

# WILTSHIRE AND SWINDON RURAL RENAISSANCE

## POSITION STATEMENT

MARCH 2007

The Wiltshire and Swindon Rural Renaissance and Modernising Rural Delivery (MRD) programmes are now fully committed for large scale, long term projects and will not be seeking further applications for this type of activity.

The Partnership has funded many successful projects which have made a positive contribution to the economic prosperity and sustainability of the rural areas of Wiltshire and Swindon.

The Partnership has supported over 40 Rural Renaissance Projects and 15 MRD Projects worth over £2.5 million South West Regional Development Agency investment. Both programmes are being delivered in partnership with a wide range of public, voluntary and community sector organisations.

### **SMALL PROJECT FUND**

The Wiltshire and Swindon Rural Regeneration Partnership has recently launched a 'Small Projects Fund', which will invest smaller amounts of funding in short, focussed projects, led by smaller groups and organisations.

The Small Projects Fund will offer one-off investment payments of between £5000 (minimum) and £15,000 (maximum) to projects which provide clear and tangible socio-economic benefits in the rural economy and communities of Wiltshire and Swindon.

Projects should seek to spend their funding and complete their activity by 31<sup>st</sup> March 2008.

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