







LEADER Funded Projects - Heritage Coast


Theme: Farm Productivity / Food Processing and Marketing	
 	<p>DC Williamson Ltd, based in the Tendring, Essex area of the Heritage Coast LAG, are a fruit grower and juice and puree manufacturer. The business has been established for 15 years and they produce fruit juices for several well-known drinks brands. They applied for a grant towards the purchase of two new pieces of equipment to enable them to create clarified fruit juices for their customers and new freezer units to enable them to blast freeze fruit and increase their capacity to cope with increased demand for their products. It will also help them increase their productivity due to the new machinery providing a higher yield from the fruit used. A further benefit of the project is that DC Williamson have also now started up their own fruit juice brand.</p> <p>'This new Juice process line has been a great step forward with many business now placing orders. These orders have come in from a completely new area of the beverage industry. Without this grant these new areas would have been out of our reach' said Craig Williamson</p> <p>Website: www.dcwilliamson.co.uk</p>
	<p>The project will create 3 new full-time jobs, 4 new techniques and it is expected that there will be a new product range consisting of 8 clarified juice flavours.</p>
	<p>The project was awarded a LEADER grant of £70,359.16</p>


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	<p>HD Cobbald and Sons are farmers based in Little Bentley, Essex. They applied for a small grant towards the purchase of GPS Mapping Equipment and Software for their agricultural vehicles. The equipment will enable them to improve efficiency and productivity through better information and data to assist with crop planting and growing decisions.</p>
	<p>The project was awarded a LEADER grant of £5,705</p>


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	<p>The Wild Meat Company are based in Blaxhall, Suffolk and they source and sell game & wild meat including venison, game birds, rabbit and even squirrel from farms and estates in the East Suffolk and deliver it to your door, as well as several butchers and supermarkets in Suffolk. They applied for a grant towards the purchase of new equipment to assist them to make the business more efficient and effective through the creation of a bespoke cutting, wrapping, labelling and branding service, which will help the business grow further.</p> <p>Website: www.wildmeat.co.uk</p>
	<p>The project will create 2.5 new full time jobs</p>
	<p>The project was awarded a LEADER grant of £34,916</p>

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	<p>JD & FW Eagle are farmers who have diversified into a new and little-known crop to the UK, Sea Buckthorn. This is a berry that is used primarily in health foods but also has wider uses and is currently very popular with Michelin starred chefs.</p>
	<p>They applied for a grant towards processing and harvesting equipment so that they can process, supply and market the product. As well as supplying just the whole berries they also are going to develop a number of new products such as juice and tea.</p>
	<p>The project will create 2 new full-time jobs.</p> <p>The project was awarded a grant of £14,663.20</p>


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	<p>Manor Farm is an arable farm business who are diversifying the use of their land and applied for a grant towards a trickle irrigation system that will enable them to grow Christmas trees.</p>
	<p>The project mean a saving of water over 144 Hectares of land and will enable the farm to improve its financial sustainability.</p>
	<p>The project was awarded a grant of £57,334.35</p>


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	<p>J Robinson & Sons are arable farmers based in the South of Suffolk.</p>
	<p>They applied for a grant towards a Mzuri Pro-Til 3T Direct Drill in order to reduce fuel and repair costs as well as benefitting the environment through reduced water usage and a reduction in CO2 and improved soil health. The project should contribute to greater financial sustainability for the farm business.</p>
	<p>The project outputs are focused on reduced water usage over 228 hectares of land</p> <p>The project was awarded a grant of £18,400.00</p>


Theme: SME's & Farm Diversifications	
	<p>BL & JE Mitchell & Sons run a mixed arable and livestock farm rearing beef cattle. They make their own burgers and chips using the produce they rear and grow. They have one small catering trailer that attends fairs and private events currently but are looking to expand this side of the business and require a much larger catering trailer to do larger events.</p>
	<p>They applied for a grant towards the purchase of a new catering trailer to be able sell their products directly at events and shows as they have found this to be the most profitable way and thus it helps with the farms financial sustainability.</p>
	<p>The project will create 1 new full-time equivalent job</p> <p>The project was awarded a grant of £13,890.80</p>



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	F S Watts & Son are arable farmers based in the Suffolk Coastal area.
	They applied for a grant towards a Mzuri Pro-Til 6T direct drill. The drill will reduce the cost of fuel and inputs for the farm contributing to greater financial sustainability. The drill will reduce water usage on the farm and improve soil health.
	The project was awarded a grant of £48,461.24


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	Stokes Sauces are a manufacturer of sauces, mayonnaises and condiments based in Rendlesham, Suffolk that started in 2004 and now produce over 50 products.
	They applied for a grant towards a new cooking and bottling line in order to aid their continued expansion into new markets. The new line will utilise technologies that shorten the period of time taken to make the product significantly increasing their productivity.
	Website: http://www.stokessauces.co.uk/
	The project will create 15.6 full time jobs over a three-year period.
	The project was awarded a grant of £174,991.31


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	Seascape Brightlingsea run the Batemans Tower Café on the Promenade in Brightlingsea. They applied for a grant towards the development of a new, two storey café to replace the current café which is situated in a small wooden hut. The new café will enable them to grow the business as the level of trade has meant they have outgrown the current premises.
	The project will create 7 new full-time equivalent jobs.
	The project was awarded a grant of £112,000 (40% of the total project cost of £280,000)


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	Walnes Seeds are an independent agricultural seed specialist and merchant based in Earl Soham, Suffolk.
	The business is growing, and they had insufficient space at their current location. They applied for a grant towards a building extension to create a new laboratory and office space. This will enable them to take advantage of growth opportunities as well as bringing a subsidiary company under the same roof into a purpose-built laboratory. This will enable the company to grow the seed sales side of the business.
	Website: https://www.walnesseeds.com/
	The project will create 2.5 new full-time jobs
	The project was awarded a grant of £42,400.00

