

Farming in Protected Landscapes Programme

High Weald National Landscape Partnership Grant Awards 1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025



High Weald
National
Landscape

Business name	Location	Items and activities supported	Agreement Start Date	Agreement End Date	Grant award
Agrifactors	Cade Street, East Sussex	Hand-building of 10 metal racks with 110 wood and mesh seed drying trays to allow improved processing and additional harvesting of Weald Native Origin Seed used in wildflower meadow creation and enhancement.	11/04/2024	01/07/2024	£3,714
Apedroc Stud	Hartfield, East Sussex	Planting 233m of hedgerows (with 4 hedgerow trees and 5 in-field trees), reducing a large paddock into smaller fields. Stock fencing (478m) to protect new hedges, 4 tree guards for in-field trees and equipment to extend the area managed by rotational grazing (800m electric fencing, 1 energiser and 1 drag trough).	18/07/2024	28/02/2025	£11,555
Ashdown Forest Conservators	Wych Cross, East Sussex	Project to inform visitors about Ashdown Forest's landscape, history and nature on an accessible wildlife themed sensory trail with 4 interpretation boards and 7 brass rubbing posts. A tool store, new conservation hand tools and wildlife survey equipment will be purchased for use by staff, educational visits and volunteers.	27/08/2024	28/02/2025	£16,365
Ashdown Forest Conservators	Wych Cross, East Sussex	Purchase of 16 NoFence collars, 18 batteries (2 spare) and 2 charging units to expand the NoFence grazing herd size and improve management of 33ha of nationally important SSSI heathland.	08/10/2024	28/02/2025	£4,388
Ashdown Forest Conservators	Wych Cross, East Sussex	Purchase, construction and installation of an additional chiller, an 800kg hoist and 350L cool box to process venison for human consumption, enabling increased deer management across 2500ha of Ashdown Forest SSSI	17/12/2024	28/02/2025	£12,544
Ashdown Forest Conservators	Wych Cross, East Sussex	Construction of a traditional oak gateway for the Ashdown Forest Centre (AFC), marking the starting point for the accessible sensory nature trail. Installation of a battery-powered visitor monitoring device in the wooden gateway to monitor visitor numbers and trends.	15/10/2024	28/02/2025	£7,962

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Attwell Associates	Nutley, East Sussex	Purchase and installation of electric fencing and water supply for adaptive multi-paddock grazing, inc. 700m of a 4-strand electric fence, 2 energisers, 3 drag troughs and fencing sundries	05/03/2025	21/03/2025	£2,224
Barnsgate Manor	Heron's Ghyll, East Sussex	Conversion of a derelict 1.4ha vineyard to a species rich wildflower meadow through removal of vineyard infrastructure and vines, sowing of native origin wet meadow seed mix and creation of a scrape.	09/08/2024	01/12/2024	£4,319
Blackbrook Farm	Wittersham, Kent	Creation of a new pump room and wellhead, reinstating an old well to fill a new 10,000 tank with 1900m of new water piping, 22 cattle troughs and 122m new hedgerow protected with 125m livestock fencing to enable 88.52ha to be cattle grazed on a 202ha farm.	05/12/2024	28/02/2025	£16,455
Brickhouse Estate	Burwash, East Sussex	Purchase and installation of 10 deer high seats to provide safe, elevated shooting positions for deer management that will reduce the impact of deer browsing on forestry and farm crops on 352ha estate.	30/01/2025	07/03/2025	£2,650
Brockhurst	Etchingam, East Sussex	Purchase and installation of a deer chiller measuring 5ft by 8ft in an existing on-site building. This will allow culling larger numbers of deer across approximately 929ha (7 holdings), prepare the carcasses, refrigerate them and supply them into the human food chain.	01/05/2024	30/11/2024	£6,199
Bucksteep Forestry	Dallington, East Sussex	Restoration of a 160m historic wood bank by coppicing overstood hornbeam, to undertake ride enhancements over 2ha and create 5 sightlines for deer management in 80ha of semi-natural ancient woodland	16/12/2024	28/02/2025	£8,340
Burgham Farm	Etchingam, East Sussex	Conservation hedge laying (260m), mobile grazing infrastructure - water pipes (313m) and electric cattle fencing (919m) to enable 25ha of additional land to be managed under mobile planned grazing on a 110ha organic, regenerative grazing beef farm.	01/09/2024	20/02/2025	£9,753

