

## Farming in Protected Landscapes Years 2021-2025

Year 4: 2024-2025				
Project name and location	Total project cost	FiPL Grant claimed	Project Dates	Project summary
Helsay Farm Wildflower Meadow and Scrapes, Warkworth	£4,993.13	£4,559.30	19/02/25-31/03/25	Creation of a 2.4ha wildflower meadow and two scrapes for wading birds.
Phase 2 Habitat Restoration, St Coombs Farm Holy Island	£1,500.00	£1,500.00	10/12/24-31/03/25	Habitat restoration on Holy Island – a new culvert to reduce flooding on a public footpath and to divert the water to wet up 6.5ha of surrounding grassland, scrapes and extended ditches.
Buston Links Intertidal Habitat Creation, Alnmouth	£38,500.00	£30,800.00	03/12/24-31/03/25	A major habitat creation scheme creating and restoring wetland habitats over about 8 ha through the replacement of an old culvert and modification of a watercourse.
Buston Links Feasibility Study, Alnmouth	£12,172.30	£9,672.30	10/09/24-31/03/25	Feasibility study for a major habitat creation scheme - evaluating the extent and type of new habitat to be created through the removal of an old culvert in an area of saltmarsh.
Bokashi Case Study, Southfield Farm North Sunderland	£4,000.00	£4,000.00	20/12/24-31/03/25	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.
Howick New Track, Howick Estate Longhoughton	£13,500.00	£10,800.00	13/09/24-31/03/25	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.
Tughall Farm Enhancements, Beadnell	£41,199.13	£39,486.53	25/07/24-31/03/25	Bordering a newly restored traditional hay meadow by planting new hedgerows and trees along a stream bank and derelict wall, a new habitat has been created and wildlife corridors extended. FiPL funded measures to encourage and protect wildlife in the area, including a heat seeking drone, nest box cameras to inform the public and a variety of bird boxes.
Pond and Wall Restoration, North Farm Embleton	£14,242.00	£6,590.47	13/09/24-31/03/25	Restoration of a silted-up field pond overgrown with reed-mace to increase its biodiversity value by creating open water habitat and coppicing the overhanging trees and scrub. Repair of a boundary stone wall that is an important landscape feature.
Brunton Farm Orchard, Year 2, Brunton	£20,434.77	£13,851.40	01/03/24-31/03/25	Restoration of the original kitchen garden walls and replanting with a mixture of native orchard fruit trees and 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. A range of bird boxes installed.
Howick Heugh Grassland Restoration, Craster	£19,245.32	£17,713.32	22/11/24-31/03/25	Fencing an area of unmanaged coastal whinstone and neutral grassland to allow cattle grazing, to help to restore species rich grassland, and provide additional grazing for the applicant. Removal of invading scrub from a historic feature.
Howick Nest Cameras, Howick Hall Estate	£2,061.08	£1,802.70	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.

Howick Scar Weedwiper, Craster	£3,300.00	£1,980.00	12/06/24-31/03/25	Machine to selectively control invasive weeds to help protect areas of botanically diverse grassland, as well improve grassland productivity.
Borewell Farm Coastal Path Gates, Scremerston	£4,919.44	£3,935.55	10/07/24-31/03/25	Replacing broken gates on the Northumberland Coast Path with dual use farm/public access gates addressing the issue of deep mud on the path and making more accessible and enjoyable for users.
Hawkhill Farm Lapwing Enclosure, Lesbury	£9,531.97	£9,531.97	14/05/24-31/03/25	Fencing around area of marshy grassland used by nesting Lapwing to exclude livestock and allow flora to flower and set seed. Additional planting of parkland trees around another part of farm.
Fenham Farm Granary Restoration Management Plan	£3,455.00	£3,455.00	08/04/24-31/03/25	Development of a management plan for the restoration of the Hemmel at Granary Point, Fenham.
Fenham Granary Interior Restoration	£63,106.57	£47,613.00	20/08/24-31/03/25	Extensive interior works and interpretation of the Hemmel at Fenham for visitors.
Fenham Granary Biodiversity and Habitat Enhancements	£19,344.00	£19,344.00	20/08/24-31/03/25	Bio-diversity enhancements around the farm at Fenham including new hedging, fencing and gapping up existing hedging for biodiversity, landscape, and livestock benefits.
Back to Nature at Beacon Hill Farm, High Hauxley	£33,056.60	£27,611.77	01/08/24-31/03/25	Second phase of a significant habitat creation project to increase on-farm biodiversity, including the creation of a 6.5 ha wildflower meadow, new fencing and 3 scrapes for wading birds.
Back to Nature at Beacon Hill Farm, Year 2, High Hauxley	£366.00	£366.00	29/02/24-31/03/25	Completion of a wildflower meadow creation on 3 acre arable field, for pollinators and biodiversity.
Alnmouth Common Pond Restoration 2nd year, Alnmouth	£6,110.00	£6,110.00	09/01/24-31/03/25	The final year of project to remove invasive reed-mace to restore 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.

