

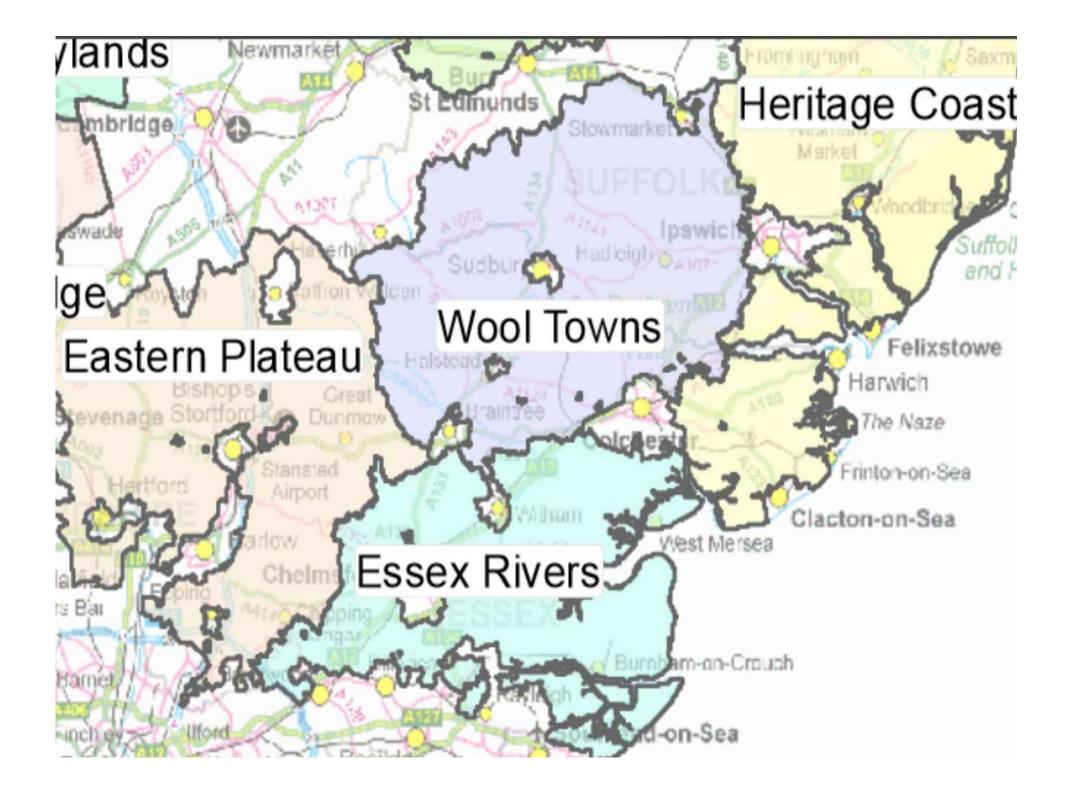


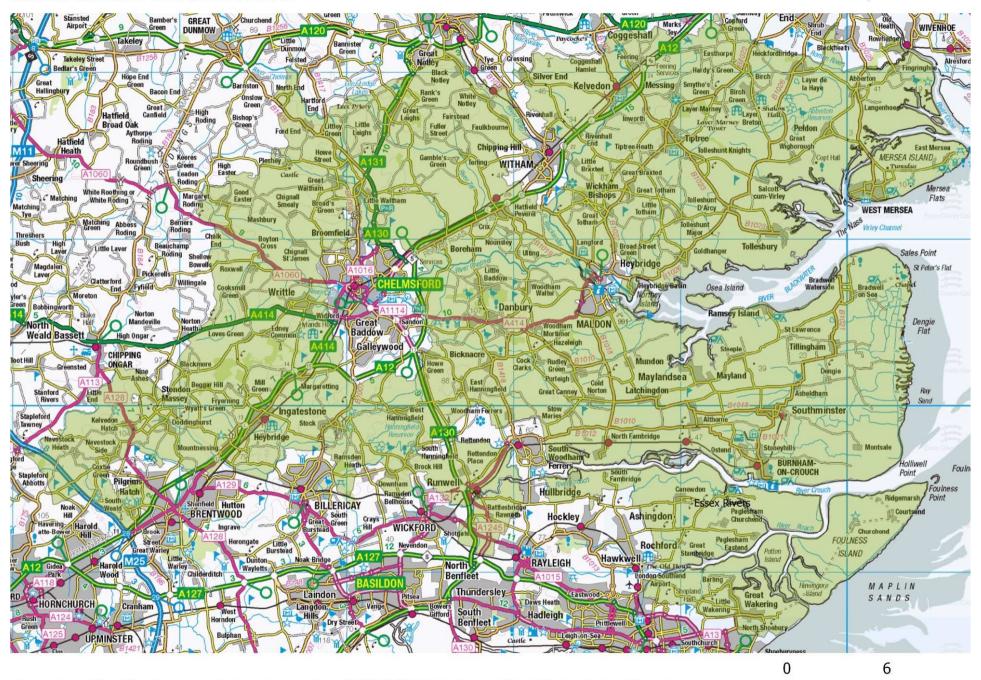
§ LEADER – an EU grant for rural areas

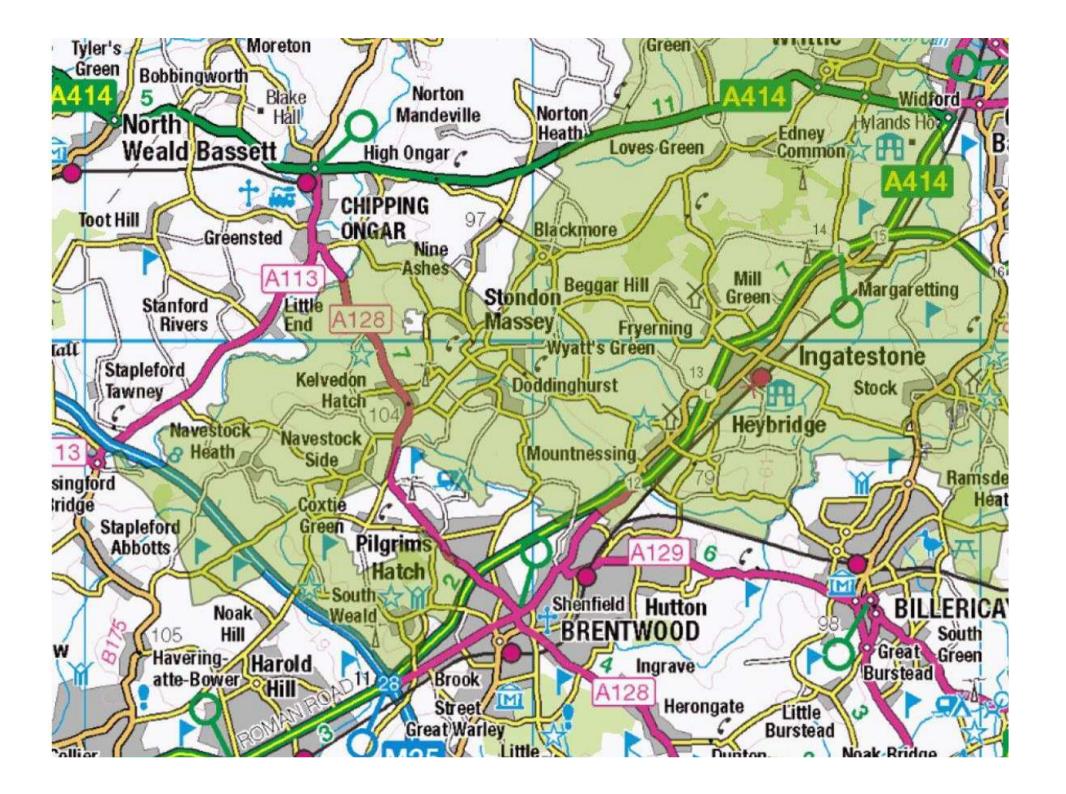
§ £1.8 million for Essex Rivers

§ Managed by Local Action Groups (LAGs)

S Aim: To allocate grant funding to enable growth and jobs in the rural economy











- §£1.8million
- § 5 years (2014 − 2020)
- §£10,000 minimum grant
- § Up to 40% of project funded
- § Minimum project value £25,000
- § Maximum grant £100,000





Essex Rivers Vision:

Working to deliver innovation and sustainable employment opportunities by supporting those who live and work in the area so that the local rural community thrives.





