



The Northern Ireland Rural Development Programme 2014-2020

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Derry and Strabane Rural Partnership was established in 2015 to deliver the LEADER elements (Priority 6) of the Northern Ireland Rural Development Programme. LEADER is a European Community initiative for assisting rural communities in improving the quality of life and economic prosperity in their local area.

The Derry and Strabane Rural Partnership has been allocated a budget of £7.54m to deliver the following funding schemes:

- Rural Business Investment Scheme
- Rural Basic Services Scheme
- Rural Village Renewal Scheme
- Rural Cooperation Scheme

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Scheme: Rural Business Investment Scheme
Applicant: Oakfire Adventures
Project: Zip Trekking
Grant: £50,000

Aim of Project:

To provide a new Zip Trekking facility at Oakfire Adventures aimed at supporting business and tourism growth.

Summary of Project :

The Zip Trekking facility, the first of its kind on island of Ireland, includes the construction of four ziplines crossing the River Faughan, ranging from 235 metres to 550 metres, specially designed to reduce the noise impact in this Special Area of Conservation.

Impact of Project:

Oakfire Adventures has increased its visitor numbers by 50% thanks to the success of the Zip Trekking facility. It's an inclusive and exciting activity which is attractive to tourists, family groups, community groups and schools, and it has brought more tourists to the Faughan Valley.

“ The Zip Trek experience could not have become possible without the support of the Derry and Strabane Rural Partnership. It takes you across a rock face, over streams, waterfalls and huge native oak trees. It’s exhilarating, it’s refreshing, it’s smooth, and it’s suitable for visitors aged from 10 right up - in fact, the oldest person we’ve had was 85.”

RICHARD ALLEN, OWNER OF OAKFIRE ADVENTURES

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