### Historic Building Restoration Grant-2024-2025

Project name and location	Total project cost	FiPL Grant claimed	Project Start Date	Project summary
Fenham Granary Building Restoration Fenham Farm	£217,499.29	£141,766.78	06/06/24-31/03/25	Sensitive restoration of a unique early 18thC hemmel of significant landscape value and an interesting history using specific HBRG fund.

### Access Fund 2024-2025

Project name and location	Total project cost	FiPL Grant claimed	Project Start Date	Project summary
Broxfield Farm Classroom, Alnwick	£49,920.00	£39,936.00	01/08/24-31/03/25	Creation of an all-weather indoor/outdoor classroom facility with fittings and AV equipment for presentations and interactive activities for up to 60 children for educational farm visits.
Broxfield Farm Footpath and Trail, Alnwick	£42,426.00	£34,738.56	01/09/24-31/03/25	Creation of a circular woodland trail with seating areas for visiting school children to learn about dark skies, farming and wildlife, with kit including bat detectors, and an all-weather tent for use as an outdoor classroom.

### Year 3: 2023-2024

Project name and location	Total project cost	FiPL Grant claimed	Project Dates	Project summary
Coast Care Barn Owl boxes and sheds Various Locations	£8,244.52	£8,241.27	09/12/21-31/03/24	The third 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.
Elford Wetland creation project, Year3 Elford Farm	£991.60	£991.60	26/01/22-31/03/24	Third year management of newly created wet grassland for breeding waders.
Howick Bridge Restoration, Longhoughton Parish Council	£25,901.00	£25,784.78	20/07/22-31/03/24	Completion of a multiyear project to build a new bridge over the Howick Burn, providing a safe route from Longhoughton village to the Coastal Path, and part of a larger circular walk to encourage people to experience the coastal and farm-landscapes of the Parish, as opposed to visiting the area by car. As trees have been cut back, new gates and stiles installed, and a leaflet has been produced promoting this attractive route.
Embleton Low Mill Hedgerows, Trees and Orchard, Year 2 Embleton	£10,952.01	£10,952.01	24/11/22-31/03/24	The second year of creating 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 & Pollinators, Lesbury	£7,521.75	£5,047.35	01/02/23-31/03/24	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	10/03/23-31/03/24	Field trials to investigate the potential effects of exogenous bio stimulants on cereal crops to produce data for creating a functional food web, for improving farm productivity and profitability whilst reducing 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, Newlands Belford	£5,391.75	£4,313.40	24/10/23-31/03/24	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 Woodland Creation, Annstead Beadnell	£25,860.40	£22,917.30	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.

Facilitation for Local Nature Recovery Coastal Farmer Events Coastal Grains, Belford	£7,853.75	£7,853.75	08/11/23-31/03/24	Coastal Grains facilitated a series of talks and demonstrations attended by 100+ farmers /landowners from 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	£7,614.06	£5,260.45	01/01/24-31/03/24	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 Year 1, Alnmouth	£5,860.00	£5,860.00	09/01/24-31/03/25	First year of a 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	08/02/24-31/03/24	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, Fenham-le-Moor	£2,834.10	£2,834.10	28/02/24-31/03/24	Restoration of a former pond that had been colonised by reedmace 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 Coastal Wall Restoration, Alnwick	£2,871.90	£2,871.90	14/03/24-31/03/24	To complement previous projects on the farm, the restoration of another deteriorating stone walls that are an important feature of this farmed landscape.
Brunton Farm Orchard, Year 1, Brunton	£10,427.00	£6,812.25	04/08/23-31/03/24	Restoration of the original kitchen garden walls and replanting with a mixture of native orchard fruit trees and 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. A range of bird boxes installed.
Back to Nature at Beacon Hill Farm, Year 1, High Hauxley	£3,071.00	£3,071.00	29/02/24-31/03/25	First year of a wildflower meadow creation on 3 acre arable field, for pollinators and biodiversity

