



## Local Action Group Membership

We are coming up to nomination time again and are looking for up to **5 individual representatives** to join our Local Action Group (LAG). If you feel that you have something to contribute and would like to find out more about this voluntary role, please contact the Central Warwickshire Villages LEADER Programme Team.

Elections will be held at the Forum AGM and Project Fair on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2010 (6pm-9pm) at Binley Woods Primary School.

### What is the LAG?

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. It serves to ensure that the Central Warwickshire LEADER programme delivers the local development strategy (LDS) and its themes. The LAG is also responsible for making grant awards for the programme.

Membership of the LAG is approved or elected by the **Central Warwickshire Villages LEADER Forum**, an open broad-based and inclusive group of interested parties from across the programme area. The LAG reports to the Forum at open public meetings twice annually. The Forum will hold the LAG to account for the delivery of the programme and has the power to elect up to **five individual representatives** onto the LAG at the AGM of the Central Warwickshire Villages LEADER programme where necessary and if appropriate.

## What's it like to be a LAG member?

"A LAG member has a duty to ensure that the LAG works effectively and legally within the rules. This is not to say that there is no scope for individuality, indeed when looking at Expressions of Interest and Applications, it is vital that individual views are expressed, discussed and acted on. As a representative of Rural Communities I can look at these differently, not ignoring but seeking out the core elements of an application that I believe are crucial to its success, its contribution to community and its overall impact on LEADER. OK there are meetings, usually monthly and evenings. Applications need reading beforehand, but there is variety and creativity. I do not see this as a chore but as a contribution I can make to Warwickshire, and in particular the projects and villages involved. If you want to do your bit this is a good way to do it!"

*Mike Dutton LAG member*

If you are interested in becoming a LAG member please contact the Programme Management Team on 024 7621 7741 or email [leader@gardenorganic.org.uk](mailto:leader@gardenorganic.org.uk)

