

*Western Somerset
Local Action for Rural Communities
using the Leader Approach*

We are looking to fund rural projects – large or small – that will provide lasting benefits and work towards a low carbon economy

If you have a project, an idea or an issue you would like to discuss we would like you to join us for some home made soup at lunchtime or an afternoon cream tea in the delightful and historic setting of Blackmore Farm, Cannington. Come along and learn more about this exciting programme at one of our **two sessions** being held on **Thursday 21st May 2009** - **from 12:30 to 2:00pm and from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm**

These sessions are being held to enable you to inform the Local Action Group about your plans, projects and aspirations. There will be an opportunity of meeting members of local Parish Clusters, together with members of the Federation of Small Businesses and the National Union of Farmers. There will also be someone on hand to advise farming businesses as to how they can benefit from RDPE (Rural Development Programme England) funding.

Please do not miss this great opportunity to learn how your ideas, scheme, project or business could benefit from this European fund and help towards making strong rural communities and economy.

Hear how we are progressing with our work on the investment programme within our local communities using the £2.25 million European funds allocated to Western Somerset. Expression of Interest forms for large scale projects will be available very shortly, as well as Application Forms for small grants (£1,000 - £10,000).

We know you are very busy but just 15 minutes at one of our sessions might prove very fruitful – and you get a soup lunch or afternoon tea! What have you got to lose? We hope that you will take the time to come and meet us.

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Further general information is available on line at quantockonline.co.uk

For directions to Blackmore Farm, please click on the following link: <http://maps.google.com/maps?client=safari&oe=UTF-8&ie=UTF8&cid=0,0,16023271081028064909&fb=1&split=1&dq=blackmore+farm,+cannington&daddr=Blackmore+Farm,+Blackmore+Ln,+Cannington,+Bridgwater,+TA5,+United+Kingdom&geocode=7439596299556008198,51.141498,-3.076551&ei=2OACSsyTEMvRjAeonPHjBA&t=h&z=16>

