



Partner Search by Central Warwickshire Villages Local Action Group for Inter Territorial & Transnational Partners for Cooperation actions.

Subject: Partner-search in relation to MEASURE 421 – Implementing Cooperation projects. Looking for partners across all EU countries.

LAG: Central Warwickshire Villages;. Region: West Midlands; Country: United Kingdom

Central Warwickshire Villages LAG area comprises 55 parishes (rural communes) spread over an area of 546 square kilometres, with a total population of 52,000. The area is a pastoral landscape traversed by canals, bridleways and footpaths providing important recreational networks for visitors and residents alike. Agriculture in the area is predominately large scale arable farming with some cattle grazing. It is quite well wooded with some large ancient woodlands of high nature conservation value in the area. We benefit from a temperate climate.

There are four small towns in the LAG area and a major city adjacent though these are not eligible or part of our LEADER programme. However, residents often rely on them for many services which are no longer provided in the villages themselves. Public transport to the villages is very limited. The area hosts some key national organisations who are partners in the programme, e.g. Garden Organic with their expertise in research and promotion of organic and sustainable gardening and farming, and the preservation of heritage varieties. The National Agricultural Centre at Stoneleigh Park also offers a hub of rural excellence for the transfer of knowledge and communication of information, initiatives and best practice. In addition local and community food is actively being developed in and around the town of Leamington Spa.

Our Priorities

Central Warwickshire Villages LEADER aims to create a strong sense of place and to promote sustainable and inclusive communities within the villages of central Warwickshire. One of its key priorities is bringing together those who have always lived in the area and incomers or migrants; young and old, to create, celebrate and redefine their rural culture and heritage.

Partner Search Criteria

Central Warwickshire Villages LAG are interested in creating strong cooperation partnerships with similar LAGs who are supporting either:

Community art events and village activities as a means of enhancing a sense of place and bringing communities together.

Community-growing activities, in particular the development of local food production led by community participation.



Activities that link communities to land based industries, such as skills share between farmers and school children.

As we are new to LEADER we would welcome contacts from more experienced LAGs willing to share good practice.

Some potential areas for cooperation might be:

Cooperation around Community Arts & Events

- Community Theatre
- Taking the arts to rural communities
- Waterways Festival
- Rural Arts Youth Schemes

Cooperation around Community Growing

- Community Orchards
- Community managed farms
- Local Food Festivals
- Making local food supply schemes economically viable

Cooperation around linking land based industries to rural communities

- Open Countryside Days
- Schools Farmers Markets
- Farmer Training Opportunities

We are still open to new ideas, suggestions and cooperation themes concerning activities such as these. Our preferred working language is English though members of our LAG can communicate in French, German, Swedish, Danish and Spanish.

We very much look forward to hearing from you!

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