



Leicestershire Rural Partnership

***Serving rural communities
for the past 21 years***

Rural Partnership Manager: Louise Driver



Why do we need a Rural Partnership?

- get the right people around the table
- build the necessary relationships
- know our rural communities & businesses
- deliver where others do not (add value)

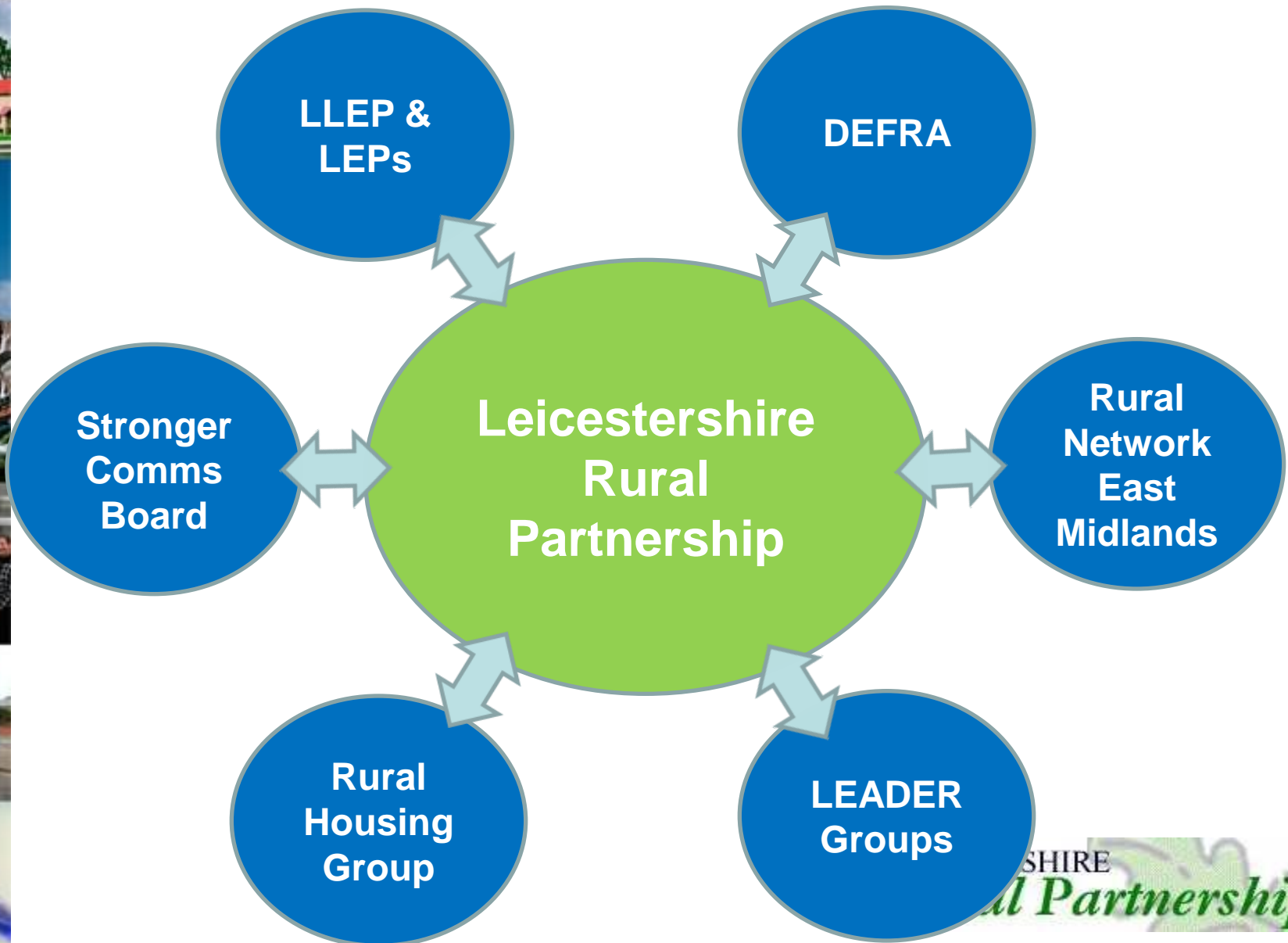


The right people

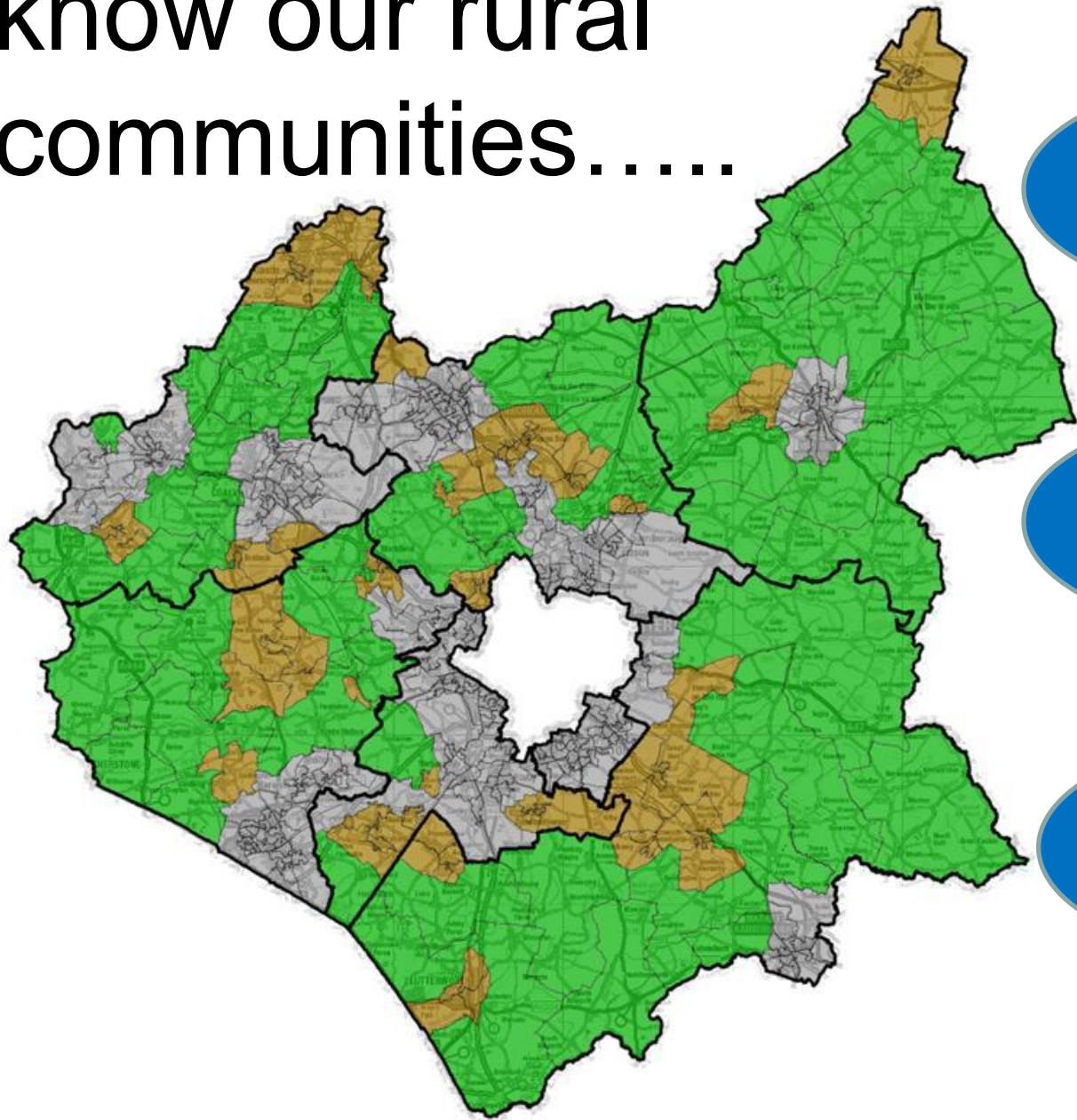
LRP Management Board:

- Leicestershire County Council, Cllr Pam Posnett
- District Councils, Cllr Hilary Fryer, Charnwood BC
- Leicestershire and Rutland Association for Local Councils
- Rural Community Council
- Voluntary Community Sector
- Federation for Small Business
- Country Land and Business Association
- National Farmers Union
- LLEP
- National Forest Company
- Leicestershire Promotions
- Independent Business Representative

build relationships.....



know our rural communities.....



**30%
population**

**40%
businesses**

32% jobs



deliver.....

Achievements: 2012 - 2014

- Over 150 businesses supported
- £270,000 grants (36 projects)
- £2,383,500 private sector leverage
- 80 jobs created / safeguarded
- 118 communities / parishes supported
- 100+ Wheels to Work clients in 12 mths
- 49 New Affordable Rural Homes
- 70+ Parish Councillors attended training



Draft Leicestershire Rural Framework 2014-2020

(Consultation July / August)

Our Vision.....

In 2026 rural Leicestershire will be made up of thriving, cohesive and safe communities, which have access to a choice of high quality and sustainable employment opportunities, a mix of housing and essential local services.





Draft Rural Framework – priorities

1. Active, inclusive and empowered Parish Councils & meetings
2. Working with communities (vulnerable people)
3. Enterprising and sustainable rural economies
4. Affordable homes in rural areas

Cross Cutting:

- Rural Transport
- Broadband
- Environment

What next.....

- Framework consultation (July / August)
- Establish delivery model for each priority
- Continue to work with LLEP & others
- Secure & target resources (LEADER / EAFRD / Community & business grants)
- Ongoing liaison with support to communities & businesses

