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LEADER Local Action Group jumps through first hurdle

The LEADER Coast, Wolds, Wetlands & Waterways Local Action Group for East Yorkshire and North Yorkshire (Ryedale District & Scarborough Borough) has been successful in submitting a stage one application for LEADER funding under the new European LEADER funds 2007-2013.

The area covers parts of rural East Riding including Snaith & Cowick, Howden, Pocklington, most of the Wolds Way and Waterways, the East Yorkshire coastline (excluding Bridlington), Paull and Hedon. Also included is a section of North Yorkshire incorporating the Wolds Way and presents many opportunities for cross-border working.

The area covers a population of over 150,000 although the final geographical boundaries will be determined during the next stage, which is to submit a full Local Development Strategy by the summer 2008.

The themes of this new programme will be delivered primarily under Rural Heritage and Culture and will be linked to access to services and rural businesses.

If funding is successful following submission of the Local Development Strategy it is intended that the key elements for projects will typically cover rural economic community-focused activity around landscape (natural, cultural and biodiversity), built heritage, customs & traditions and arts & creative industries.

There will be opportunities for interested parties, organisations and members of the public to continue to be involved through further events and consultations.

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