



FARMING IN PROTECTED LANDSCAPES

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	Business Name	Town	Project Details	FiPL Grant Awarded	Total Project Cost	Project Start Date	Project End Date
1	Bowerman and Sons	Semley	16 days open access hedgelaying courses to equip volunteers with land management skills and link up opportunities to continue with hedgelaying with volunteer groups in AONB (8x Oct-Mar 23 and 8x Oct-Mar 24)	£5,520.60	£5,520.60	27/04/2022	01/03/2024
2	Mr Crispin and Mrs Ianthe Tollast	Steeple Langford	To provide year-round access to the water meadows and woodland copses for better management and for the ability to further enhance the water meadows.	£28,137.39	£47,895.65	16/05/2022	31/03/2024
3	Able Hands Together CIC	Little Wishford	Growing Together project on Able Hands Together Care Farm. Co-farmers to support tree propagation (x700 trees incl. disease resistant elms) and 70 bird/bat boxes built. Products to be distributed across local area in suitable locations.	£20,824.92	£20,824.92	27/04/2022	31/03/2024
4	T A Green and Sons (Down Farms) Limited	Woodcutts	To increase the ability of Down Farm to deliver biodiversity through increased numbers of dormice, long-eared owls, and areas of environmental features and support the move towards conservation grazing of cattle on grassland. Creation of two new ponds and scrub planting.	£8,263.16	£10,351.96	21/06/2022	31/03/2023
5	Upper Leigh Farm	East Knoyle	Pond restoration, 2,033m2 pond to be restored through sympathetic dredging, tree removal, coppicing and reshaping of banks	£3,872.01	£4,440.00	01/01/2023	31/03/2023
6	Dorset Council North Dorset Countryside and Greenspace Ranger Service	Blandford	Support with purchase of arable land to extend Milldown Nature reserve and restore to species rich chalk grassland. Supporting environmental surveys, interpretation and access improvements.	£23,577.92	£92,493.92	21/06/2022	31/03/2024
7	J & R Arundell, Wardour Estate	Wardour	Enhance the parkland through reinstating parkland trees across the estate (x61 new trees planted and protected).	£14,248.38	£14,248.38	01/01/2023	31/03/2023
8	S&D Meaden	Cashmoor	Planting of 160 heritage cider apple trees, 100m fencing and field gate to orchard and for protection of trees. Creation of compost loo to support AirBnB business and other events for public held throughout year on farm	£5,966.00	£10,119.98	21/06/2022	31/03/2024
9	John Barton	Donhead St Andrew	Create swales to take flood water across meadow and reduce flood risk to villages and properties downstream	£13,860.00	£13,860.00	08/02/2022	31/03/2024
10	Upper Leigh Farm	East Knoyle	Installing 7 gates for improved access, creation of permissive path to access farmland and FiPL project, installation of 6 QR codes on new signage	£5,782.00	£4,432.92	19/07/2022	31/10/2022
11	Launceston Farm Partnership	Tarrant Launceston	Purchase of one mobile cattle crush and livestock handling system. Equipment to consist of manual squeeze crush, handling shoot, forcing tub and collecting pen. Will enable better management of SSSI chalk grassland covering just under 30ha.	£9,075.00	£18,150.00	15/08/2022	31/03/2023
12	C. Featherstone	East Martin	Planting 655m of hedgerow, hedgerow trees and stock proof fencing, restoration of a pond and installation of turtle dove scrape.	£14,946.99	£14,946.99	16/08/2022	31/03/2023
13	Butlers Farm Partnership	Donhead St Mary	Creation of a large pond of varying depths filled with groundwater and surface water. Landscaping to include a bund on the south and west and wide margins carefully designed to attract the most biodiverse wildlife. Associated tree planting and fencing	£25,911.34	£41,403.34	16/08/2022	31/03/2024
14	Chilmark Parish Council	Chilmark	The project involves: planting 50 fruit trees (6m spacing) and 89 native broadleaf trees (including those to reduce flood risk); planting 100m of hedgerow; restoring ca. 0.8ha of wildflower meadow; planting of food-source shrubs; repairing 100m of fencing; installation of access gates; surgery of dangerous mature trees; creation of an area for observation of the night sky; installation of 2 interpretation panels; creation of a seasonally wet scrape; all for the benefit of the public good, the local community and wider natural landscape.	£15,540.64	£23,392.61	06/09/2022	31/03/2024
15	S&D Meaden	Cashmoor	To create a new wildlife area/pond on a part of the farm that hasn't previously had a water feature. The aim is to encourage more insects and a larger diversity of wildlife to this area of the farm. The size of the pond is 30M x 20M with a landscaped wild area surrounding it.	£8,916.00	£14,860.00	08/12/2022	31/03/2023



