



## NEWS March 2016

### **The WARR Partnership received over a hundred expressions of interest in first six months of new LEADER funding**

The WARR Partnership which was one of the first to launch the new LEADER Funding in October has as at 1<sup>st</sup> March 2016 seen over 110 expressions of interest and received 15 Outline Applications of which 12 have been invited to submit a Full Application. 4 have progressed through the competitive process to be awarded grants totalling £73,873.47; the WARR Partnership was the joint first group to award grants. The grants have assisted with the purchase of equipment for a new farm shop and café; machinery for a forester to extract timber from environmentally sensitive woodland; mobile sheep handling and performance monitoring to improve flock performance; expansion of a retail business into the production of wholesale pies, pasties, etc., using local produce.

Grants are mainly for capital items such as equipment and are for a maximum 40% of the cost. The minimum grant is £2,500 and the maximum £50,000. The funding is competitive, with a total of approximately £300,000 available each financial year.

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