

Farming in Protected Landscapes Programme

High Weald National Landscape Partnership Grant Awards 1 April 2025 to 31 March 2026



High Weald
National
Landscape

Business name	Location	Items and activities supported	Agreement Start Date	Agreement End Date	Grant award
Bish Tree & Land Services	Uckfield, East Sussex	Purchase of tree shears (400mm cutting capacity) and tilting quick coupler equipment to use with a 14-tonne excavator to enable sensitive forestry work within the High Weald's ancient woodlands.	20/06/2025	01/10/2025	£7,985
Brickhouse Estate	Etchingham, East Sussex	Purchase of parasite egg counting equipment and installation of 1,173m of electric fencing and 412m of water pipes to support transition to regenerative grazing and improve pasture health.	11/12/2025	28/02/2026	£9,203
Brickhouse Estate	Etchingham, East Sussex	Coppicing, gapping-up and stock proofing of a 593m hedge to trial an approach to estate-wide hedge management. Installation of 1,612m of permanent electric fence and 927m of water pipe to support transition to regenerative grazing across 27 hectares.	20/08/2025	28/02/2026	£29,387
Brickpits	Uckfield, East Sussex	Laying of two hedges (165m and 117m) to increase holdings wildlife value and improve pasture health.	29/09/2025	28/02/2026	£3,813
Burgham Sheep (Limden Brook)	Etchingham, East Sussex	Creation of nightingale habitat by conservation-laying 160m of hedge and planting of a new 133m blackthorn hedge, with 210m of protective electric fencing. Erection of 433m of electric cattle fencing to enable mobile planned grazing.	30/09/2025	28/02/2026	£8,858

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Country Trust	Various locations across the High Weald	Provision of 18 inspiring, hands-on day visits across six land holdings for c.450 children from disadvantaged communities in and around the High Weald National Landscape.	15/08/2025	16/03/2026	£21,069
Driftways	Etchingham, East Sussex	Purchase of FECPAK faecal egg count equipment and installation of 658m of permanent electric fencing and 667m of stock fencing, to improve pasture and stock health.	05/12/2025	15/03/2026	£12,209
Foxdale Partnership	Hartfield, East Sussex	Purchase of 400m of mobile electric mesh fencing, a solar energiser and a water bowser to allow introduction of regenerative sheep grazing to a 10ha field with a well-used public footpath and history of dog worrying.	02/02/2025	15/03/2026	£1,214
Foxhole Farm	Tunbridge Wells, Kent	Riparian habitat improvement along 550m of River Uck, including coppicing of 770 heavy alder stems from over 100 stools and creation of a riparian habitat zone through installation of 1,153m of fencing to protect the habitat and allow regenerative grazing on adjacent fields.	04/08/2025	28/02/2026	£9,710
Glebe House	Etchingham, East Sussex	Planting of two new native species hedgerows, including three fruit trees planted as hedge standard trees and protective stock fencing (168m and 223m) to improve habitat connectivity. Erection of 545m of stock fencing to reduce stock damage to six old oak trees and a wooded shaw, and installation of one owl box.	26/01/2026	20/03/2026	£8,136
GoodlifeGateway	Wadhurst, East Sussex	Purchase of an electric pellet mill and dehumidifier to produce liquid/pelleted organic comfrey/nettle plant food for sale as a soil health improver health with installation of off-grid solar power on a shipping container to enable production with minimum carbon emissions.	23/01/2026	20/03/2026	£2,440
Groundwork South Trust Ltd	Hastings, East Sussex	Co-design and delivery of 12 community engagement events/activities for c.230 disadvantaged local community members from Hastings based at Hastings Country Park Nature Reserve.	23/05/2025	15/03/2026	£42,964

