

COTSWOLDS LEADER PROGRAMME UPDATE

Summary: To present an update on the progress of the LEADER Programme.

Recommendation: That the update report be noted.

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1. Programme Timing

- All projects must be approved and contracted by 30th July 2019
- All grant payments must have been made by 31st December 2020

2. Remaining LAG Meetings

- Wednesday 15th May 2019
- Wednesday 3rd July 2019

3. Programme performance

The programme has supported 44 projects (closed & contracted) with a total value of £1,446,870, which represents 82.5% of the allocation. Collectively this investment has created 67 new jobs.

4. Are we are on track, are we going to deliver, will we over achieve or under supply?

The target is to be fully contracted by 31/07/2019. We currently have 7 Full Applications on desk and a further 15 Full Applications in development. All Full Applications are due on 30/04/2019 so this will be a busy time for the Programme team. These applications have a collective value greater than the remaining allocation - applicants are aware that this is a competitive scheme and funding is not guaranteed. Success is dependent on the quality of an application, the strength of the outputs and submitting on time. We also expect some withdraws.

In terms of spend, 28 out of our 44 projects have successfully completed their project and claimed their grant. This equates to £737K. We are currently processing two project claims. Once paid, these will take Programme spend to £825K.

Closed Projects: completed projects with grant paid in full

Priority 1 – Support to increase farm productivity
£10,059 towards a Cluster Flush system for a dairy farm in Gloucestershire.
£5,206 towards a Mobile Sheep Handling system for a sheep farm in Worcestershire.
£49,958 grant towards a Robotic Milking system for a dairy farm in Wiltshire.
£20,414 towards a Cluster Flush and EID Ruminant Collars for a dairy farm in Gloucestershire.
£26,061 towards a Trailing Shoe Slurry System for a dairy farm in Gloucestershire.
£17,435 towards a Trailing Shoe and Ruminant collars for a dairy farm in Wiltshire.
£20,048 towards a Cluster Flush system and Cow Mattresses for a dairy farm in Wiltshire.
£6,247 towards a Fertiliser Spreader with GPS for a farm in Gloucestershire.
£9,798 towards a Cluster Flush for a dairy farm in Gloucestershire.
£29,757 towards a Weaving Drill for an arable farm in Oxfordshire.
£23,371 towards an ice-cream and butter production facility on a dairy farm in Gloucestershire.
£40,838 towards a System Cameleon Drill for an organic arable farm in Gloucestershire.
£6,991 towards a fixed Cattle Handling System for a farm in Gloucestershire.

	£31,025 towards a Weaving Drill and steering system for an arable farm in Gloucestershire.
	£37,720 towards a Horsch Sprinter 6ST Drill for an arable farm in Gloucestershire.
	£12,800 towards a Kverneland Drill for an arable farm in Gloucestershire.
	Priority 2 – Support for micro and small businesses and farm diversification
	£40,000 towards the construction of 10 new high quality office units: Westend Office Suites.
	£13,011 towards the fit out of a business unit and associated equipment: Saltpig.
	£48,849 towards the construction of a new farm shop and café: Vegetable Matters.
	£47,973 towards building work to double the retail space at Wotton Farm Shop.
	£10,462 towards new equipment and electric supply: Capreolus Distillery.
	£38,440 towards a log drying kiln and tipper delivery truck for a business in Gloucestershire.
	Priority 3 – Support for rural tourism
	£29,292 towards improved access and two wooden holiday homes: Longhills Farm Kennels.
	£16,075 towards a Roundhouse and associated facilities for a tourism provider in Wiltshire.
	Priority 6 – Support for increasing forestry productivity
	£10,000 towards a firewood processor and Log Deck: Little Owl Logs
	£49,737 towards a large firewood processor for a business in Gloucestershire.
	£38,112 towards Forestry equipment and a Firewood processor for an Estate in Gloucestershire.
	£48,642 towards storage for woodchip and a Firewood processor for a business in Oxfordshire.

Contracted Projects: projects that haven't yet claimed or *claim received and being processed

	Priority 1 – Support to increase farm productivity
	£5,098 towards a Mobile Sheep Handling system for a sheep farm in Gloucestershire.
	£21,540 towards a Horsch Sprinter 4ST Drill for an arable farm in Oxfordshire.
*	£37,800 towards a Horsch direct drill for an arable farm in Gloucestershire.
	£29,800 towards a Sky Easy drill for an arable farm in Oxfordshire.
	Priority 2 – Support for micro and small businesses and farm diversification
	£17,891 towards specialist particle analysing equipment for a business in Gloucestershire
	£99,982 towards a Food & Farming Education Centre in Oxfordshire: Cotswold Seeds.
	£99,995 towards converting an old building to create new offices for a business in Wiltshire.
	£37,824 towards a new equestrian training barn for a business in Gloucestershire.
	£37,304 towards the set up an on-farm events business in Gloucestershire.
	£99,918 towards a large scale printing equipment for a business in Gloucestershire.
	£30,844 towards equipment and modernisation of retail premises for a Gloucestershire business.
	Priority 3 – Support for rural tourism
*	£49,993 towards the construction of 5 residential holiday units in Gloucestershire.
	£49,125 towards a barn conversion to create tourist accommodation in Gloucestershire.
	Priority 4 – Support for rural services
	£39,026 towards Bledington Community Shop in Oxfordshire.
	Priority 6 – Support for increasing forestry productivity
	£5,588 towards a charcoal retort for a forestry contracting business in Gloucestershire.
	£48,000 towards a Harvadig harvester for a forestry contracting business in Gloucestershire.

Supporting Paper(s):

Appendix 'A' - Targets vs Actuals

Appendix 'B' - Applications Map