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Please note that although we have included link to websites (where known) some of these are currently in the process of being updated and developed. Please be patient whilst these evolve.

Groups are listed below regionally to correspond with the area coverage of RPA’s Rural Delivery Team. If LEADER groups have any amendments/updates please contact your local Rural Development Team or email steve.gilson@defra.gsi.gov.uk

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