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	Colston Hall is a rural tourism accommodation provider based in Badingham, Suffolk that offers B&B and self-catering holiday cottages.
	They applied for a grant to convert a disused building into an additional three bed holiday cottage.
	Website: http://www.colstonhall.com/
	The project will create the equivalent of 1.5 full time jobs across a range of part time roles. The additional cottages are expected to enable the application to increase their number of overnight visits by 2,872 over a 3-year period.
	The project was awarded a grant of £32,120

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 	Honeysuckle Holidays is a start-up tourist accommodation business in the Mid Suffolk District Council area. The accommodation is in shepherd huts that are hand built by the applicant.
	They applied for a grant to fund the materials needed to build 8 shepherd huts and the associated infrastructure (e.g. water and electrical connections).
	Website: http://honeysuckleholidays.co.uk/
	The project will create the equivalent of 2.44 full time jobs across a range of roles including a job for the applicant. The applicant is expecting to have achieved 2,853 overnight stays during the first 3 years of business.
	The project was awarded a grant of £54,112.28


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	WL King is a start-up tourist accommodation business based in Little Bentley. They applied for a grant to fund the development of their tourist accommodation business, specifically the build and installation of 3 log cabins, 3 treehouses and an activity centre.
	The project will create 2.3 full time equivalent jobs.
	The project is expected to serve 2,419 overnight visitors over the next 3 years.
	The project was awarded a grant of £109,906.40 (40% of the total project cost of £274,766)


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	Pettwood Holiday Lets is a start-up tourist accommodation business on the Shotley Peninsula.
	They applied for a grant to fund the conversion of two disused buildings into two 2-bedroom holiday cottages.
	The project will create a job for the applicant as well as some part time work involved in maintaining the accommodation.
	The project is expected to serve 1,516 overnight visitors over the next 3 years.
	The project was awarded a grant of £35,304.00

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	<p>Turner-Mann Enterprises is a start-up tourist accommodation business in Knodishall offering bed and breakfast.</p> <p>They applied for a grant to refurbish several rooms into good quality tourist accommodation.</p>
	<p>Website: https://manorfarmknodishall.com/</p>
	<p>They project is creating 1 job for the applicant as well as a further part time job involved in maintaining the accommodation.</p> <p>The applicant is hoping to have achieved 2,799 overnight visits during the first three years of business.</p>
	<p>The project was awarded a grant of £11,010.06</p>

Theme: Forestry	
	<p>Collins Farming and Forestry Services Ltd are a farm and forestry contracting business who are introducing a new coppicing and contract wood chipping service.</p>
	<p>They applied for a grant towards three items of forestry equipment as part of this business expansion project. The applicant hopes to have positive environmental benefits through better woodland management and through the creation of biomass fuel.</p>
	<p>Website: https://www.collinsfarmingandforestry.co.uk/</p>
	<p>The project is creating 0.8 FTE</p> <p>The project was awarded a grant of £21,515.20</p>

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	<p>Easton Park farm is a tourist destination located by the river Deben in Easton, Suffolk. People visit the farm to see the animals and attend various activities and events including; pony rides, train rides, hug a bunny, egg collecting, meet the animals and meet the Suffolk Punch horse. The Park also has a café on site which serves hot food and a gift shop. Currently the facility offers accommodation including; caravan club, two holiday cottages, and two cow sheds.</p>
	<p>They have applied for a grant to create a 70-pitch campsite along with facilities including showers, toilets and will develop a retail space for guests and the local community. The applicant hopes the project will attract more visitors to the site with the aim of making the facility more sustainable.</p>
	<p>Website: http://www.eastonfarmpark.co.uk/</p>
	<p>The project will create 4 full time equivalent jobs.</p> <p>The project is expected to increase the number of day visitors by an additional 4,440 and the number of overnight visitors by 44,397 within a 3-year period.</p> <p>The project was awarded a grant of £120,006.97</p>

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Lampits Farms Limited 	Lampits Farms Limited operates 500 hectares of owned crop farmland and a further 130 hectares of land farmed under two contract farming agreements.
	The project will involve the purchase of a Sky: Easy Drill HD 600 to introduce a new technique to improve the performance of the farm, as the Easy Drill will provide an innovative method allowing the business to undertake no-till farming which will save the applicant time, fuel costs and will improve the quality of the soil.
	The outputs show that the project is expected to increase the area concerned with investments for water saving by 800 Ha over 3 years.
	The project was awarded a grant of £30,097.20

Theme: SME's & Farm Diversifications	
B & J Hull 	B & J Hull is a free-range egg producer located near Eye in Suffolk.
	The project will involve the purchase of an Egg Vending Machine to allow the applicant to sell eggs directly from the farm. The Egg Vending Machine will provide an alternative method of selling other than through a purchaser, with the expectation of increasing sales.
	The project is expected to create the equivalent of 1 FTE within 2 years with 0.5 FTE being created within the first year and 0.5 FTE being created within the 2 nd year.
	The project was awarded a grant of £6,492.58

Theme: SME Support	
Tendring Pet Cremation Limited	Tendring Pet Cremation Limited is a new business, aiming to create a Pet Crematorium located at Dickley Hall, Mistley in Essex.
	They have applied for a grant towards the creation of a reception centre and Pet Cremation Equipment for both domestic pets and equine animals. The intention of the project is to diversify away from agricultural farming to set up a new rural business by utilising the existing farm premises and working with other local businesses.
	The project will create 1.5 FTEs within 2 years by creating roles for the applicants to run the business.
	The project was awarded a grant of £31,733.59