



East of England **Development** Agency



Rural Development Programme England

The Rural Development Programme for England (RDPE) is a rural investment programme part-financed by the European Commission and the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra).

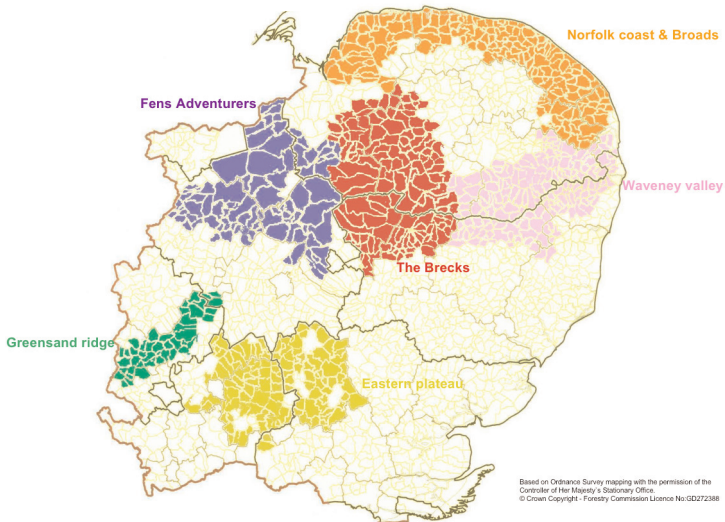
It's aim is to improve the competitiveness of the agricultural sector by assisting rural communities and businesses across the East of England (Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire, Essex, Hertfordshire, Norfolk and Suffolk). RDPE is jointly delivered by EEDA, the Forestry Commission and Natural England and around £65million has been allocated to our region.



Funding is focused on a set of seven themes that will help address the issues that the region's rural areas face. They are: business efficiency, new markets and products, new businesses in the rural economy, resource protection, conservation of the natural built and historic environment, access and recreation, rural community capacity.

RDPE Local Action Groups

Around £25 million of the total allocation of RDPE funding is allocated to the Leader approach. This is for projects where local action groups (LAG's) decide and agree their own priorities and needs.



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Leader approach and Local Action Groups (LAG's)

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Renewable energy, anaerobic digestion, managing water resources, adding value to arable crops

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Linking tourism with the environment

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The European Agricultural
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Woodfuel East


Location: Woodlands in the East of England

Aim of Project: to increase low-carbon energy production in the East of England by encouraging the use sustainable and locally grown wood chips to provide heating and hot water. It will help cut carbon emissions by at least 75,000 tones per year.

Partnership working: 25 organisations from across the region co-ordinated by the Forestry Commission

RDPE contribution: £4.3 million




A man with light brown hair, wearing a dark blue suit, white shirt, and blue tie, is smiling. He is standing in front of a building with light-colored horizontal siding and dark green shutters. The image is partially obscured by a vertical blue and green gradient bar on the right side.

Radwinter Wild Game Processing Plant

Location: Radwinter, near Saffron Walden, Essex

Aim of Project: to process and prepare 'oven-ready' game generated from game shooting activities for the public and catering trade

RDPE contribution: £96,000

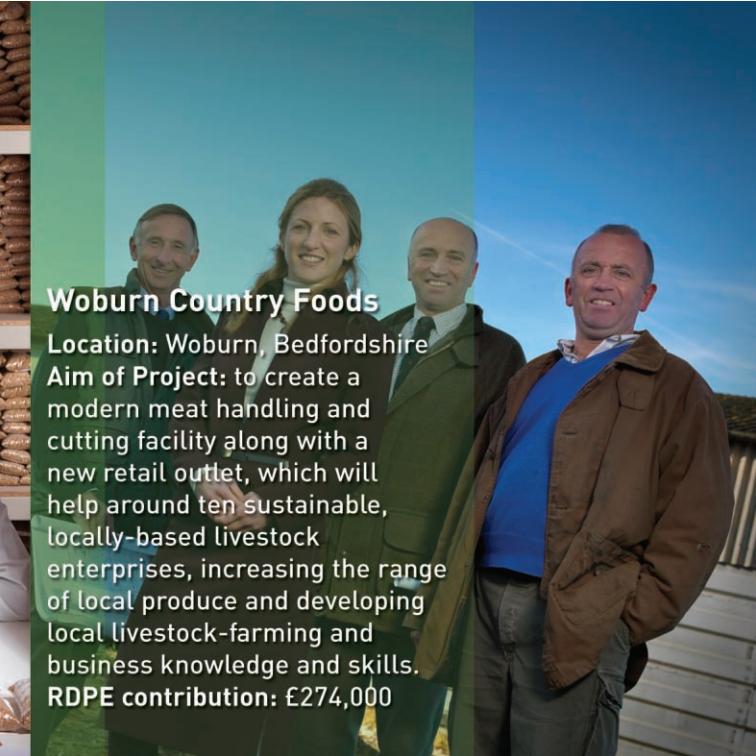
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Camgrain

Location: Linton, Cambridgeshire
Aim of Project: to ensure that the East of England's food and drink sectors remain competitive on a regional and global scale by processing locally grown combinable crops such as milling wheat and malting barley into high-grade food ingredients using new, state-of-the-art clean technology. It will save around 360 tonnes of carbon which is expected to rise to 1000 tonnes per year following completion of the project.

RDPE contribution: £4 million



A photograph of four people (three men and one woman) standing outdoors in front of a building. The image is partially obscured by a semi-transparent green overlay on the left side, which contains text. The background shows a clear blue sky and a building with a corrugated metal roof.

Woburn Country Foods

Location: Woburn, Bedfordshire

Aim of Project: to create a modern meat handling and cutting facility along with a new retail outlet, which will help around ten sustainable, locally-based livestock enterprises, increasing the range of local produce and developing local livestock-farming and business knowledge and skills.

RDPE contribution: £274,000