

Farming in Protected Landscapes Programme

High Weald National Landscape Partnership Grant Awards

1 April 2023 to 31 March 2024



High Weald
National
Landscape

Business name	Location	Items and activities supported	Agreement Start Date	Agreement End Date	Grant award
Agricald Ltd / Gotwick Manor	East Grinstead, West Sussex	Attendance on a regenerative grazing course (2 people), production of a grazing plan and installation of 1,234m water pipes, 1 mobile trough, 1 solar energiser and 400m electric fencing, to implement a rotational, regenerative grazing system for sheep. Sowing of 19kg of local wildflower seed to create a 2.3-acre wildflower meadow that will be used to green hay other areas of the 212ha estate.	01/02/2024	20/12/2024	£6,718.11
Apedroc Stud	Hartfield, East Sussex	Reinstatement of High Weald landscape features on a 44ha stud farm by planting 843m of hedgerow (with 6 hedgerow trees and 5 in-field trees) to return large paddocks to the smaller fields typical of the area. Stock fencing (1,225m) to protect new hedges and mature trees, and equipment (800m electric fencing, 2 energisers and 3 drag troughs) to establish a regenerative, rotational grazing system.	19/10/2023	01/03/2024	£35,430.08
Bigges Farm	Haywards Heath, West Sussex	Planting of 'lost' hedgerow (50m) with stock fence protection (100m) and 1 field gate to create additional wildlife habitat and connect two woodland blocks.	23/08/2023	01/03/2024	£2,385.40
Brickpits	Uckfield, East Sussex	A 2-year hedge-laying project (894m) in line with Southern England hedge-laying style using stakes and top binders (for 667m) which will make hedges stock-proof, improve pasture health and make hedges better for wildlife.	25/01/2024	01/03/2025	£15,968.82
Chiddingstone Farm	Chiddingstone, Kent	Baseline DAFOR botanical survey of 10 permanent pasture fields covering 26ha with restoration options to enable adaptation of current management practices to enhance the pasture.	08/06/2023	31/12/2023	£1,200.00

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Country Trust	Locations across the High Weald	Eleven farm visits (on 4 holdings) for over 300 primary school children from 9 schools based in disadvantaged communities in and around the High Weald.	02/03/2023	31/03/2024	£13,676.67
Darvell Community	Robertsbridge, East Sussex	Hedge planting (170 metres), tree planting (160 trees) and stock fencing (1,698m) to protect, extend and connect shaws and hedgerows. Installation of infrastructure (1,100m of Kiwitech temporary electric fencing, 575m of water piping and 2 drag troughs) to enable a mob grazing system on 4 fields (18ha) of the farm.	20/04/2023	28/02/2024	£22,157.42
Driftways Farm	Hurst Green, East Sussex	Attendance of a 2-day farm-based training course to better understand grazing for habitat dynamism, natural succession, soil health and water cycles with grant support for course fee, accommodation, and travel. Installation of 892m of stock fencing to allow for the re-introduction of grazing and management of public rights of way users to protect and improve 1.8ha of high value grassland.	07/06/2023	01/03/2024	£7,284.42
Fletchers Farm	Pembury, Kent	Hedge planting (152m) with associated fence protection (398m) to restore a lost boundary hedge and fencing to protect 0.1ha of wooded shaw on a typical High Weald smallholding (32ha).	20/07/2023	01/03/2024	£6,464.50
Four Winds	Horns Cross, East Sussex	Planting of in-field trees (5), creation of a 550 square metre copse (50 trees) and 1,225 square metre wildflower meadow, alongside hedgerow planting (148m) and restoration (63m). Fencing (113 metres), shelters (50) and guards (5) to protect new habitat.	20/04/2023	28/02/2024	£6,983.15
Fresh Meadow Farms Ltd	Heathfield, East Sussex	Purchase of a Polar U635, 934L capacity commercial freezer to allowing year-round sales of wild venison and more deer culling to address the impact of deer browsing on 73ha of pastures and woodlands.	19/10/2023	01/03/2024	£1,040.00
Godmans Farm	Uckfield, East Sussex	3LM training for 6 people to establish common understanding of holistic farm management. Installation of 1,200m of water pipes, 4 water troughs, 860m of permanent fencing and 1,950m of temporary electric fencing to enable planned rotational grazing.	20/04/2023	31/12/2023	£13,676.67

