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Groups are listed below by region. Please follow the links to an individual group’s website where you will be able to find information about their geographical coverage; their strategy and local priorities; how to apply for grants and also contact details.

If LEADER groups have any amendments/updates please contact your local Rural Development Team or email steve.gilson@defra.gsi.gov.uk

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LEADER LOCAL ACTION GROUP	WEBSITE
North West	
Cheshire East	www.cheshireleaderfund.co.uk/
Cumbria Fells and Dales	www.fellsanddales.org.uk
Lancashire North and Bowland	www.lancashire.gov.uk/business/finance-and-funding/rural-development-fund.aspx
Lancashire Pennine Moors	www.lancashire.gov.uk/business/finance-and-funding/rural-development-fund.aspx
Lancashire West	www.lancashire.gov.uk/business/finance-and-funding/rural-development-fund.aspx
Mersey Rural	www.liverpoollep.org/funding/eu-funding/rural/
Solway, Border and Eden	www.sbeleader.org.uk
West Cheshire and Warrington	www.cheshireleaderfund.co.uk/

LEADER LOCAL ACTION GROUP	WEBSITE
Yorkshire and North East	
Coast, Wolds, Wetlands & Waterways	www.ruralprogrammeseastyorkshire.co.uk/
Durham Coast and Lowlands	www.durham.gov.uk/article/6571/Durham-Coast-and-Lowlands-LEADER
East Peak	www.epip.org.uk/
North Pennine Dales	www.durham.gov.uk/article/6570/North-Pennine-Dales-LEADER
North York Moors Coast & Hills	www.moorscoastandhills.org.uk
Northern Lincolnshire	www.northlincs.gov.uk/jobs-business-regen/regeneration/leader-funding-programme/
Northumberland Coast and Lowlands	www.leadercoastandlowlands.org.uk
Northumberland Uplands	www.nuleader.eu

LEADER LOCAL ACTION GROUP	WEBSITE
South Pennines	www.southpenninesleader.co.uk
Yorkshire Dales	www.yorkshiredalesleader.co.uk
West Midlands	
Cotswolds	www.cotswoldsaonb.org.uk/leader
Forest and Tewkesbury Borough	www.forestandtewksleader.co.uk
Herefordshire	www.herefordshire.gov.uk/leader
North Warwickshire and Hinckley and Bosworth	www.englandsruralheart.org
Southern Shropshire	https://www.shropshire.gov.uk/southern-shropshire-leader-programme/

LEADER LOCAL ACTION GROUP	WEBSITE
Staffordshire	www.staffsleader.org.uk/
Worcestershire	www.business-central.co.uk/leader/
East Midlands	
Bolsover North East Derbyshire	www.bned-leader.co.uk
Coastal Action Zone	www.coastal-rdpe.co.uk
East Leicestershire	www.oakleaves.org.uk/east-leicestershire-leader.html
Kestevens	www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/kestevens
Lindsey Action Zone	www.lindseyactionzone.co.uk

LEADER LOCAL ACTION GROUP	WEBSITE
North and West Northamptonshire	www.leader-programme.org.uk/
North Nottinghamshire	www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/leadernorth
Peak	http://www.derbyshireeconomicpartnership.org.uk/rural-derbyshire/leader-in-the-peak/grants/default.asp
South Nottinghamshire	www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/leadersouth
Wash Fens	www.washfens-rdpe.co.uk/
East of England	
Beds and Hunts Claylands	http://bedsrcc.org.uk/bedfordshire-huntingdonshire-claylands-lag/
Brecks	www.norfolklags.co.uk

LEADER LOCAL ACTION GROUP	WEBSITE
Broads	www.norfolklags.co.uk
Cambridgeshire Fens	https://cambsfensleader.wordpress.com/
Eastern Plateau	www.easternplateau.org.uk
Essex Rivers	www.essexrivers.co.uk
Greensand Ridge	www.greensand.org.uk
Heritage Coast	https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/business-jobs-and-careers/funding-for-businesses-charities-and-projects/rural-development-funding/heritage-coast-leader-programme/
Rural Peterborough and Rutland	www.leaderfunding.co.uk
Waveney Valley	www.norfolklags.co.uk
Wensum and Coast	www.norfolklags.co.uk

LEADER LOCAL ACTION GROUP	WEBSITE
West Norfolk	www.norfolklags.co.uk
Wool Towns	https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/business-jobs-and-careers/funding-for-businesses-charities-and-projects/rural-development-funding/wool-towns-leader-programme/
South East	
Central Sussex	www.westsussex.gov.uk/doing_business/sustainable_business/the_rural_development-1.aspx
Chilterns	www.leader-programme.org.uk/chilterns
Clay Vales	www.leader-programme.org.uk/aylesbury-vale-milton-keynes
East Kent	https://www.leaderprogrammekent.org
Fieldfare	www.Fieldfareuk.org
Kent Downs and Marshes	https://www.leaderprogrammekent.org

LEADER LOCAL ACTION GROUP	WEBSITE
Loddon and Test	www.ruralfunding.co.uk
New Forest	www.newforestleader.org.uk/8573
Oxfordshire	www.oxfordshireleader.org.uk
Rural Surrey	www.ruralsurreyleader.org.uk
Sussex Downs and Coastal Plain	www.westsussex.gov.uk/doing_business/sustainable_business/the_rural_development-1.aspx
Wealden and Rother Rural Partnership	www.warrpartnership.org.uk/
West Kent	www.westkentleader.org.uk

LEADER LOCAL ACTION GROUP	WEBSITE
South West (non-Devon and Cornwall)	
Heart of Wessex	www.heartofwessex.co.uk
North Wessex Downs	www.northwessexleader.org.uk
Northern Dorset	www.dorsetleader.org.uk
Plain Action	www.plainaction.org.uk
Somerset Levels and Moors	www.somersetleader.org.uk
Southern Dorset	www.dorsetleader.org.uk
Vale Action	www.valeaction.org.uk

LEADER LOCAL ACTION GROUP	WEBSITE
West of England	www.westofenglandrdp.org.uk/
Western Somerset	www.somersetleader.org.uk
South West (Devon and Cornwall)	
Atlantic and Moor	www.localactioncornwall.co.uk
Coast to Coast	www.localactioncornwall.co.uk
Greater Dartmoor LEAF	http://drcompany.co.uk/local action groups/
Making It Local	www.makingitlocal.org
REAL Devon	www.realdevon.com

LEADER LOCAL ACTION GROUP	WEBSITE
South and East Cornwall	www.localactioncornwall.co.uk
South Devon Coastal	http://drcompany.co.uk/local action groups/
Torrige & North Devon	www.leader5.co.uk
West Cornwall	www.localactioncornwall.co.uk