew Bownes a Councillor in Wetton who recently joined the Local Action Group (LAG) as a representative of the Moorlands Parishes in the Peak District RAZ. It has been distributed to Parish Clerks.

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Bright Sparks Network

championing the peak district

Bright Sparks is a new programme working in rural communities across the Peak District for the next 2 years. The Bright Sparks programme is supporting a team of volunteers (known as Community Champions) who will be available to work with community groups and small businesses who are looking to grow and develop their services. Our volunteer team are people living across the Peak District who are experienced in running businesses and working with community groups. They are offering their support to for free. So, if you have a great idea for providing a new service for your community, maybe Bright Sparks can help? The sorts of services we offer include help with finding funding; advice on what has worked well in other places, setting up new groups and how to involve your community in developing your ideas.

The programme will seek to match the right Community Champion to your project, depending on where you are located and the type of support you require.

For more information, please contact the Bright Sparks Project Manager, David Gluck, on 07905 766831 / davidgluck@ruralis.co.uk, or visit <http://www.peakbrightsparks.org/>

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Timetable for Applications to the LEADER fund: Changes in budget allocation could result in changes to the timetable.

Selection criteria	Projects under Measures 311 and 312 only. Support for the Farming Sector through Diversification and Support for Micro Enterprise Priority will be given to projects which will create new jobs, have potential for growth and can be completed by February 2013.	Measure 321 Basic Services for the Economy and Rural Population – grants still available. Contact:
Closing date for receipt of signed Expression of Interest Forms (EOI)	Deadline 31 st May 2012	Open
Applicants advised in writing if their EOI has been accepted or rejected. If accepted: Applicants proceed to full Application. An Application Form and guidance notes will be sent to you by e-mail or hard copy to your business address. Application training session to be arranged.	w/c 9 th July 2012	Ongoing
Deadline date for signed paper copy of full and final Application Form and Business plan to be received.	10 th August 2012	Ongoing
Correspondence Address for signed hard copies of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expressions of Interest Forms and • Application Forms 	Amanda Brown LEADER Co-ordinator Derbyshire Economic Partnership, c/o County Hall, Room 1, County Hall, Matlock. DE4 3AG Amanda.brown2@derbyshire.gov.uk 01629 538475 Please note: we cannot process your EOI or Application without being in receipt of a hard copy which you, the applicant has signed.	



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