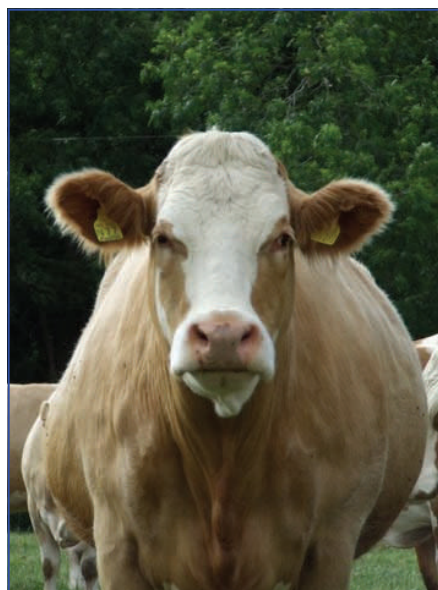


## RDP Newsletter - All Systems Are Go

The good news is that the Brecks and Waveney Valley LAGs are being signed off and Norfolk Coast & Broads will very shortly be signed off. At the forthcoming LAG meetings we will update you and start to explain the grant approval processes. We also want to consider the priorities and first round of projects for which we have the opportunity to put in initial expressions of interest by the end of this month!

**Pat Holtom, Chair of Waveney Valley** "This is really good news - I am delighted that this programme is now moving forward bringing some much needed funding into the Waveney Valley Area which will help support the economy as well as raising the profile of the area as a whole. The Waveney Valley has tremendous potential and this is an opportunity to develop a clear identity for it across both District and County boundaries and establish it as a coherent and distinctive area with both economic and environmental potential."



**Andrew Alston, Chairman of Norfolk Coast & Broads** "I am pleased that this money has come to our region and especially to Norfolk Coast and Broads. This is modulated money that Government has match funded and is available to the rural economy to improve efficiency and diversification. I particularly welcome the inclusion of water use and distribution as a major issue in the driest part of the country and this funding may start to solve some of our catchments' water resources problems."

**Ian Monson, Chairman of Brecks** "Securing this grant funding for the Brecks region means we have an opportunity to adapt to the harsh economic conditions we are now facing. The funding will allow us to continue to introduce green energy solutions and farm and forestry diversification techniques that will allow us to cope with both the economic and climatic challenges facing us today and tomorrow."



### Our First Deadline

Our first job is to outline in the form of a Delivery Plan the first year's projects for funding, and titles of projects for the following two years, this EEDA has asked us to submit to them on the 31<sup>st</sup> January 2009.

Therefore time for this is very short and to help us identify your most developed projects we are attaching a form that we would welcome to be completed by you or any eligible people who are interested and able to make an early start.

To help define the projects to be included in the first years implementation we are attaching an "Initial Project Ideas Form" to give an outline of the project. Also attached is a list of the parishes covered by each of the LAGs and a table showing LAG Actions related to the Measures. Please send the completed forms to: [richard.rampton@ruraladvice.co.uk](mailto:richard.rampton@ruraladvice.co.uk)

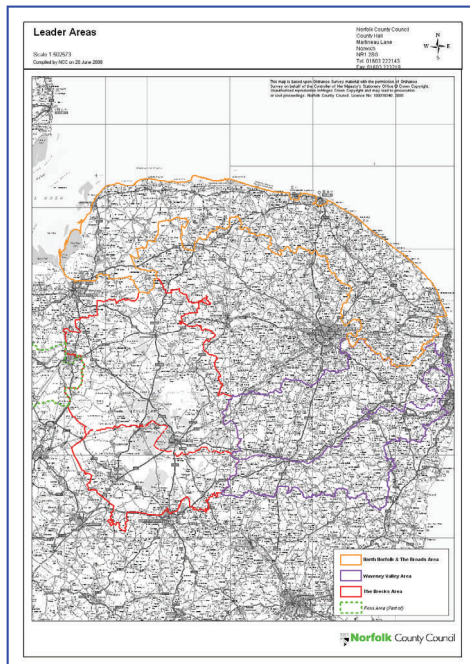
## Upcoming Meetings - Dates to Remember

LAG Partnership meetings will be held in January according to the following schedule:

13:30 on 15<sup>th</sup> January - Waveney Valley LAG Partnership at St. Gabriel's Conference Centre in Ditchingham, NR35 2DZ.

13:30 on 19<sup>th</sup> January - Norfolk Coast & Broads LAG Partnership at The Old Courthouse, Baron's Close in Fakenham, NR21 8BE.

13:30 on 20<sup>th</sup> January - Brecks LAG Partnership at BTO Chapel Room, The Nunnery, Thetford, IP24 2PU.



## Short Term Delivery

Later this year four new staff will be employed by Easton College, three to work as facilitators with you in your LAG areas (one based in each area) to help you prepare projects and support the LAG in its operation. In addition a Programme Manager, who will be based in NRBAS, will help co-ordinate the three LAGs and liaise with Norfolk County Council (The Accountable Body) and EEDA.

With Offer Letters being signed NRBAS and Norfolk County Council have pulled together a short term project implementation team. This team is being headed up by Richard Rampton. Richard has been working with NRBAS for 5 years and



many of you will know him and the value he will bring to the processes. Supporting Richard is Jason Borthwick of Earthly Ideas. Jason has been involved in Leader during the past year by first writing the Suffolk Coasts Expression of Interest and then in working for NRBAS to complete the Waveney Valley full application, and Paul Seggons (sorry no photo). Paul has been working on a range of EU projects in eastern Europe. His experience in project management and EU systems will be a great asset to the team.



We are also working on the job specifications for the core staff and hope to start advertising these posts shortly.