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Eatonden Manor	Stonegate, East Sussex	Planting of 20 fruit trees and guards to reinstate a small traditional orchard on a 17.5Ha farm. Installation of 2 high seats to facilitate deer management.	15/10/2024	28/02/2025	£3,735
Fletchers Farm	Pembury, Kent	Purchase and installation of 120m stock fencing to protect a wooded shaw on a typical High Weald small holding (35ha).	19/11/2024	28/02/2025	£896
Fresh Meadow Farms	Heathfield, East Sussex	Purchase, construction and installation of a compost toilet to facilitate school farm visits.	19/02/2025	14/03/2025	£1,988
Groundwork South	Hastings, East Sussex	Co-design and delivery of 15 engagement activities for 225 disadvantaged members of the local community at Hastings Country Park Nature Reserve involving support for project management, outreach workers, activity specialists, transport, refreshments and materials, plus installation of new double-glazed windows and doors to improve the volunteer visitor centre.	18/04/2024	28/02/2025	£44,806
Hallwood Farm	Hawkhurst, Kent	Construction of 21 large leaky woody dams to mitigate potential flooding to 12 downstream properties. Installation of 310m of fencing and 1 wooden gate to protect a wooded shaw. Provision of five contractor training days.	20/11/2024	28/02/2025	£17,206
Hastingford Farm Cottage	Hadlow Down, East Sussex	Purchase and installation of 10 deer high seats and 1 deer sled to provide safe, elevated shooting positions for deer management, more efficient carcass removal and reduce the impact of browsing on woodland and farm crops.	01/10/2024	28/02/2025	£2,682
Hastings Country Park	Fairlight, East Sussex	Purchase of cut and collect equipment to improve the management of 10.18ha of grassland and heathland habitats, including a scheduled ancient monument, on Hastings Country Park and other council owned land.	28/08/2024	31/12/2024	£8,920

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Heathdown Partners	Chiddingstone, Kent	Purchase of 5 deer high seats, a thermal monocular, a night vision scope and attendance on a DSC2 training course. Purchase of a chiller trailer and sundries to increase deer culling and facilitate sale of deer carcasses.	04/11/2024	28/02/2025	£9,335
Herons Folly	Mayfield, East Sussex	Supporting local compost production through the purchase of a PTO driven woodchipper to enable the market garden to produce woodchips from coppice and prunings to make compost for use in the growing beds.	18/02/2025	14/03/2025	£1,344
High Weald Grassland Surveys	Brightling, East Sussex	Surveys and condition assessments of approximately 719 ha grassland on behalf of 16 farmers within the High Weald, to enable the farmers to make more informed decisions when considering agri-environment scheme options.	01/05/2024	31/01/2025	£32,560
Hodore Farm	Hartfield, East Sussex	Planting 90 in-field trees in three pens with 75m of stock fencing for livestock/pasture improvement. Also purchase of 300m of temporary electric fencing to allow regenerative mob grazing and installation of 1 deer high seat to further control deer numbers.	14/01/2025	28/02/2025	£1,541
Hole & Alchorne	Nutley, East Sussex	Planting of 341m of hedgerow to provide additional habitat between grazed fields and planting 13 new in-field trees with 13 guards to protect them. Also installing 578m of stock fencing and a field gate.	15/07/2024	28/02/2025	£14,606
Holmbush Farm	Faygate, West Sussex	Purchase and installation of 10 deer high seats to provide safe, elevated shooting positions for deer management that will reduce the impact of deer browsing on forestry and farm crops on a 650ha estate.	19/12/2024	28/02/2025	£2,650
Homestead Farm	Netherfield, East Sussex	Installation of 808m of in-field permanent electric wire spines to support the creation of smaller paddocks for regenerative grazing.	02/11/2024	28/02/2025	£4,573
Hook Green	Lamberhurst, Kent	A collaborative project (2 landowners) to restore wet woodland habitat and provide natural flood management across 17.7ha around the River Teise. The project involves installation of 3 leaky woody dams, 310m of sheep fencing to protect a wooded shaw and planting of 70m of hedgerow protected with 140m stock fencing.	11/10/2024	28/02/2025	£6,929

