

## **Rural Development Programme for England**

To date it appears that there has been a slow up take of grant funding available under the Rural Development Programme for England. The Agencies involved are keen for farmers and rural businesses to access this funding and it appears that they may now be broadening the criteria for grant funding and the amounts that they are prepared to offer.



The RDPE aims to support the following key areas:

1. Diversification
2. Renewable Energy
3. Adding value to agricultural, horticultural and forestry products
4. Co-operation within the development of new products
5. Improving the economic value of forests
6. Water resource management
7. Vocational training and skills

There is also funding available for local initiatives under the Leader Projects.

In some instances one or more of the above areas may be applicable. If you have got an idea for a new venture or expansion of an existing venture then we would be very happy to talk to you about whether funding could be obtained from the Rural Development Programme for England.

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