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Hancocks Farm	Cranbrook, Kent	Innovative habitat creation for dormice, nightingales and turtle doves by planting 0.2ha hazel coppice, creating 3 tree roundels as habitat stepping stones, re-setting 300m overgrown lines of trees to hedgerows and pollarding 6 old orchard windbreaks.	15/12/2025	28/02/2026	£7,531
Hodore Farm	Hartfield, East Sussex	Installation of a pond dipping platform to improve the farm's educational infrastructure and restoration of wetland, planting of 70m of hedge, and planting of 60 trees to improve habitat.	09/12/2025	28/02/2026	£5,044
Holly Farm	Haywards Heath, West Sussex	Laying, staking and binding of an outgrown 73m native hedge in the South of England style and creation of a parallel 73m conservation dead hedge barrier to provide wildlife rich hedgerow habitat on a 22ha smallholding.	23/02/2026	20/03/2026	£1,412
High Weald National Landscape Partnership - Deer Initiative	Various locations across the High Weald	Facilitation of collaborative deer management involving 5 events for deer stalkers, two events for apprentice butchers and one webinar for land managers, 20 advisory sessions, support for five deer management groups and an annual drone survey in two high priority areas (an area of 4,000ha).	01/08/2025	31/03/2026	£38,320
High Weald National Landscape Partnership - High Weald Heroes	Various locations across the High Weald	Creation of 3 new welly walks and improvement to 7 existing 'welly walks' (circular routes on public rights of way that start and end at the school gate) involving 30 learning sessions working with 10 primary schools (30 school staff and 1,000 pupils). Creation of new resources to enable understanding of land use and encourage responsible access on farmland.	27/05/2025	31/03/2026	£16,980
Kent Wildlife Trust	Lamberhurst, Kent	Historic building assessment (structural survey and restoration plan), tree felling and erection of security fencing to help conserve a complex of six traditional 1940s Kentish hoppers huts and associated cook house.	09/12/2025	28/02/2026	£5,718
Lower Jacobs Farm	Battle, East Sussex	Traditional hedge laying, with top binding, of a 265m native species hedge by the South of England Hedge Laying Society as part of a competition, with 530m of protective stock fencing.	05/01/2026	28/02/2026	£9,217

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Lydhurst Farm	Haywards Heath, West Sussex	Purchase of a RAPP system for a flock of circa 100 ewes to enable grassland regeneration through a mob grazing system.	19/01/2026	01/03/2026	£2,125
Lynnes Organic Farm	Tunbridge Wells, Kent	Purchase of a Power Take-Off (PTO) woodchipper to turn thinnings from nature friendly management of 7.5ha woodland into 20 m ³ of woodchip p.a. for use by the small scale, organic, horticulture farm.	22/01/2026	16/03/2026	£1,315
Mighty Hedgerow Ltd	Crowborough, East Sussex	Creation of 12 roundels with 340m of stock fencing (10 planted with 208 mixed native tree species and two to be allowed to regenerate naturally as a comparison) to improve the habitat mosaic of previously cultivated fields.	14/10/2025	08/02/2026	£3,150
Modern Barn Farm Ltd	Battle, East Sussex	Creation of an educational paddock with growing beds and livestock to enable visiting local primary school children to learn about food production and wildlife.	10/02/2026	15/03/2026	£6,835
NANDV Estates	Haywards Heath, West Sussex	Re-establishment of 425m of lost hedges, installation of 845m of hotwire fencing to introduce a mob-grazing system with native breeds and re-establishment of a traditional orchard with planting and guarding of 60 traditional orchard trees.	21/01/2025	01/03/2026	£20,406
Northlands	Rye, East Sussex	Purchase of an ATV mounted electric fencing unwinder, temporary electric fencing, two solar energisers, FECPAK faecal egg counting equipment, alongside installation of 880m of permanent stock fencing to enable more effective mobile planned sheep grazing of 22ha.	02/02/2025	20/03/2026	£10,057
Northover Farm	Horam, East Sussex	Conservation-laying of a 157m single-species hawthorn hedge, creation of a dead hedge barrier and planting of 80 mixed species trees to diversify the hedge habitat. Purchase of electric fencing equipment for adaptive multi-paddock grazing over 35ha. Planting of 50 trees in a wooded shaw.	15/09/2025	28/02/2026	£2,980
Old Forge	Heathfield, East Sussex	Planting of a new 206m mixed native species hedge with two fruit tree standards, protected by 412m of stock fencing with one field gate, to allow cattle grazing to diversify habitats and increase bio-abundance.	21/01/2025	13/03/2026	£8,356

