

Farming in Protected Landscapes Years 2021-2025

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Project name and location	Total project cost	FiPL Grant claimed	Project Start Date	Project End Date	Project summary
Brunton Farm Orchard, Brunton.	£21,037.87	£17,729.43	29/07/24	30/01/25	Funding for the restoration of the original kitchen garden walls and replanting with a mixture of native orchard fruit trees. Underplanting of trees with wildflowers. Creation of a public access trail through adjoining woodland and new bridge to allow for a circular trail. Interpretation signage for visitors to the site. Range of bird boxes installed.
Alnmouth Common Pond Restoration. 2nd year	£11,970	£6,440.00	09/01/24	15/03/25	A 2-stage project to remove a portion of the invasive reed-mace to restore some open water in the pond to benefit amphibian, invertebrate and aquatic plant communities and to create clear areas for people to observe wildlife at the pond.
Back to Nature at Beacon Hill Farm, Hauxley. 2-year project.	£33,056.60	£29,056.60	29/02/24	31/03/2025	2 nd year of a significant habitat creation project, to increase on-farm biodiversity. This includes the creation of a new pond, a 6.5 ha wildflower meadow and 3 scrapes for birds to use.

Howick Nest Cameras Howick Hall Estate. Longhoughton.	£1032.08	£928.87	10/07/24	31/03/25	Installation of 4 nest box cameras to live-stream to the public, demonstrating the nesting behaviour of wild birds on the estate. Volunteers will be involved with monitoring of the project.
Borewell Farm Coastal Path Gates Scremerston	£4,919.44	£3,935.55	20/05/24	31/10/24	Replacing broken gates on the Northumberland Coast path with dual use farm/public access gates and addressing the issue of deep mud on the path, to make the path accessible and enjoyable for more users.
Hawkhill Farm Lapwing Enclosure, Lesbury.	£9,531.97	£9,531.97	14/05/24	31/03/25	Fencing around an area of marshy grassland that is used by nesting lapwing to prevent disturbance by livestock and allow flora to flower and set seed. Additional planting of parkland trees around another part of farm.
Tughall Farm Enhancements, Tughall, Embleton.	£40,209.93	£38,497.33	01/09/24	31/03/25	A variety of measures to protect and increase biodiversity on the farm-this includes a wildlife protection drone to be shared with neighbouring farmers, a barn owl shed and bird boxes, native hedging, and extensive Silvo pasture planting across a field.
Howick Scar Weedwiper	£3,300.00	£1,980.00	12/06/24	31/03/25	Machine to selectively control

Craster.					invasive weeds- to help protect areas of botanically diverse grassland.
Howick New Track, Howick Estate Longhoughton.	£13,500.00	£10,800.00	01/09/24	31/03/25	Upgrading and raising of a frequently impassable walking route to improve accessibility. Connecting to a bridge funded by FiPL in year 3 to create a circular path around Longhoughton.
Pond and wall restoration at North Farm, Embleton.	£6,590.57	£6,590.57	28/08/24	31/03/25	Restoration of a silted-up field pond that is overgrown with reedmace to increase the biodiversity value of the pond by creating open water habitat and coppicing the overhanging trees and scrub. Also, the repair of a boundary stone wall that is an important landscape feature in the area.
Buston Links Feasibility Study- Alnmouth.	£12,172.30	£9,672.30	11/09/24	31/03/25	Feasibility study for a major habitat creation scheme- evaluating the extent and type of new habitat created through the removal of an old culvert in an area of saltmarsh.
Howick Heugh Grassland Restoration, Craster.	£19,245.32	£17,713.32	10/07/24	31/03/25	Fencing and stock proofing an area of unmanaged coastal whinstone grassland to allow a cattle grazing, which will help to restore species rich grassland, and provide additional grazing for the applicant.

Bokashi Case Study, Seahouses	£4000	£4000	31/12/24	31/03/25	A study to explore the potential benefits of bokashi composting on soil health- from farm-yard manure through large scale wormeries. Following on from a year 3 project to create the wormeries.
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Coast Care.	£8,500.00	£8,149.00	01/04/23	31/03/24	The 3 rd year of this multiyear project to provide specifically designed owl sheds and nest boxes to encourage nesting Barn Owls on farmland, and aiming to address the issue of declining nesting and roosting sites in the area. The owl population will be monitored by volunteers, providing participation, training and increased awareness about Barn Owls and their conservation.
Howick Bridge, Longhoughton Parish Council.	£25,901.00	£25,784.78	01/04/23	01/03/24	The final part of this multiyear project involving the building of a new bridge to cross the Howick Burn which has provided a safe route from Longhoughton village to the Coastal Path. In addition, trees have been cut back, new

