

What Projects will be funded?

ALL Projects must:

- fit with the priorities for LEADER funding; and
- EITHER directly support the rural economy eg through creating jobs and/or developing micro and small sized rural businesses OR significantly contribute to improving the local rural economy eg by increasing visitors to a particular area or providing an essential rural service.

Projects must also:

- be located within the South Pennines LEADER area (please refer to the map on the LEADER website);
- be based on a clearly defined evidence of need;
- be financially viable;
- be environmentally, economically and socially sustainable;
- offer good value for money and clearly illustrate why public finance is essential.

In June 2018 South Pennines LEADER has:

- 5 expressions of interest
- 7 pipeline projects
- 9 contracted projects
- 3 completed projects

Contact the Programme Co-ordinator Sally Hinton or Programme Administrator Rachael Dilworth now to discuss your project and receive advice on making an application.

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2015-2020



LEADER in the South Pennines Newsletter June 2018

The South Pennines LEADER Programme started in 2015, and will end with all projects completed and final claims made by 31st December 2020.

The programme has a budget of £1,286,000. Over £200,000 is still available for projects which create jobs and stimulate economic growth in the following areas:

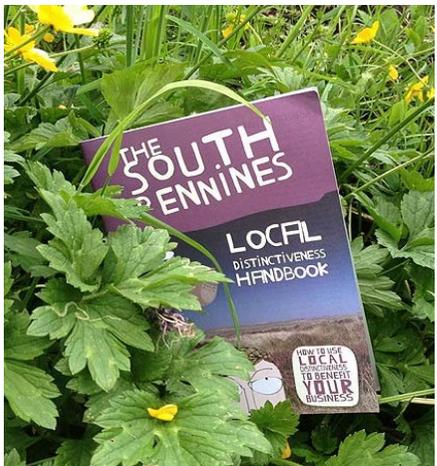
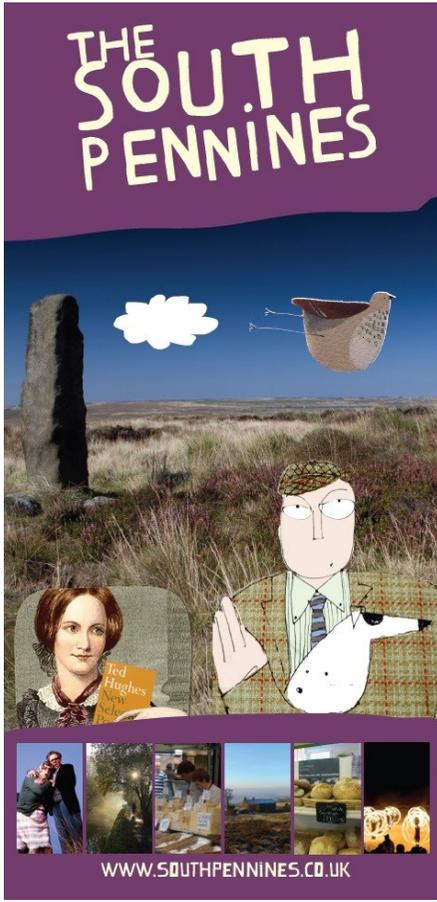
- **Support for increasing farm productivity;**
- **Support for micro and small enterprises and farm diversification;**
- **Support for rural tourism;**
- **Provision of rural services;**
- **Support for cultural and heritage activity;**
- **Support for increasing forestry**

South Pennines LEADER programme staff will support you through the process:-

- Background to LEADER grants and Pennine Prospects
- The criteria for projects and what expenditure is eligible for grant support
- Commentary on the suitability of your business idea and its chance of success in getting a LEADER grant
- An outline of the process and timescale
- The importance of cashflow, as the grant is paid in arrears
- Advice on developing your Expression of Interest
- Who does what and next steps (including ongoing support for any grant applications)

**Expressions of Interest are closing on
20th August 2018**

Contact the LEADER team about your project now!



Extensive forestry training now on offer at Holmfirth company thanks to a grant from South Pennines’ LEADER programme

A specialist independent land-based training provider for the forestry industry and beyond will be able to extend its training provision thanks to new hi-spec equipment.

T Kirk Forestry, of Holmfirth has taken delivery of a Valtra Tractor and a Junkkari Trailer. These have been purchased, in part, with the help of grant funding provided through the South Pennines’ LEADER programme, which is designed to boost local rural businesses.

Both pieces of equipment have been adapted for use in the forest to allow trainers to instruct professionals, from the land based industries using the most appropriate and up-to-date equipment.



our forestry machinery operations training.”

Cutting edge technology thanks to funding from South Pennines’

LEADER programme

Around 100 milking cows are benefiting from the new cow welfare equipment and milking parlour improvements at Far Wortshill Farm, Slaithwaite. This equipment has partly been funded through the South Pennines’ LEADER programme, managed by Pennine Prospects.



The farm has its own milk round and supplies

independent milkmen, as well as local coffee shops and farm shops.

Neil Brigg and his family moved onto Far Wortshill Farm in 1976 from their Lancashire farming roots. Now he’s delighted that his son, Sam, wants to follow in his footsteps and that of his great, great granddad.