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King John's Nursery	Etchingham, East Sussex	Creation of additional all-weather car parking for 30 cars (800m2) using geotextile matting overlaid with type 1 MOT base and Breedon gravel. Also planting 65m of mixed native species hedge.	16/12/2024	28/02/2025	£8,866
Lea Barn Farm	Rye Foreign, East Sussex	Purchase of an ATV electric fencing machine and 2,400m temporary electric fencing infrastructure to enable effective operation of mobile planned sheep grazing system on a 112ha farm.	14/10/2024	28/02/2025	£1,508
M Smith	Forest Row, East Sussex	Purchase and installation of 4 deer high seats at Broadwater Warren and 3 at Great Walters Farm to provide safe, elevated shooting positions for deer management, reducing the impact of browsing on woodland and farm crops.	06/10/2024	28/02/2024	£3,337
Old Lodge Nature Reserve	Duddleswell, East Sussex	Purchase of 8 additional NoFence collars (with batteries) plus 1 additional battery and 1 charger to expand the Belted Galloway herd size that is conservation grazing a 100ha heathland nature reserve. Purchase of a bale handler to move hay to feed the reserve's cattle on nearby fields over winter.	18/06/2024	28/02/2025	£3,427
Old Plaw Hatch Farm Ltd	Wych Cross, East Sussex	Commissioning of a Heritage Assessment for a Victorian Pump House prior to renovation work.	10/02/2025	14/03/2025	£1,320
P Morrell	Heathfield, East Sussex	Purchase and installation of a refrigeration unit within an existing deer chiller to allow culling by up to 3 stalkers across approximately 600ha of permissions, including preparing, refrigerating and supplying carcasses into the human food chain.	14/06/2024	01/09/2024	£1,863
Penns Estate	Crowborough, East Sussex	Building upon previous project (FiPL22/07) facilitating collaborative deer management days, working with landowners and stalkers within two project areas. The project will improve woodland biodiversity within 5,784ha of landscape, including 1,975ha of ancient woodland and 8 SSSIs.	01/08/2024	31/03/2025	£45,864
Penny Farthing Holdings	Lamberhurst, Kent	Purchase of equipment to extend the regenerative, rotational grazing system on a formerly set-stocked 45ha sheep farm to improve pasture health and grass production.	18/02/2025	14/03/2025	£1,005

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Polebrook Farm	Edenbridge, Kent	Removal of a collapsed culvert and installation of a new bridge; clearance of a 60m access track to allow farm machinery to access a 1.5 ha SSSI wildflower meadow for conservation grazing and seed harvesting. Also relocation of a barn owl box and repairs to a grade II listed medieval agricultural barn on a 13ha farm.	01/05/2024	30/11/2024	£32,820
Roots to the Moon	Brightling, East Sussex	Delivery of a herbal medicine course for 20 people; creation of a herb garden; creation of a herb processing room, including shelving, water heater, sink and herb drying and processing equipment. Purchase of wood working equipment, including a sawmill, lathe and hand tools to make and sell gardening and herbalist hand tools.	21/11/2024	28/02/2025	£7,584
Sellars Brook	Burwash, East Sussex	Conversion of 1.5ha of existing permanent pasture (1 field) into a mixed species native wildflower meadow through ground preparation, seeding and rolling.	19/04/2024	30/11/2024	£3,408
Sellars Brook	Burwash, East Sussex	Installation of 235m livestock fencing, 1 field gate, 500m temporary electric fencing including 1 energiser, 3 earthing rods, lightning protector and 1 water trough to return field to its historic shape and enable sheep grazing on a 2.8ha field.	31/01/2025	07/03/2025	£2,833
Shaw Farm	Etchingam, East Sussex	Purchase and installation of 750m electric fencing, 1,400m water pipes and a portable solar powered water pump to extend adaptive mobile planned grazing system on a 40ha farm.	09/10/2024	28/02/2025	£6,553
Shaw Farm	Etchingam, East Sussex	Purchase and installation of 2 deer high seats to provide safe, elevated shooting positions for deer management, reducing the impact of deer browsing on woodland and farm crops.	18/02/2025	14/03/2025	£890
Shutecombe Flock	Etchingam, East Sussex	Purchase of a road legal, vehicle/ATV pulled, trailer mounted 700-litre water bowser with attached drinking troughs to supply water to stock in fields with no existing water infrastructure.	27/08/2024	28/02/2025	£1,425
Steadleaze Estate	Hammerwood, East Sussex	Purchase and installation of a 2.8m x 5m deer chiller and preparation room (capacity for 10 deer carcasses) with associated groundworks and services; installation of 2 deer high seats; and DSC 1 training for 2 people to increase ability to undertake more deer management.	22/07/2024	28/02/2025	£15,515

