

Project Case Study

Progressive Livestock Development at Cedar Organic

Owner:	Cedar Organic	LEADER Priority:	1: Support to increase farm productivity
Location:	Purbeck	Outputs:	Four new techniques
Project size:	£13,209.58	LEADER Grant:	£5,283.83
Start Date:	March 2017	End Date:	May 2017

The project was designed to develop stronger, healthier and more productive livestock and improve forage quality and production capacity and minimise environmental impact on a 530 acre organic grassland farm, in the heart of the Isle of Purbeck.

The LEADER grant contributed to four elements, which combined help improve overall efficiency and put the farm on a sustainable footing. A tractor-mounted seed-blower enables 'minimum tillage' grass seeding, reducing soil erosion; electronic sheep identification and sheep and cattle weighing equipment facilitates efficient monitoring of animal health and wellbeing; and the purchase of a microscope allows for on-farm assessment of parasite infection and a faster and better targeted response. All these enable an increase in herds at reduced cost without significantly increasing environmental impact or compromising animal welfare.



Seed-blower and sheep EID and weigh crate at work © Steve Wallis.