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Hancox Estate	Whatlington, East Sussex	Hedge protection (2,921m of fencing) and restoration (204m of gapping up and 25m of coppicing), in-field tree planting (6), and extension of livestock system (6 troughs and 798m of piping) to enable hedge regeneration and mobile planned grazing on a 55ha farm.	08/06/2023	01/03/2024	£29,797.10
Hands of Hope	Hawkhurst, Kent	Supply and installation of 2 toilet blocks (4 toilets with disabled access) for a community kitchen and cookery school and a multi-purpose learning centre. The project will allow more people and a greater range of people to be involved with an 8ha site dedicated to community growing, cooking and nature conservation to achieve social, educational, and therapeutic benefits.	30/11/2023	01/03/2024	£13,194.00
Holmbush Farm	Horsham, West Sussex	A thermal drone survey to establish deer numbers and locations; installation of 7 deer high seats to provide safe, elevated shooting positions; purchase of a chiller to increase deer carcass capacity; and DSC2 training for 3 staff. To achieve more and better deer culling and reduced impact from deer browsing.	22/11/2023	01/03/2024	£5,519.00
Home Farm Partnership	Uckfield, East Sussex	Restoration of a 0.93ha high-quality wildflower meadow (on a 27ha family farm) involving a re-set cut to remove thatch before recommencing haymaking and 500m of temporary electric fencing kit to exclude sheep during spring/summer.	16/11/2023	01/12/2024	£1,367.89
Hook Farm	East Grinstead, West Sussex	Planting of 3 in-field and 3 in-hedge standard trees and 256m of native species hedge with protection from stock fencing (256m) and chestnut post and rail fencing (218m) to improve habitats and public awareness.	07/03/2024	31/01/2025	£10,414.24
Hoopers Farm	Edenbridge, Kent	Electric fencing (600m) and water infrastructure (drag trough and 208m of piping) to enable operation of a mobile planned grazing system across 27ha of a 50ha family run livestock farm.	18/05/2023	01/09/2023	£1,278.34
Kent High Weald Partnership	Locations across the High Weald	Support for 3 'Gateway' projects (1. 'Better access for all', 2. 'Greater enjoyment and understanding of nature and the landscape' and 3. 'Sustainable nature recovery') on 3 key holdings covering more than 70ha. Gateway 1 achieved through creation of a 10-year access improvement strategy and access improvements. Gateway 2 achieved through development of an interpretation plan, improved signs, maps, and user information. Gateway 3 achieved through recruiting and training volunteer surveyors, removing invasive species and volunteer workdays to improve woodland habitat.	19/10/2023	01/03/2025	£92,034.45

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Lea Farm	Peasmarsh, East Sussex	Restoration and mirroring of historic boundaries through planting 542m of new hedge and 39 trees, installing 3 drinking troughs with 300m of pipework and 7 wooden gates, and erecting 1,487m of stock proof fencing.	20/07/2023	01/03/2024	£28,600.54
LEAF	Locations across the High Weald	CEVAS training and accreditation for 12 High Weald farmers and land managers, alongside site-specific educational advice and support (2 days per land manager) to deliver 12 educational events for secondary schools (assisted by a school transport subsidy).	01/09/2023	31/12/2024	£25,032.00
Lidham Farm	Guestling, East Sussex	Installation of semi-permanent electric fencing system and a drag trough watering system across a 21ha farm to enable mobile planned grazing to achieve a habitat mosaic of wildlife-rich grassland and scrub.	11/10/2023	01/03/2024	£3,424.01
Lotmans Farm	Crowborough, East Sussex	Installation of 5 high seats for deer management to reduce impact of browsing. Purchase of a game chiller with capacity for 4 fallow deer carcasses and sundries to support processing of deer carcasses. Training for deer stalker certificates: DSCI and DSC2.	23/08/2023	01/03/2024	£3,416.44
Nightingale Farm	Hartfield, East Sussex	Planting of a new native hedgerow (371m) along an existing fenced trackway and installation of stock fencing (375m) to protect the new hedge from livestock.	30/11/2023	01/03/2024	£11,323.12
Nordens Green Farm	High Hurstwood, East Sussex	Hedge planting (174m) and tree planting (4 standards) with fence protection (348m) to restore a lost hedge. Erection of stock-proof perimeter fencing (763m) to allow re-introduction of cattle grazing to a typical High Weald smallholding (32ha).	08/06/2023	01/03/2024	£12,372.19
Northwood Farming Ltd	East Grinstead, West Sussex	Purchase and installation of 2 deer high seats to provide safe, elevated shooting positions for deer management, reducing the impact of browsing on woodland and pasture.	12/01/2024	15/03/2024	£530.00
Oast Enterprises	Heathfield, East Sussex	Installation of 4 large hydro-hedge type dams and 9 smaller leaky woody dams in 2 gill streams flowing into a lake so as to temporarily hold back approximately 370m3 of water, reduce sedimentation and reduce downstream flood risk.	11/10/2023	01/03/2024	£4,950.00