					gates and stiles installed, and a leaflet has been produced promoting this route. This is part of a larger circular walk to allow people to experience the coastal and farm-landscapes of the Parish. It is hoped that this attractive route will encourage people to walk as opposed to visiting the area by car.
Embleton Low Mill Hedgerows and Trees, Southfield Farm, North Sunderland	£47,135.66	£36,183.65	01/03/23	31/03/ 24	The second year of a project involving the creation of new native mixed hedgerows, lines and groups of native trees and shrubs and a new apple, pear, plum and damson orchard. Providing bigger and more connected habitat and wildlife corridors for a range of species across this farm.
Lookout Farm Trees and Pollinators Lesbury.	£8,186.95	£4,798.20	01/04/23	31/03/24	Turning a redundant area of land into a pollinator patch and planting of parkland trees in pasture, plus some additional fencing.
Mycorrhizal Field Trials, Newlands, Belford.	£12,750.00	£7,750.00	13/04/23	31/03/24	Field trials into the effect of exogenous bio stimulants on cereal crops in order to produce data investigating the potential of these bio stimulants to create a functional food web - to improve farm productivity and profitability while reducing the use of chemical

					inputs such as fertiliser and fungicides. Dissemination of results via presentation to farmers and report.
Buston Barns Farm Orchard Project Warkworth.	£367.41	£367.41	01/06/23	31/03/24	Conservation and enhancement of an old orchard by planting more fruit trees including apple, plum and blackcurrant.
North Northumberland Farmer Facilitation.	£12,400.00	£12,400.00	07/08/23	31/03/24	Setting up of a Farmer Cluster Group in the North and South Low area. Delivery of five farmer events including site visits and speaker events.
Bradford Wood Enhancement Project Newlands, Belford.	£5,391.75	£4,313.40	19/10/23	31/03/24	Deer fencing of 1.2 ha of broadleaved woodland to encourage woodland ground flora to develop and woodland regeneration to occur for diversity, longevity and species benefits.
Annstead Farm Wet Wodland Creation Project	£21,639.00	£17,311.40	10/01/24	31/03/24	Creation of a new wet native woodland, by replacing a storm damaged conifer plantation with native wet woodland species. This type of habitat is very uncommon in the National Landscape and supports rare and important species.
Preparing for Local Nature Recovery, Coastal Farmer Events, Belford Silos, Belford.	£9,900.00	£9,900.00	08/11/23	31/03/24	Coastal Grains hosted and organised a series of talks and demonstrations attended by 100+ farmers/landowners who listened to a number of experts

					and practitioners in the fields of nature recovery, regenerative agriculture, funding and ecology. Bringing farmers together to learn and then actively engage in Nature Recovery on their farms within the National Landscape.
Cheswick Farm Hedging Project Berwick-upon-Tweed	£3,444.00	£3,444.00	06/12/23	31/03/24	200m of hedging gapped up with mixed and native hedgerow plants.
Boulmer Hall Farm walls and hedging, Boulmer.	£6,905.35	£6,905.35	08/12/23	31/03/24	Repair and restoration of collapsed and deteriorating old stone walls around the farm. Additional hedgerow planting.
Preston Tower Access and Interpretation Chathill.	£6,575.56	£5,260.45	01/01/24	20/03/24	Development of an improved arrival point and information boards for visitors to the Grade 2 Listed Tower House which is open to the public. Also, an extension to the website which explains about the history of the site and the significance of the Tower to life in 1500's northeast Northumberland. Improved access for diverse members of the public to enjoy the tower and its role in the history of the area.
Alnmouth Common Pond Restoration Project, Alnmouth.	£11,970.00	£5860.00	09/01/24	31/03/25	Multi-year project to restore Alnmouth pond, by clearing half the pond of invasive reedmace to open up the area and create open water areas for

