

## **LEADER Programme Priorities;**

1. **Support for increasing farm productivity** – These grants support a wide range of farm investments. They are particularly for businesses that want to invest in innovative practices and new technologies to help them become more sustainable and productive
2. **Support for micro and small enterprises and farm diversification** – Grants provided for developing or starting a micro or small business and farm diversification projects.
3. **Support for rural tourism**- Grants for projects or businesses that develop high quality visitor products and services that link tourism providers, extend the tourism season and encourage visitors to stay.
4. **Provision of rural services** – Support to alleviate some of the difficulties faced by rural communities, particularly the lack of access to services and the provision of infrastructure. Projects should make a contribution to growing the local economy.
5. **Support for cultural and heritage activity**- Promotion, enhancement and maintenance of cultural heritage and events where this creates a sense of local identity through raised awareness of their importance and/or helps protect heritage features against damage and decay.
6. **Support for increasing forestry production** – Grants to deliver permanent supply chains and jobs that, at the same time, restore regular management to local woods and encourage a greater degree of added value to timber output.

**The priorities underpin all three LEADER areas in Kent.**