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16 J & R Arundell, Wardour Estate	Wardour	To enhance the parkland at Wardour, specifically those areas which are enjoyed by the public from footpaths or areas of public access. This includes (1) clearance work at Island Pond to enable walkers to enjoy the view of the waterbody from the footpaths and to increase the health of the waterbody and the water's edge as well as the functionality of the cascading steps which carries water from the lake into a ditch line and on into Park Pond and thence into the River Nadder; (2) further clearance work at Swan Pond and landscaping work to create a footpath and bridge along the water's edge and increase public access and enjoyment of this area as well as bringing the design of the lake back to what was originally intended, (3) an interpretation panel to give context and explanation to this work and also to work done previously at Park Pond.	£32,027.00	£43,918.33	16/08/2022	31/03/2023
17 Wylve Valley Farmers	Codford	To carry out Nectar Connectors (NC) phase 2 to connect habitats for wild pollinators across multiple farms in the Wylve valley. This part of the project will build on work initiated by an earlier FiPL project. NC phase 2 takes on commitments from farmer group members to deliver new habitat on the ground. Over 21 hectares of new habitat created or enhanced, leaving a Wylve valley with richer and better-connected pollinator habitat. NC phase 2 includes; 6.42ha grassland sward enhancement, 14.78ha new flower rich margins and plots, 50m of solitary bee bank, 428m of hedge gapping, 1569m of new hedge planting.	£64,902.45	£65,262.45	14/09/2022	31/03/2024
18 Stoke Farming	Broadchalke	Plant 0.99ha of native, broad-leaved woodland using biodegradable tree tubes as a case study for local farmers and tree planting projects	£3,900.60	£6,286.50	08/12/2022	31/03/2023
19 Project Manna CIC	Ashford, Fordingbridge	To deliver a year-round weekly project to families and individuals who would not otherwise have access to learning farming skills both traditional and modern. - Teaching horticultural and animal care skills - Planting and tending to a medicinal herb garden - Installing a permanent events shelter - Planting 20 truffle impregnated trees - Set up a micro demonstration mushroom growing shed	£18,171.04	£22,971.94	12/10/2022	31/03/2024
20 Cranborne Chase Farmer Cluster	Deanland	Winter bird feeding trial with Perdix. To provide 12 winter feeding stations for perching birds within the Cranborne Chase Cluster and compare the effectiveness of the CS AB12 seed mix with a higher quality finch mix against a control site.	£4,683.60	£12,088.74	16/11/2022	30/04/2023
21 Wilton Farmer Cluster	Burcombe	An initial project to engage members in the newly formed Wilton Farmer Cluster. The project will include providing a mix of nest boxes (x10 barn owl, x8 kestrel, x15 house sparrow, x10 house martin, x10 swallow) available for members. The project will also enable members to undertake supplementary feeding of farmland birds on their farms by providing x15 feeders (one for each member) and an initial supply of supplementary feed seed.	£4,959.40	£4,947.28	19/12/2022	31/03/2023
22 Inner Chase Farmer Cluster, Hatts Barn	Ashmore	To build a picture of the environmental features present within the newly formed Inner Chase Farm Cluster Group's area to help inform priorities and targeting for future activity and environmental enhancements to deliver landscape recovery.	£4,165.80	£4,165.80	19/12/2022	31/03/2023
23 Inner Chase Farmer Cluster, Hatts Barn	Ashmore	An initial project to engage members in the newly formed Inner Chase Cluster. The project will include providing a mix of nest boxes (x17 barn owl, x10 kestrel boxes available for members. The project will also enable members to undertake supplementary feeding of farmland birds on their farms by providing a feeder for each member and an initial supply of supplementary feed seed. Training will be provided to the group on where to site nest boxes and supplementary feeding.	£4,986.57	£4,975.56	19/12/2022	30/04/2023
24 R T Millard & Sons	Sutton Waldron	Permissive bridleway access will be granted by the farmer to allow the public to walk a circular loop on the farm, totalling a length of just over 3.2km. Replacement interpretation signage (x6) will be installed along the route, providing information on the permissive access path, farm practices and species to see.	£4,569.87	£4,569.87	17/01/2023	31/03/2024
25 Brushers Bank	Tarrant Gunville	Hedgerow laying 245m and gapping 15m plus hedgerow tree planting of native species (rowan and holly (x10)). Electric fencing installed to protect wildflower meadows from livestock grazing pressure (including orchids).	£4,129.20	£4,999.00	01/01/2023	31/03/2023



