



# Central Warwickshire Villages LEADER

Bringing together rural communities in Warwick and Rugby

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**W**elcome to the first edition of a brand new bi-monthly newsletter, aimed at keeping you informed about the LEADER programme in Central Warwickshire.

We will also feature projects that have received LEADER support and include the work that is done by the Local Action Group in helping the rural parishes of Rugby and Warwick in Central Warwickshire.

## Funding for your community

The Central Warwickshire Villages LEADER programme aims to create a stronger sense of place and identity within the rural villages of central Warwickshire, by bringing people together to create stronger communities with a shared vision for the future.

£1.2 million is now available, for events and activities that encourage community cohesion and participation, over the next three years.

The LEADER programme supports projects under three broad categories:

- Events and activities that encourage communities to come together to create artworks and performance
- Communities wanting to develop their own local food production through community growing projects
- Developing links between communities and the land based industries

If you have a great idea and would like to know more about LEADER funding opportunities, please contact the Project Management Team.

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## Meet the Team

### Sally Gardner



Sally Gardner joined as LEADER Programme Manager in January 2010. She has worked in the voluntary/education sector for over 15 years managing European Funded programmes.

### Jen Roskilly

Jen Roskilly is the LEADER Animator (Community Engagement Officer) and started in February 2010. She has spent the last four years working with community groups and projects whilst completing her FdSc in Horticulture and BSc degree in Environmental Science.



## Introducing the Local Action Group

The Local Action Group (LAG) is the steering group for the programme with representation from the target rural communities and a range of other stakeholders active in the area. You can learn more about our volunteer LAG members on our website.

## LAG nominations

We will soon be coming up to nomination time!

If you feel that you have something to contribute to the Local Action Group and would like to join us, please contact the Programme Management Team to discuss the demands of this role and the possibility of getting involved.



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## LEADER has supported its first project ...

### MONKS KIRBY ARTS FESTIVAL



With support from LEADER, the village of Monks Kirby is hosting its very own Arts Fest, bringing an assortment of musicians and activities for all ages and musical tastes, to its residents and visitors. The 'celebration of all the arts' event will take place in and around Monks Kirby church, between May 13<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> 2010.

The project hopes to encourage greater participation and community engagement in village life, through their event. Offering village residents and visitors the opportunity to sample the talents of local artists and craftspeople, whilst helping to support the village's key heritage building, by raising more funds for the restoration project of Monk's Kirby's Priory Church of St Edith.

All are welcome to come along to this fantastic local event.

Details on how to get your hands on tickets and information on activities and performances can be found on their website: [www.arts-fest.co.uk](http://www.arts-fest.co.uk)

### Forum News

LEADER hosted a Match Make Fair at Garden Organic, Ryton on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> March 7- 9 pm. It was a great success, with many new faces. The Programme Management Team and Local Action Group would like to say a big thank you to all who attended and to those individuals seeking funding through LEADER who shared their ideas and experiences during our 'sixty-second' sound bites.

Following on from the *Match Make Fair*, we will be hosting our next Forum and AGM on 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2010 at Binley Woods Primary School. This will provide another opportunity for you to meet, greet and communicate with other projects and funding experts. We will also be showcasing current LEADER projects and repeating our legendary 'sixty-second' sound bites!

If you are interested in having a stand or pitching a project idea at this next event, please contact the Programme Team.