					amphibians, other plants and invertebrates.
Wormery and Bokashi Trial, Southfield Farm, North Sunderland	£13,400.00	£13,400.00	15/02/24	31/03/25	Funding to make 3 bespoke wormeries to create Bokashi compost that will be used as a dressing on fields and manure to improve soil condition & fauna, plant health. Benefits include reducing inputs and recycling local waste.
Roboflail purchase, National Trust, Low Newton, Alnwick.	£53,495.00	£45,996.00	01/02/24	31/03/24	Funding supported the purchase of a Roboflail- a specialist habitat management, remote controlled machine, to allow habitat management in areas that are difficult to access conventionally. These include SSSIs and SACs. The Roboflail can be used by partner organisations and farmers with similar management issues.
Fenham-Le-Moor Pond Restoration, Belford.	£2834.10	£2834.10	28/02/24	04/03/24	Restoration of a former pond that had been colonised by reed-mace swamp. Restoration has allowed an open water habitat to be created, benefitting wildlife in the area such as aquatic plants, invertebrates, amphibians, and birds.
Boulmer Hall Farm Wall Restoration, Alnwick.	£2,871.90	£2,871.90	18/03/24	31/03/24	To complement previous projects on the farm, the restoration of another deteriorating stone

					walls that are an important feature of this farmed landscape.
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Embleton Quarry Nature Reserve Historic Landscape & Habitat Restoration, Embleton	£35,768.63	£38,268.63	01/01/22	31/03/23	Year 2 of this multifaceted project. Funded work included preservation of Embleton Quarry House as a historic building, local landmark and important wildlife habitat through consolidation of the building for safety reasons and to limit further decay. Groundworks and landscaping around the building to expose the quarry face as a feature and create areas for whinstone grassland to develop. Additional wetland creation areas near the pond. Tree sparrow nesting areas and bat boxes. New fencing and gates to allow further grazing by ponies. New path surfacing to improve access for all users. Creation of seating area for visitors, creation of Dark Skies area and interpretation.
Boulmer Hall Farm Pond & Pine Trees, Boulmer	£7589.10	£6,089.10	31/08/22	31/03/23	Removal of storm damaged trees that have fallen into the pond, and replacement planting of 20 Scots

					<p>pine trees. Replacement of old fence with new stock proof fence (225m) around the pond. New fencing of hedgerow to protect hedgerow from grazing animals (460m) and contain stock and 180m of new hedgerow connecting existing hedgerows. It retains and protects the feature for nesting Herons now and in the future. New hedging reinforces and connects the existing hedge and adds biodiversity and helps carbon capture, as does the tree planting.</p>
<p>Hedgerow restoration and wildlife corridors Budle Bay</p>	£19,999.50	£17,620.50	01/12/22	15/03/23	<p>Restored 665m of hedgerow through coppicing and gapping up and the creation of several wildlife corridors using a mixture of fruit trees and hedgerow trees across the two farms.</p>
<p>Preparing for Local Nature Recovery – Coastal Farmer Event. Belford</p>	£6,440.00	£6,440.00	22/09/22	31/03/23	<p>Four talks and demonstrations by authoritative and respected experts in the field of Nature Recovery to a farmer group (100+ farmers and practitioners attended) in late 2022/early 2023. Intended to raise awareness and knowledge, new ideas and innovative approaches to nature recovery and</p>

					regenerative agriculture. Subjects included nature recovery, soil carbon, dung beetles and soil invertebrates in regenerative agriculture.
Thomas's Field Enhancement Project, Howick	£5,651.00	£4,096.70	01/10/22	31/03/23	Fencing of a field to allow grazing by livestock to improve the botanical diversity of the field and to provide flexible grazing option for nearby nature reserve.
Habitat Restoration at St. Coomb's Farm, Holy Island	£4,234.10	£4,234.10	01/10/22	15/03/23	Species-rich meadow restoration through overseeding on small paddocks at Coombs Farm, culvert works on the Straight Lonnen to alleviate flooding and improve access, diversion of the water to wader scrapes adjacent and hedging and fencing near the farm (to be completed).
Boulmer Hall Farm, Stone wall repairs, Boulmer	£4,750.00	£3,350.55	02/02/22	31/03/22	Repair and restoration of a long boundary stone wall.
North Farm hedgerow enhancements, Embleton	£10,021.30	£5,057.00	01/12/22	15/03/23	Gapping up 350m hedgerow and 160m of new mixed hedgerows at North Farm, plus some stone wall repair.
Embleton Low Mill Farm Hedgerows & Tree Planting Project, Embleton.	£47,135.66	£47,135.66	01/12/22	15/03/24	Multi-year major landscape and biodiversity enhancement project at Embleton farm including new fencing, hedging (1545m/9000+ plants), hedgerow trees, fruit trees, standard trees in

