

 **The Marches**
Local Enterprise Partnership
Herefordshire - Shropshire - Telford & Wrekin

Another eight projects are currently in the pipeline and will be promoted via the Marches Growth Hub as they go live. Across the Marches we have been working with partners to ensure that projects are approved to meet both the financial and outputs targets set by Government.

A person is running on a path during sunset. The image is heavily blurred, conveying a sense of motion. The sky and ground are bathed in a warm, golden-orange light from the setting sun. The runner's legs and feet are in motion, with the background and foreground appearing as streaks of light and color.



See table below

Information on live projects is below and further information on each is available at <http://www.marchesgrowthhub.co.uk> or please call 0345 6000 727 to be put in touch with each scheme.

£3.5m of EU funding unveiled for tourism and food sector in the Marches

FUNDING STREAMS worth £3.5m to boost the tourism and the food processing industries in the Marches have been announced.

The latest round of Tourism Growth Programme funding from the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD), administered by DEFRA, will see £1m available to develop visitor attractions, tourist information, and recreational and small scale infrastructure projects including holiday accommodation.

£2.5m has been allocated to grow and enhance the food and drink sector by supporting micro, small and medium-sized food producers and processors looking to expand and create jobs.

Tourism in the Marches, which takes in the Wye Valley and Shropshire Hills and heritage assets such as Ironbridge Gorge, a World

Heritage Site, generates around £856 million into the economy every year and employs 33,000 people.

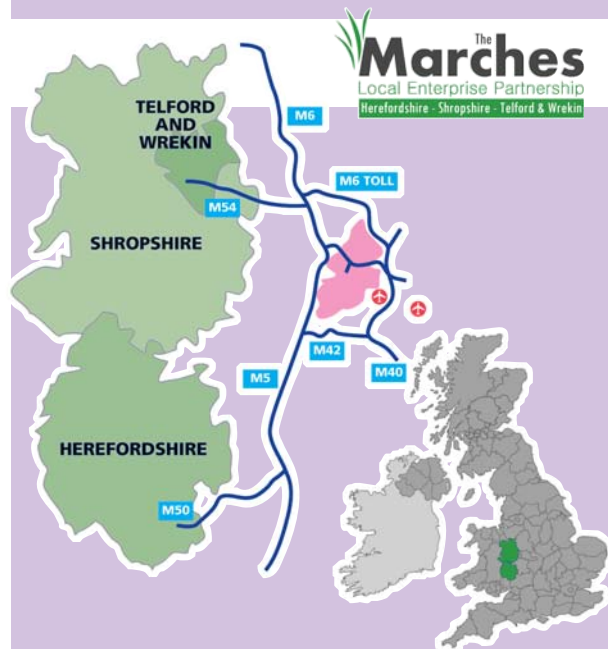
Agriculture and food production has already been identified as highly important to the local economy in the Marches Local Enterprise Partnership ESIF strategy.

Roger Phillips, Chairman of the Marches ESIF Committee, from the Marches Local Enterprise Partnership said: "Tourism and food manufacturing are both very important sectors in the Marches that are thriving. Growth in both these industries will help us build a sustainable economy."

"The region currently has a diverse offer to visitors and the new funding will enable us to develop an improved year round offer to them as well as enhance the range and quality of rural tourism products.

"Investment in the food and drink sector through infrastructure, equipment and machinery will create jobs and support supply chains that will in turn boost our economy."

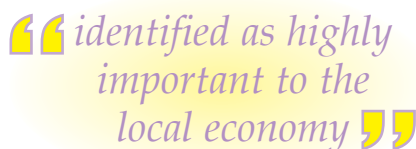
Details are available by following the below link: <http://www.marcheslep.org.uk/3-5m-eu-funding-unveiled-tourism-food-sector-marches/>



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