ALL Projects:

• fit with the priorities for LEADER funding; and
• EITHER directly support the rural economy eg through creating jobs and/or developing micro and small sized rural businesses OR significantly contribute to improving the local rural economy eg by increasing visitors to a particular area or providing an essential rural service.

Projects are also:

• located within the South Pennines LEADER area
• based on a clearly defined evidence of need;
• financially viable;
• environmentally, economically and socially sustainable;
• offer good value for money and clearly illustrate why public finance is essential.

What Projects are being funded?

The South Pennines LEADER programme is now closed to new Expressions of Interest

Final grant claims must be completed by December 2019
Fanny’s Farmhouse Cheese have now received their final LEADER grant claim and have started to make goats cheese at their Riddlesden base. The project costs are connected with building works for the premises and the purchase of a 1,000 litres cheese-making vat. They are aiming to produce goats milk cheeses from locally sourced goats milk, destined for sales in the South Pennines including direct sales at farmers’ markets, and into cheese wholesalers. They plan to make three cheeses based on goats milk: Caerphilly, smoked Caerphilly and a cheddar style cheese infused with truffles.

We wish them every success!

Slaithwaite dairy farmer Neil Brigg’s is using technology in the milking parlour to keep his cows contented.

A dairy farm has benefitted from a South Pennines LEADER grant to fund Pedometers and other animal welfare equipment for their 100 strong dairy herd.

This helps Neil to tailor each cow’s feed and care to suit her individual needs, which in turn helps milk yield. In fact, thanks to cutting edge technology, he knows everything about them – from how far each cow has walked in the last 24 hours to how many litres of milk she’s produced this week.

Wilsden Village Hall have now completed installing their new heating system with the help of a grant from the South Pennines LEADER programme.

The project enabled the hall to install a modern efficient and flexible heating system along with loft insulation which will meet current specifications; reducing running costs, and improving the long-term sustainability of Wilsden Village Hall.

When fire engulfed Britain’s first farm shop, its owners could only watch in horror as decades of hard work went up in smoke. Now eight years after Hinchliffe’s Farm Shop and Restaurant, at Netherton, burned to the ground, work is about to start on a £2.5m project to build state-of-the-art premises, with the support of a LEADER grant.

Simon Hirst grandson of Charlie Hinchliffe who opened Britain’s first farmshop in 1974 said, the new building (pictured below) will be around twice as big as their current home and will be passed down through many more generations of the Hinchliffe family.

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