

Rural Development Programme for England/LEADER East Riding of Yorkshire and North Yorkshire

(Ryedale District and Scarborough Borough)
LEADER Local Action Group
Coast, Wolds, Wetlands & Waterways

Case Studies

Country Mile Project

All Funding Sources & Project Total

Funding source: RDPE LEADER CWWW - £51,046.74
To be Confirmed - £61,559.35

Total £112,606.09

Start Date: 19th May 2009

End Date: 31st December 2012

Lead Organisation: East Riding of Yorkshire Council

Location: LEADER Area wide Coverage

Location of Project Manager / Registered Office: HU17 9BA

Project Summary

The Country Mile Project will engage communities allowing them to take ownership of one of a series of existing identified verges of wildlife value, or other linear habitats within the LEADER CWWW area to help preserve, maintain and enhance their unique ecological and cultural value.

The Country Mile Project will have an initial focus on strengthening links between the areas of Ryedale District, Scarborough Borough, Howdenshire and Holderness and the areas of the East Riding of Yorkshire that were covered by the previous pilot Country Mile Project. This is crucial to ensure that the pilot can be widened in scope to these areas and a strong partnership can be formed to drive the Project forward to success. A project steering group will be established to ensure a strong Partnership approach and this will link into the East Riding and North Yorkshire Local Strategic Partnerships through relevant sub or task groups.

A project booklet will be produced to explain the Project, its aims, suggested tasks and training opportunities. The Project will also supply training and project management assistance to get groups Country Mile schemes underway. A programme of practical training in roadscape management skills (such as boundary maintenance, habitat management, road safety techniques) will be provided alongside practical volunteering at verge sites. A separate training programme for wildlife survey and monitoring techniques will to raise awareness of the unique natural



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heritage that these areas hold. This will allow groups to baseline their Country Mile site and monitor it in subsequent years.

Photos

Millington Dale