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Stocks Farm	Guestling, East Sussex	Conservation hedgelaying of 140m outgrown native mixed species hedge, erection of 140m of new stock netting to protect it and removal of an 80m length of 20m high non-native Leylandii.	14/10/2024	28/02/2025	£4,064
Stonehouse Farm	Crowborough, East Sussex	Purchase and installation of equipment to allow mobile planned grazing on a 15ha farm using electric fencing including 30 posts, 2x 500m poly-wire reels, 100 insulators, 10 gate handles, 1 energiser, 1 lightning deflector and 1 earthing rod, 1 drag trough and laying of 85m of hedgerow.	15/10/2024	28/02/2025	£1,579
Strawberry Hill Farm	Robertsbridge, East Sussex	Purchase, construction and installation of a composting toilet to facilitate school farm visits.	21/02/2025	14/03/2025	£769
The Country Trust	Locations across the High Weald	Delivery of 18 hands-on day visits across 7 farms/land holdings for c.460 children - and in some cases family members - from disadvantaged communities in and around the High Weald National Landscape.	28/08/2024	21/03/2025	£20,426
The Lodge	Tunbridge Wells, Kent	Planting of 378m of new hedgerows to provide a shrubby habitat. Planting new woodland blocks (with support from Kent County Council) and installing 508m of sheep fencing on a 13ha farm. Installing 100 wooden chestnut posts to reduce vehicle erosion of roadside verges.	30/05/2024	28/02/2024	£13,345
Theobalds Farm	Heathfield, East Sussex	Installation of 10 large and 5 smaller leaky woody dams in the Waldron gill stream to temporarily hold approximately 800m ³ of water to reduce downstream flood risk.	24/07/2024	30/11/2024	£15,924
Three Chimneys Farm	Goudhurst, Kent	Restoring landscape and wildlife through the planting of 460m of new hedges, restoration of 240m of ditch and clearance of 1 historic farm pond including installation of 2 wooden field gates and erection 1,007m of stock fencing to protect new hedges and restored pond.	28/08/2024	28/02/2025	£19,068
Transformations	Uckfield, East Sussex	Installation of a bespoke 10 carcass chiller hub and sundries to be used by 5 stalkers, installation of 4 deer high seats and purchase of a thermal monocular to increase deer cull numbers across a number of High Weald holdings.	04/11/2024	28/02/2025	£4,393

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Trottenden Farm	Goudhurst, Kent	Purchase of a Protech 220x telehandler mounted post driver and compatible headstock adapter plate to install and replace livestock fencing on 37 fields and protect 10km of hedgerows from grazing on a 75ha farm.	01/07/2024	28/02/2025	£2,745
Tunbridge Well Commons Conservators	Tunbridge Wells, Kent	Purchase of hand tools, 6 scythes, 3 rakes and 20 branded hi-vis jackets to allow volunteers to control scrub and manage 4.5ha of meadows to increase biodiversity.	24/10/2024	28/02/2025	£1,039
Upper Medway Group	Hartfield, East Sussex	A farmer-led project involving five events for farmers in the two Upper Medway and Shovelstrode (UMSS) stream sub-catchments (2,400ha) with the aim of identifying opportunities for action to achieve landscape-scale habitat enhancements.	27/08/2024	28/02/2025	£7,927
Verdant Carbon Ltd	Locations across the High Weald	Soil carbon data and analysis for a cluster of farmers and farm types to help participants to understand and consider their soil carbon in farm management.	15/07/2024	28/02/2025	£2,771
Warren Farm	Buxted, East Sussex	Installation of a replacement, hand-crafted, locally-sourced, green oak 16m bridge to a scheduled ancient monument moat; purchase of an electric fence energiser to allow sheep grazing and a firebowl for use by scout groups.	01/07/2024	01/10/2024	£8,278

57 projects with a total grant award of £500,785