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LEADER Funding Programme for Coast, Wolds, Wetlands and Waterways

A large area of East Yorkshire has been selected to go forward to the second round of a major new European Funding programme. The LEADER area of Coast, Wolds, Wetlands and Waterways covers an area from Norton and Scarborough in the north to Spurn Point and Snaith & Cowick in the south.

Three consultation events are being held across the area which will give more information about the programme and how individuals/organisations and local communities can be involved. Everyone is invited to attend one of the events which will be held on

Thursday 13 March at Far Grange Caravan Park, Skipsea
Monday 17 March at Playdale Farm Park, Killerby Grange, Cayton
Wednesday 19 March at Eastrington Village Hall

All events will be "drop in" from 4pm – 8pm with a formal presentation between 6.00pm and 7.30pm. Light refreshments will be served.

The aim of the LEADER programme is to help communities to improve the quality of life in rural areas by making make the most of their local heritage and cultural assets. The scheme will be managed by a Local Action Group which will be made up from members of the community.

The funding is being made available through the Rural Development Programme for England, which is jointly funded by Defra and the European Union, and is managed by Yorkshire Forward in the Yorkshire and Humber region.

Helen Wright, Manager of East Riding Policy and Partnerships commented "We are delighted that we have been chosen to go through to the second round, and we are looking forward to working with the communities to identify programmes of activity should we be successful in obtaining the funding."

LEADER funding will run for five years until 2013 and follows on from the successful LEADER+. The new LEADER aims to build on the successes achieved through this programme but to a new wider area.

The Coast, Wolds, Wetlands and Waterways area covers parts of East Riding of Yorkshire Council, North Yorkshire County Council, Ryedale District Council and Scarborough Borough Council and the authorities are working closely together to facilitate the writing of a Local Development Strategy

Further information about the events can be obtained by emailing dee.Mitchell@eastriding.gov.uk or telephoning 01759 306624.