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26	Dineley Farming Company	Swallowcliffe	To erect 640m of fencing (including 2 field gates) to improve grazing management of 5 hectares of species-rich lowland calcareous grassland. This will allow improved grazing to improve the condition of the botanically rich sward and the associated invertebrate interest, which includes Duke of Burgundy butterfly.	£4,984.80	£5,734.80	12/01/2023	01/04/2023
27	Dorset Food and Drink CIC	Dorchester	Dorset Race Equality Council (Dorset REC), Dorset Food and Drink CIC (DF&D) and the Dorset AONB Team will work together to build confidence for ethnic minority community groups and individuals living in Dorset to enjoy and benefit from visiting farms within their local protected landscapes. This project will deliver 4 food events at 4 farms in Dorset and Cranborne Chase AONBs for 4 communities in 2023. The project will provide an opportunity for cultural exchange, strengthening communities and celebrating local food.	£5,205.00	£20,672.00	01/02/2023	31/10/2023
28	Plantlife International	Salisbury	Working across 3 farms in the Wylde Valley to restore juniper populations as well as other chalk grassland flora and fauna through scrape creation and scrub management.	£51,943.84	£61,063.00	02/03/2023	31/03/2024
29	JM Stratton & Co	Codford	An event to promote regenerative farming within Wylde Valley Farmers and the AONB.	£1,100.00	£1,750.00	17/01/2023	31/03/2023
30	Summerleaze Farm	East Knoyle	Restore existing wetland, create a new pond, plant trees and scrub for butterflies.	£18,767.98	£27,646.00	01/02/2023	01/03/2024
31	Great Bustard Group	Salisbury	Purchase of and volunteer training for use of a drone with thermal imaging capability to survey for Great Bustard (GB) nests in order to safeguard the birds from silage cuts.	£4,263.00	£9,368.00	06/03/2023	31/03/2024
32	Wilton Farmer Cluster	Burcombe	Restore 3 dew ponds and create 2 new dew ponds to establish a network across the Wilton Farmer Cluster landscape. Chalk spoil from the two new ponds will be used to create butterfly banks as stepping stones between areas of existing chalk grassland.	£36,390.72	£59,083.40	01/02/2023	01/10/2023
33	Chalke Valley Farmer Cluster	Fifield Bavant	To restore and create a network of 7 ponds. Associated with this will be a series of chalk scrapes and butterfly banks some of which will use the chalk spoil from the ponds, to create stepping stones between existing areas of chalk grassland.	£40,019.66	£61,501.67	01/02/2023	01/10/2023
34	Dineley Farming Company	Swallowcliffe	To provide a sustainable, solar-powered, water supply to two areas of species-rich chalk grassland, recent arable reversion (sown with brush harvested grass and wildflowers) and arable land, totalling 68ha which is being managed with regenerative farming techniques and established to herbal leys. The system will be solar powered to help the farm achieve net-zero and reduce emissions.	£25,421.44	£33,711.44	01/02/2023	01/12/2023
35	Badbury Rings Farmer Cluster	Spetisbury	Support for a newly formed farmer cluster to map habitat across the cluster and carry out surveys. Obtain historic DERC records of wildlife and habitats. Map current location and extent of land uses and habitats. Record presence and locality of rare arable plants and pollinating insects.	£9,528.00	£19,082.00	01/02/2023	31/03/2024
36	Cranborne Chase AONB & LEAF	Tollard Royal	LEAF and Cranborne Chase AONB are supporting a programme to support farmers with their first steps towards educational visits. This programme will support up to 12 farmers to undergo the Countryside Educational Visits Accreditation Scheme (CEVAS), provide LEAF Regional Education Consultant time (3 days per farm) for 1:1 or 1:group bespoke visits for farms involved to develop and run educational visits during the FiPL programme. Payment will be provided to each of the farms for one educational visit during 2023/2024.	£16,923.00	£17,643.00	01/02/2023	31/03/2024
37	The Elms	Stubhampton	Restoration of chalk grassland habitat, elm tree planting and hedging on smallholding in Stubhampton. Interpretation panel to be put up on nearby footpath for wider public and visitors to AONB from AirBnB.	£4,985.86	£4,986.69	06/03/2023	31/03/2024
38	Wickwood Farm	East Hatch	Reinvigorate 112m of hedge and dyke, de-silt pond and repair sluice 908m ² pond, remove 10 dead trees from river which were impacting on kingfisher nesting sites by raising water levels.	£4,987.45	£4,987.45	06/03/2023	31/03/2023

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.