

# DALKEITH AGRICULTURAL SHOW

## APPLICANT

Dalkeith Agricultural Society  
[www.dalkeithshow.co.uk](http://www.dalkeithshow.co.uk)

## TOTAL PROJECT COST

£16,953.56

10,172.13

£6,781.43

Tyne Esk LEADER

Match Funding

## PROJECT AIMS

- Make annual local Dalkeith Agricultural Show more self-sufficient by investing in essential equipment that previously had to be hired annually. Ensure the safety of the exhibitors and visitors to the show by investing in the purchase of crowd barriers and livestock gates.
- The aims of the show are to improve agriculture, horticulture and livestock breeding, and also to raise awareness of agriculture and food production by allowing visitors to meet and speak directly to farmers.

## PROJECT DETAIL

Dalkeith Agricultural Society has been in existence since 1805. The Society hosts an annual agricultural show, Dalkeith Agricultural Show in the grounds of Dalkeith Palace in July each year. The show brings livestock exhibitors, farmers, equestrian enthusiasts, a good mix of trade stand exhibitors and the local community together for one day in an outdoor countryside setting.

Visitor numbers have been rising significantly due to increasing interest and awareness from the public in how their food is produced. Dalkeith Agricultural Show provides the opportunity to see how this is done and to speak to some of the producers. With the LEADER funding the Society was able to purchase crowd barriers, livestock gates and horse jumps that comply with the health and safety requirements, that otherwise would have been hired.

The Tyne Esk LEADER funding has helped with the purchase of these items in order to make the show more self-sufficient and enable the Society to manage future costs. Attending the event raises awareness of agriculture and food production by allowing farmers the chance to chat with the public, showcase their animals, machinery and produce, as well as meet their customers in a more relaxed atmosphere. This in turn means the project supports the local businesses who exhibit there and encourages residents and visitors of the local community to mix, engage and be proud and enjoy their local countryside.



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