					guards and orchard trees (316 trees).
Beal Bank Wetland Enhancement Project Warkworth	£7762.00	£4948.20	24/11/22	31/03/23	Enhancement of the wetland area at Beal Bank in arable field through incorporation of an adjustable sluice in the adjacent ditch to keep water on the field for longer in the spring for visiting and breeding birds such as waders. Refencing of the hedgerow along the ditch to allow it to expand and grow out for farmland birds like Yellowhammer, Grey Partridge, Reed Bunting.
AONB Coast Care Barn Owl Boxes Project	£8,800.00	£8,800.00	02/12/22	31/03/22	Year 2 funding for Barn Owl project within the AONB run by Coast Care volunteers. Creation and installation of 2 Barn Owl sheds and 9 Barn Owl boxes – made by the volunteers, installed at suitable farms. Training for volunteers in monitoring boxes and ringing Barn Owls.
Trees and Pollinators Lookout Farm, Lesbury	£8,386.95	£4,611.10	01/12/22	31/03/24	Creation of wildflower and herb rich pollinator patch on streamside at Lookout Farm, fencing and gates to improve access, parkland tree planting also to be completed in 2023.
North Northumberland Farmer Cluster, Northumberland Rivers Trust.	£4,945.00	£4,945.00	01/01/22	31/03/23	NRT appointed as facilitators to create a farmer cluster in the Lindisfarne area, including setting up a steering

					group, and 2 further events inviting farmers to talks by Natural England, Defra and the AONB covering topics such as ELMs, nutrient neutrality, nature recovery and getting their input for taking the group forward.
Barrack Wood Enhancement, Belford	£13,720.72	£6,860.36	03/01/22	31/03/23	Deer fencing c.6 hectares of Barrack Wood to prevent deer ingress, so that the woodland can regenerate and to protect the ground flora and shrub layer from browsing for key species.
Embleton Mill – Raptor Housing Provision.	£18,183.13	£8,679.98	01/04/22	31/03/23	Diverse project including funding materials to create raptor boxes (owls, kestrel) to instal around the farm to control rodents and so have less reliance on chemical pest control. Also contribution to creation of farm shop in Embleton village, selling local produce, including chiller, display units, interpretation (farm to fork).
Broxfield Farm Education Facility	£2,775.00	£2,775.00	20/02/22	25/03/23	Broxfield Farm Education Facility. Funding for making the education space more fit for purpose for school groups with a wide range of needs including new flooring and interpretation relating to farming, food, the National Landscape and biodiversity.

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Helsay Owl Shed and Pond & Scrape Creation Project Warkworth	£13,320	£13,320	10/10/21	31/03/22	Helsay Pond and Scrapes - Habitat creation at Helsay farm including a large pond, two scrapes and Barn Owl shed. Continuation of project work across the farm over the last few years to encourage a wide range of wildlife, with this year's work focussing on Barn Owl and creating freshwater habitats which are lacking on the farm.
Lookout Farm Pond & Orchard, Lesbury.	£3,932	£3,932	17/11/21	31/03.22	- Restoration of farm pond to include coppicing/felling of overhanging trees, excavation of pond, creation of shallow area scrapes. Other enhancements include a layed hedge, small orchard and a barn owl box.
Boulmer Hall Farm Wall and Orchard - Restoration	£17,555	£17,230	30/11/21	31/03/22	Restoration of dilapidated historic walls surrounding orchard at Boulmer Hall farm and expansion of the former orchard by planting a range of traditional variety fruit trees. Walls and trees will add to aesthetic and historical value of

					the farm as well as having biodiversity benefits, and for livestock ie shade/shelter.
Redsteads Waterwheel - Water wheel feasibility study, Redsteads Farm, Howick.	£5000.00	£5000.00	16/12/21	31/03/22	The old water wheel at Redsteads farm - a model farm built in the 1800's is located in a barn next to a pond, and a feasibility study is required to see if the water wheel can be brought back into service.If restored, the wheel could help to power the farm and as a potential visitor attraction given its scale, rarity and engineering.
Longhoughton Dunes Nature Recovery Project	£13,858.00	£6048.00	24/01/21	31/03/22	An installation of rocks and stone to upgrade and define a track used by the farmer and prevent parking on the dunes which has led to erosion of the sensitive dune habitat and disturbance to wildlife, additional signage.
Cresswell Fruit Trees, Cresswell Farm, Warenford	£4,347.50	£3,257.50	16/12/21	31/03/22	Planting of 40 specific variety fruit trees across secluded areas of the farm, in small groups, as a food source for birds and other wildlife.
Coast Care Barn Owl box and sheds	£7,800.00	£7,800.00	09/12/21	31/03/22	Barn Owl box and shed provision across the AONB to maintain and enhance the Barn Owl population across the AONB. Species conservation. Following on from previous successful project, involving

