



Farming in Protected Landscapes programme

## FARMING IN PROTECTED LANDSCAPES





## **Projects**

- Cluster wide support for work including purchase of a range of nestboxes, new equipment to restore species-rich grassland and farm carbon training
- Improve water quality and connectivity at landscape scale across Cranborne Chase AONB and New Forest National Park
- Hedge and tree planting, hedgerow improvements and community orchard restoration
- 4 Surveys to improve water quality and mitigate flooding on the River Crane
- 5 Wildflower plots on chalk grassland and hedge regeneration
- Creation of wood pasture and increase 6 biodiversity of grassland through planting of native trees
- 7 Arable plots for lapwings, tree and hedge planting
- Site survey for habitat and ecological restoration
- **9** Feasibility study for creation of a pollinator belt
- Creation of scrub habitat and installation of bird boxes
- 11 Vegetation clearance for improvement of ponds and landscape character
- 12 Capital support provided to pop up shop for organic regenerative farm business
- Wildlife surveys to inform future work to help specific species
- 14 Wilding of Melbury Woods
- Nesting habitat for turtle doves and improvement of habitat for greater butterfly-orchids
- Greater Horseshoe Bat Project (various locations)
- Flood defenses through creation of shallow channels to hold flood water on grassland



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- 1 Open access hedgelaying courses
- 2 Improving access to manage 8.5ha watermeadow and copses
- Support for co-farmers on Able Hands Together Care Farm
- Farm scale enhancements for biodiversity including 2 new ponds, scrub planting and regenerative grazing
- 5 Pond restoration and woodland management
- 6 Milldown Nature Reserve arable reversion project and access improvements
- 7 Parkland tree planting
- Orchard tree planting and infrastructure for educational farm visits
- Flood alleviation through creation of swales (approx 350m in length)
- CRoW access improvements and permissive path created to showcase FiPL project
- Mobile cattle handling facility to better manage grazing of 15ha chalk downland SSSI and 6ha undesignated downland
- Capital infrastructure to support arable reversion to chalk grassland and creation of turtle dove scrape
- Pond creation (0.1ha) to provide habitat for a range of species, specifically targeting nearby bat populations
- Planting of community orchard and wildflower meadow
- Pond creation targeted for farmland birds species
- Historic parkland enhancement through improving vistas and improving access for all
- Nectar Connectors project creating a pollinator corridor across multiple farms in the Wylye Valley
- 0.99ha tree planting to buffer existing woodland and scrub
- Life Giving Skills program at Project Manna care farm
- Winter bird feeding trial with Cranborne Chase Farmer Cluster

- Farmland birds: supplementary winter feeding and nestboxes across the newly formed Wilton Farmer Cluster
- Environmental mapping of Wilton Farmer
  Cluster to inform habitat restoration
  projects
- Farmland birds: supplementary winter feeding and nestboxes across the newly formed Inner Chase Farmer Cluster
- 3.2km permissive access loop acrosson farmland and SSSI with upgraded interpretation signage
- Biodiversity enhancements on small holding, including chalk downland restoration
- Fencing to improve 5ha species rich lowland grassland for Duke of Burgundy butterfly through grazing
- Building confidence for countryside access with groups from ethnically diverse communities of Dorset
- Saving England's Lowland Junipers revitalising populations in Cranborne Chase AONB
- Regenerative farming event for farmers and land managers
- Creation of new wetland and pond, specifically targeting butterfly species
- Protecting Great Bustards in Cranborne Chase AONB
- Wilton Farmer Cluster dew pond restoration and butterfly bank creation project
- Chalke Valley Farmer Cluster dew pond restoration and butterfly bank creation project
- Solar powered water supply to improve biodiversity of 68ha chalk grassland
- Environmental mapping and surveys across newly formed Badbury Rings Farmer Cluster to inform habitat restoration projects
- Exploring Food and Farming in Cranborne Chase AONB
- Reinstating the elms at The Elms: habitat restoration
- Aquatic and hedge habitat improvements at Wickwood Farm

**Farming in Protected Landscapes** is a Defra funded programme running until March 2025 to provide support to land managers in AONBs and National Parks across England. Projects are supporting nature's recovery, mitigating the impacts of climate change, providing opportunities for people to discover, enjoy and understand the landscape and its cultural heritage, and protecting the quality and character of this special landscape.