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Subject: £1.5 million still available for innovative projects in our area

Details for press release:

Do you have a project idea that is innovative and new? Is it going to help your community, environment or local economy? Are you looking for support and funding?

Leader 4 Torrridge and North Devon is a programme with funds to support projects and long-term action to improve the economy, environment and quality of life in our rural areas. We have already helped support a wide range of interesting projects, so why not see if your idea could become a reality?

We are looking for projects which are distinctive, innovative, involve partnership working, represent good value for money and leave a lasting legacy for Torrridge and North Devon. They also need to fit with Leader 4 objectives, which can be found at www.leader4.org

We would be particularly interested to hear from you if you have a project related to the conservation and understanding of our rural heritage, or perhaps have a community building from which you want to run a new essential service for the local area such as a community shop, or public IT facility.

Around £1.5 million is still unallocated and available for rural projects in North Devon and Torrridge. The grant funding comes from the Department for the Environment and Rural Affairs and the European Commission through the Rural Development Programme for England.

Our four objectives are:

- Objective 1. To Raise and Support Growth Aspirations of Rural Micro Businesses
- Objective 2. To Improve Access to Services and Employment in Deprived Rural Communities
- Objective 3. To Develop the Assets & Resources of the High Quality Environment as an Economic Driver
- Objective 4. To Improve the Environmental Performance of Communities and Businesses to Create a Low Carbon Economy

For further information on the programme, please check www.leader4.org or call 01237 426423

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