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Otway Meat & Game	Hawkhurst, Kent	Installation of five lean-to and three free-standing high seats on farmland to enable better deer management.	31/07/2025	28/02/2026	£2,660
Pasture for Life	Various across the High Weald	Farmer-to-farmer mentoring and training for 75 land managers to support transition to high nature value farming methods including 20 small group mentoring events run by farmers and 10 one-to-many training events.	08/07/2025	31/03/2026	£53,630
Pickeridge Farm	Haywards Heath, West Sussex	Purchase of a mobile 800 litre water bowser and mobile electric fencing equipment to facilitate mob grazing across 27 ha.	30/09/2025	28/02/2026	£725
Plashett Community	Uckfield, East Sussex	Sourcing of 36 low-grade mature oak stems from Plashett Park and milling of 403 hoppus cube timber into beams for use in a 'Green Timber in Construction' course that will build local skills in using local timber.	20/11/2025	15/03/2026	£3,287
Plaw Hatch	East Grinstead, West Sussex	Planting and guarding of 18 in-field trees, one tree enclosure and 306m of hotline fence to improve pasture resilience to climate change and create shade that helps with dairy livestock welfare.	19/11/2025	28/02/2026	£2,622
RSPB Broadwater Warren	Tunbridge Wells, Kent	Creation of 100m ² of lowland heathland through relocation of 250m of nutrient rich forestry windrow (650m ³ of material from historic conifer clearance).	26/09/2025	28/02/2026	£3,980
Sandy Cross Oast	Heathfield, East Sussex	Coppicing of 0.25ha of overstood hazel, installation of one deer high seat and laying of 50m of native hedgerow and creation of a 50m dead hedge to provide wildlife rich habitats on a 10ha smallholding.	21/10/2025	31/01/2026	£3,101
Springham Farm	Hailsham, East Sussex	Installation of 1150m of hotwire electric fencing to graze six fields more flexibly and to create 2,300m ² of additional scrub, woodland edges and wider hedges on a 96ha regenerative grazing demonstration farm.	19/12/2025	20/03/2026	£6,509
Springhill Farm	Forest Row, East Sussex	Semi-permanent electric fencing (1050m) and water systems (1500m) to enable a regenerative grazing system on 25ha and improvements in soil health and biodiversity.	15/12/2025	28/02/2026	£11,526

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Standinghall Estate	Crawley, West Sussex	Historic Building Assessment: structural survey and restoration plan for a c1800 timber-framed barn.	08/12/2025	28/02/2026	£6,300
Stonehouse Farm	Crowborough, East Sussex	Planting and guarding of 18 in-field trees to improve pasture resilience to climate change and provide shade that helps with livestock welfare.	05/11/2025	28/02/2026	£2,722
Swallowtail Hill Farm	Rye, East Sussex	Restoration of 336m ancient hornbeam hedgebank running alongside the Sussex Border Path through pollarding 230m and inter/under-planting with 460 mixed native species whips.	14/07/2025	28/02/2026	£2,197
Symbol Farm	Winchelsea, East Sussex	Planting of 25 heritage fruit trees on 0.25ha and solar powered electric fencing to allow mob grazing of 5ha, to diversify food production and enhance biodiversity.	21/01/2025	13/03/2026	£1,056
The Garden Classroom (TGC)	Edenbridge, Kent	Support for volunteer travel and subsistence costs to enable camping experiences for 200 local disadvantaged children.	20/06/2025	15/10/2025	£1,812
The Granary	Etchingham, East Sussex	Laying of a 60m of native hedge and creation of a parallel 60m dead hedge to provide wildlife rich hedgerow habitat on a 7ha smallholding	17/10/2025	01/03/2026	£1,160
The Old Dairy Meat and Game	Etchingham, East Sussex	Installation of five deer high seats to improve deer management and reduce the impact of deer browsing on woodland and farm crops.	23/06/2025	01/10/2025	£1,325
Three Chimneys	Cranbrook, Kent	Planting 207m of new hedge, erection of 420m of protective stock fencing and installation of a wooden field gate to restore wildlife and landscape character.	20/08/2025	16/03/2026	£8,382
Veterans' Growth	Winchelsea, East Sussex	Six wellbeing walks on three High Weald nature reserves for 180 people, led by a local ecologist and including nutritious lunch and transport to enable participation of people from nearby towns.	23/09/2025	28/02/2026	£2,428

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Waterlife Recovery Trust	Various locations across the High Weald	Installation and management of 100 smart mink traps and enrolment and management of approximately 80 land managers and 40 volunteers, to enable the eradication of non-native, invasive American mink across 3,200km of High Weald watercourses.	27/05/2025	15/03/2026	£78,425
Wyland Wood	Robertsbridge, East Sussex	A one-day workshop for up to 20 people, including contractors, on the practicalities of three methods of hedge-laying (conservation, traditional and dead-hedging).	19/12/2025	28/02/2026	£1,373

47 projects with a total grant award of £491,651