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Old Lodge Nature Reserve	Uckfield, East Sussex	Cattle corral, 8 NoFence collars (with 3 x spare batteries) and a wooden gate to allow for expansion of a Belted Galloway herd to improve management of 100ha of heathland nature reserve.	20/07/2023	01/03/2024	£7,858.62
Old Rectory Farm	Dallington, East Sussex	Restoration of a lost hedge through planting (177m) and fence protection (354m) with a field gate to enable access. Improvements to the wildlife value of existing hedges through gapping up of two hedges (93m) and widening of six continuous hedges through fencing (1,381m). Hedge planting (154m) and fencing (154m) on one side of a new shaw with 1 field gate to enable access.	08/06/2023	15/03/2024	£24,279.94
Otways Meat and Game	Sandhurst, Kent	Installation of 10 deer high seats across the Estate's 283ha holding to provide safe, elevated shooting positions for deer management that reduces the impact of browsing on ancient woodland wildlife and farm crops.	01/09/2023	01/12/2023	£2,650.00
Pasture-Fed Livestock Association CIC t/a Pasture for Life	Locations across the High Weald	A programme of farmer-to-farmer mentoring and training for 78 land managers to help with the transition to high nature value farming methods including: Pfl membership, 140 hours of mentoring, 24 one-to-many training events and 24 more bespoke training events. Educational materials will be produced, and 8 farm walks run for the public.	07/03/2024	28/02/2025	£71,578.16
Pennyfarthing Farm	Tunbridge Wells, East Sussex	Purchase of temporary electric fencing including 2 energisers with batteries, 4 strand polywire fences/stakes, sundries and a grass plate meter to allow two flocks to be managed under a regenerative, rotational grazing system on a formerly set-stocked 45ha sheep farm.	30/11/2023	01/03/2024	£1,601.53
Pink Cactus Veg	Etchingham, East Sussex	Purchase of hand-powered horticultural equipment and 0.33ha drip tape irrigation system for a small market garden producing organic food for local community.	22/11/2023	01/03/2024	£1,272.14
Roots to the Moon	Robertsbridge, East Sussex	Roots to the Moon is an 8ha biodynamic farm and collaborative learning centre. The project will run a biodynamic course for 14 people, set up mobile grazing for 2 cows and set up a community garden for 3 families.	07/03/2024	28/02/2025	£13,710.21

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Sheffield Park & Garden	Uckfield, East Sussex	Interpretation board revamp (5), design and print of 40,000 new welcome leaflets, and improvements to directional signage (20 oak posts and way markers) to encourage use of three visitor trails around freely accessible parkland.	07/03/2024	28/02/2025	£14,475.00
South East Rivers Trust	Locations across the High Weald	Technical advice, plans and support for three landowners to enable collaborative natural flood management work on 29ha of the River Teise catchment that will enhance wildlife habitats, improve water quality and slow and store water to reduce downstream flooding risk.	14/08/2023	14/12/2023	£2,450.80
Standen Community Fruit Orchard	Benenden, Kent	Installation of protective plastic netting, secured with cable ties, to prevent sheep and rabbit damage to the trunks of 600 fruit trees in a well-established community orchard.	12/01/2024	01/03/2024	£3,704.15
Standinghall Estate	Tunbridge Wells, East Sussex	Purchase of a small, multi-purpose forestry machine (timber forwarding, mulching, winching and other functions) to allow soil, habitat, and archaeologically sensitive thinning of 131 hectares of ancient semi-natural woodland and plantation on ancient woodland.	19/10/2023	01/03/2024	£41,560.00
Sussex Livestock Homeopathy Support Group	Uckfield, East Sussex	Whole Health Agriculture Livestock Homeopathy course for 10 farmers with 12 months of group mentoring and peer support sessions leading to reduced chemical use and healthier soils and wildlife.	07/03/2024	28/02/2025	£5,760.00
Sweetwoods Golf Course	Edenbridge, Kent	Establishment of a deer management programme to reduce deer impact on the golf course, woodlands, and surrounding land through purchase of 5 deer high seats, a thermal spotting monocular and DSC1 and DSC2 stalker training.	25/10/2023	01/03/2024	£2,176.98
Theobalds Farm	Heathfield, East Sussex	Erection of two sections of new stock fencing totalling 244m along 2 field boundaries to protect ancient semi-natural woodland from stock browsing and keep walkers' dogs from worrying the cattle.	18/10/2023	01/03/2024	£1,822.68
Three Chimneys Farm	Cranbrook, Kent	Restoration of landscape and wildlife involving planting of new hedges (288m), erection of stock fencing (940m) to protect hedges, trees and existing wooded shaws, and installation of 5 wooden field gates.	01/01/2024	23/03/2024	£16,086.66

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Westfield Farm	Sandhurst, Kent	Reinstatement of lost native mixed species hedge (376m) on 4 field boundaries protected by stock fencing (875m) and planting of a wooded shaw with 240 native tree species along a gill stream.	20/07/2023	01/03/2024	£19,598.27
Wild Haven Farm	Etchingham, East Sussex	Enhancement of a 12ha wooded area by creating sight lines for effective deer management and thinning younger trees, opening glades, and increasing light to a pond to improve the site's biodiversity.	05/10/2023	01/03/2025	£3,708.00
Willards Farm	Etchingham, East Sussex	Restoration of derelict 283m hedge through planting 134m of new hedge, coppicing 61m and gapping-up 25m, with 63m of existing hedge left intact.	30/08/2023	01/03/2024	£3,833.61

45 projects with a total grant award of £614,365.31