

Farming in Protected Landscapes Programme

High Weald AONB Partnership Grant Awards 2.12.22

Business name	Location	Project description	Total Cost of Project (Includes CS rated items)	FiPL Grant Awarded
Vexour Farm	Chiddingstone	Feasibility study and business plan to enable transition to more regenerative and nature-friendly farming.	£2,100.00	£2,100.00
Tablehurst Farm	Forest Row	Employment of a part-time facilitator to build community engagement in a biodynamic farm through an events and volunteering programme. The facilitator will also produce signage and interpretation material to improve the visitor welcome, orientation around, and understanding of the farm.	£24,125.00	£20,000.00
Beech Estate	Battle	Reinstatement of lost historic hedges (827m), creation of 3 acres of wood pasture and 8 acres of nectar strips, improved management of wildflower grassland and maintenance of a 1km permissive path.	£47,042.25	£39,134.44
Burgham Farm	Etchingham	Installation of a permanent electric fence (1450m) and water pipes (2020m) to enable mob grazing and the development of trees as an integral part of the farming system.	£12,458.00	£12,458.00
Trottenden Farm	Cranbrook	Purchase of a range of small capital items to enable transition to a regenerative agriculture farming system.	£10,282.90	£8,277.40
Pasture-Fed Livestock Association	Across the AONB	A mentoring initiative that will help livestock farmers transition to high nature value farming methods through peer-to-peer sharing of knowledge and expertise in high nature value farming methods. The project will support 4 mentors, 24 mentees and a further 72 farmers and will involve individuals and group farm visits, advisory sessions and the production of practical educational materials.	£94,166.00	£94,166.60
Sheffield Park Ltd	Uckfield	Production of a management plan for the 15ha estate to guide restoration of a Grade 1 historic parkland whilst maximising the estate's environmental credentials.	£2,925.00	£2,633.00

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Hodore Farm	Hartfield	Hedge restoration through planting (340m) to connect existing woodlands and habitat survey/soil tests to inform a new farm management plan.	£9,333.00	£9,333.00
Fontmills Farm	Hellingly	Enhancement of 3ha of semi-improved grassland with Weald Native Origin Wildflower Seed to create a donor site for further grassland enhancement; connect high value grassland within a 'B-line'; and improve the landscape experience for public footpath and campsite users.	£11,400.00	£11,060.00
The Neville Estate	Eridge	Introduction of a grazing management regime to 102ha area of designated wood pasture and parkland using highland cattle, virtual fencing technology and solar water pumps.	£9,921.00	£8,937.00
Hastings Borough Council	Hastings	Restoration of threatened clifftop grassland and heathland habitat through erection of 942m of perimeter fencing with associated pedestrian and vehicular gates to allow conservation grazing of a 59.79ha area within the Country Park.	£14,925.00	£13,031.00
Strawberry Hill Farm	Robertsbridge	Plant new hedges as a double row. Restore existing hedges. Stock proof paddocks created for new regenerative grazing system.	£18,843.40	£18,843.40
Bellhurst Farm	Etchingam	To protect and re-establish character of traditional small High Weald farm through rejuvenating ancient hedge boundary between two field parcels which can then be grazed independently, and though undertaking a survey to produce a plan for restoring traditional c19 cattle sheds.	£3,818.30	£3,818.30
Chiddingstone Farm	Chiddingstone	Development of a more nature-friendly, climate resilient and profitable farm system on a 24ha holding through installation of a mobile planned grazing system and creation of 1ha of floodplain woodland.	£ 22,028.83 0	£13,651.64

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Green Oak Farm	Robertsbridge	To begin the small-scale farming of organic chickens for eggs and to supply POL organic chickens to local people. To encourage wildlife diversity in hedgerows by repair of laid hedges and production of dead hedges. To protect crops and pasture, orchards and woodland from excessive deer damage.	£4,829.58	£4,788.00
RSPB	Broadwater	Improved management of 1860m of ancient woodland rides, 3500m of ride at Broadwater and 3.9ha of wildflower meadow through purchase of a cut and collect mower. Facilitation by RSPB of community projects to enhance local greenspaces.	£17,661.00	£14,330.00
Fresh Meadows Farms	Dallington	Support for attendance at the 12-day Holistic Management course (accredited by the Savory Institute) to enable regenerative farm practices across a 69ha holding.	£1,950.00	£1,950.00
Brickpits Organic Farm	Uckfield	Coppicing and laying of hedges (125m) to increase the diversity of hedgerow structure across the farm, maintain traditional hedge management skills and improve the landscape experience of Sussex Border Path users.	£2,472.50	£2,472.50
Quoins Farm	Dallington	Installation of fencing to maintain and protect historic boundaries on holding. Electric fences will be used to mob-graze more extensively while enabling us to exclude animals from sensitive areas when needed. Enhancement of the biodiversity and health of the soils, herbage and woodland. Addition of a wooden gate into woodland to exclude livestock access and maintain vehicle access.	£4,258.74	£4,258.74
Ashdown Forest Conservators	Ashdown Forest	Drone survey of Ashdown Forest to determine wild deer distribution, numbers and age. The resulting images and data will inform deer management operations and help with communication about the threats from rising deer numbers to wildlife, crops and people.	£4,800.00	£4,800.00

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Ashburnham Place	Ashburnham	Instigating a better management system for meadows and rides to reduce nitrate levels and enhance the current habitat	£15,900.00	£15,900.00
Perch Hill Farm	Robertsbridge	Baseline surveys to understand the carbon footprint, soil conditions and wildlife of a 36ha pastoral farm with practical recommendations and guidelines for improvement.	£5,530.00	£5,530.00
Lady Wrenbury Estate	Heathfield	High seats for deer control programme.	£1,800.00	£1,800.00
Woodland Trust	Across the AONB	Developmental stage of project to engage with small woodland owners to facilitate Rhododendron clearance.	£4,900.00	£4,900.00
Pickeridge Farm Partnership	Ardingly	To re-plant and fence a 170m lost hedge, including installation of 2 field gates. To purchase a 100cm wide flail cutter to manage 2762m of hedge in a biodiversity friendly manner so as not to be reliant on availability of contractors.	£7,126.33	£7,126.33
Swallowtail Hill Farm	Rye	Enhancement of a small nature reserve through 830m of hedge-laying alongside a public path as part of a bigger project involving grassland enhancement and erection of dormouse and bat boxes.	£10,624.00	£10,624.00