- 1. Grow rural small and micro businesses to increase employment
- 2. Develop the rural tourism offer
- 3. Develop the market for added value local food and drink
- 4. Build on the area's high quality and diverse nature assets to promote visitor spend in the economy
- 5. Develop a clear identity for the rural assets of the area to attract visitors and investment

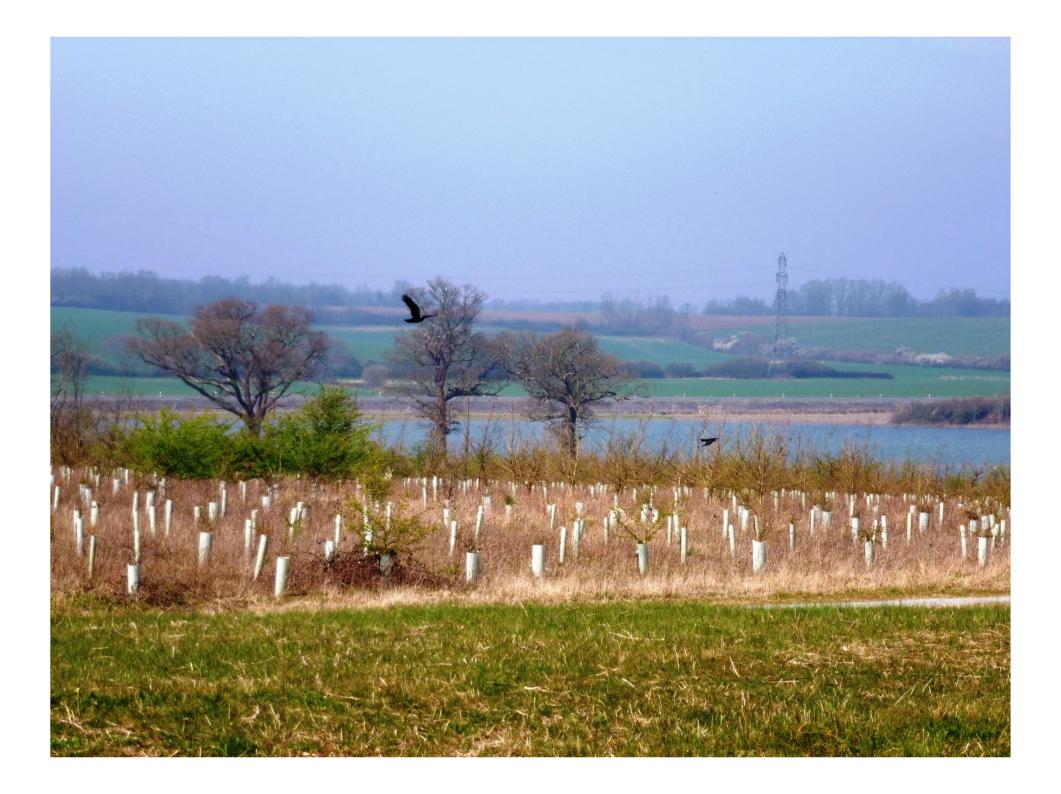




Who can apply?

- In the LAG area
- Farmers, producers, foresters, rural businesses, rural communities
- Private organisations
- Public organisations
- Voluntary organisations
- Legal entity











SPearce's Farm Shop, Tea Room and Kitchen development

§Holmansbridge Farm Shop

Stubbs Copse Woodyard

SAndwells Micro Brewery





Application Process

- Contact Beverly Davies at RCCE 01376 574330
- Handbook: www.essexrivers.co.uk
- Outline Application
- Full Application
- LAG meets to decide which projects to fund