					volunteers to make boxes and monitor the owls, hopefully encouraging farmers as part of the scheme. Year 1 of a 3-year project.
Alnmouth Common Management Plan, Alnmouth	£2,098.00	£2098.00	24/01/21	31/03/22	The Alnmouth Burgage Holders would like guidance on how to best manage Alnmouth Common for its biodiversity, amenity value to locals and visitors and want to achieve this by appointing consultants to undertake a consultation event and produce a long-term management plan for the common. The management plan will also be required to be in place in respect of future funding opportunities through FiPL or other schemes.
Embleton Quarry Nature reserve and conservation of Quarry House, Year 1 Embleton.	£20,572.00	£20.572.00	09/12/21	31/03/22	Conserve Quarry House as historic building, landmark and important wildlife habitat (Tree sparrows and bats in particular). Additional habitat creation and enhancement for wide range of biodiversity including scrub clearance and pond creation, carbon capture. Create new access and interpretation areas including Dark Sky viewing area, for education, visitors, amenity value.

Elford Wetland creation project, Elford Farm.	£13,333.22	£13,333.22	26/01/22	31/03/22	Wetland creation project consisting of creating a new wetland area c.3 ha at the base of an arable field. Consisting of removing existing drainage pipes/drains and creating network of scrapes and runnels with controllable outflow to existing drain. Creation of wet woodland on edge by raising water table and additional planting of appropriate species. Removal of existing fence. It is hoped this will increase habitat and species diversity and allow formation of a relatively rare habitat in the locality - wet scrubby woodland.
Boulmer Barn Owls and hedging project.	£5,106.00	£5000.00	31/01/22	31/03/22	Installation of a purpose-built Barn Owl Shed in the corner of a small pasture to encourage nesting/roosting barn owls. Erection of a sheep fence by an adjacent drainage ditch to prevent overgrazing by sheep and animal welfare (prevent drowning). Mixed species hedging on other side of ditch for biodiversity, landscape value and screening of gardens
Engine Burn and Embleton Trees, Embleton.	£4,892.50	£4,892.50	31/01/22	31/03/22	Two small projects - Fencing either side of the Engine Burn near Southfield

					farm to protect from stock grazing and encourage wildlife corridor here and wildflowers in verge to develop. Will be planted with shrubs and trees at later date. Parkland trees at Embleton to add landscape interest, and screen shed, as well as having livestock sheltering value and biodiversity value as they mature.
Easington Grange Trees & Hedgerows	£4,084.80	£4,084.80	31/01/22	31/03/22	Creation of a small mixed woodland at Chesterhill Farm using native broadleaves and fruit trees to connect woodland areas and for biodiversity. Creation of wood pasture at Easington Grange Farm using groups of planted parkland trees. Both small planting schemes will have landscape and livestock shading benefits as well as attracting wildlife.

HISTORIC BUILDING RESTORATION GRANT 2024-2025

Project name and location	Total project cost	FiPL Grant claimed	Project Start Date	Project End Date	Project summary
Fenham Farm Granary Restoration Management Plan	£3,455.00	£3,455.00	05/04/2024	31/03/25	Development of a management plan for the restoration of the Hemmel at Granary Point, Fenham.
Fenham Granary Building	£239,259.00	£149,156.00	03/09/24	31/03/25	Sensitive restoration of a unique early 18thC

Restoration, Fenham Farm					hemmel of significant landscape value and an interesting history using HBRG fund.
Fenham Granary Restoration, Interior Restoration, Fenham Farm	£59,106.00	£47,613.00	03/06/24	31/03/25	Extensive interior works and interpretation of the Hemmel at Fenham for visitors.
Fenham Granary, Biodiversity & Habitat Enhancements	£19,344.00	£19,344.00	03/09/24	31/03/25	Bio-diversity enhancements around the farm at Fenham including new hedging and fencing and gapping up existing hedging for biodiversity, landscape, and livestock benefits.

ACCESS GRANT 2024-2025

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Broxfield Farm Classroom, Alnwick.	£49,920.00	£39,936.00	01/08/24	31/03/25	Creation of a dedicated all weather indoor/outdoor classroom facility for up to 60 children for educational farm visits. Including fittings and AV equipment for presentations and interactive activities.
Broxfield Farm Footpath and Trail	£42,426.00	£34,738.56	01/09/24	31/03/25	Creation of a circular woodland trail and seating areas for visiting school children to learn about dark skies, farming, and wildlife. An all-weather tent to use as an outdoor classroom. Wildlife watching kit

					including bat detectors.