## Year 2: 2022-2023

Project name and location	Total project cost	FiPL Grant claimed	Project Dates	Project summary
Embleton Quarry Nature Reserve Historic Landscape and Habitat Restoration Embleton Year 2	£22,980.00	£22,980.00	09/12/21 – 31/03/23	Year 2 of this multifaceted project. FiPL funded work to preserve Embleton Quarry House as a historic building, local landmark and important wildlife habitat with 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.
Elford Wetland creation project, Year2 Elford Farm	£991.60	£991.60	26/01/22- 31/03/24	Second year management of newly created wet grassland for breeding waders.
Helsay Barn Owl Shed, Pond and Scrape Creation, Warkworth	£11,340.00	£9,440.00	10/10/21- 31/03/23	Second year of habitat creation at Helsay farm including a large pond, two wader scrapes and Barn Owl shed.
Easington Grange Trees and Hedgerows, Year 2 Chesterhill	£2,409.50	£1,092.80	26/02/22- 31/03/23	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.
Boulmer Hall Farm Pond and Pine Trees, Boulmer	£6,089.10	£6,089.10	16/09/22 - 31/03/23	Removal of storm damaged trees that have fallen into the pond, replacement planting of 20 Scots pine trees, and replacement of old fence with new stock proof fence (225m) around the pond. New fencing of hedgerow to protect 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.
Hedgerow Restoration and Wildlife Corridors, Easington Grange Farm, Belford	£18,646.50	£17,620.00	26/09/22 – 31/03/23	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.
Facilitation for Local Nature Recovery Coastal Farmer Events, Coastal Grains Belford	£6,440.00	£6,402.09	22/11/22 – 31/03/23	Four talks and demonstrations by 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 regenerative agriculture. Subjects included soil carbon, dung beetles and soil invertebrates in regenerative agriculture.

Thomas's Field Enhancement Project, Low Newton	£7,205.30	£5,651.00	01/02/23 – 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, St. Coomb's Farm Holy Island	£1,682.00	£1,682.00	01/10/22- 31/03/23	Species-rich meadow restoration through overseeding on small paddocks at Coombs Farm, and culvert works on the Straight Lonnen to alleviate flooding and improve access, diversion of the water to wader scrapes adjacent.
Boulmer Hall Farm Stone wall repairs, Boulmer	£4,250.00	£3,350.55	23/01/23- 31/03/23	Repair and restoration of a long boundary stone wall.
North Farm Hedgerow Enhancements, Embleton	£5,431.00	£5,057.00	01/02/23 – 31/03/23	Gapping up 350m hedgerow and 160m of new mixed hedgerows at North Farm, plus some stone wall repair.
Embleton Low Mill Hedgerows, Trees and Orchard, Year 1 Embleton	£36,183.65	£36,183.65	24/11/22- 31/03/23	First year of 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	£4,948.20	£4,948.20	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.
Coast Care Barn Owl boxes and sheds Various Locations	£8,500.00	£8,149.00	09/12/21 – 31/03/24	Year 2 funding for Barn Owl project run by AONB Coast Care volunteers. Creation and installation of 2 Barn Owl sheds and 9 Barn Owl boxes by volunteers and installed at suitable farms, with training in monitoring boxes and ringing.
North Northumberland Farmer Cluster, Northumberland Rivers Trust	£4,945.00	£4,945.00	01/01/22- 31/03/23	Facilitation to create a farmer cluster in the Lindisfarne area, setting up a steering group, and 2 further events inviting farmers to talks by Natural England, Defra and AONB covering topics eg. ELMs, nutrient neutrality, nature recovery and getting their input for taking the group forward.
Barrack Wood Enhancement, Belford	£13,720.72	£6,860.36	01/02/23 – 31/03/23	Deer fencing c.6 hectares of Barrack Wood to prevent deer ingress, to enable woodland regeneration and protect the ground flora and shrub layer from browsing for key species.
Embleton Village Shop, Embleton Mill, Embleton	£19,140.13	£8,727.28	30/01/23- 31/03/23	Contribution to creation of farm shop in Embleton village, selling local produce, including chiller, display units, interpretation (farm to fork). Also funding materials to create raptor boxes (owls, kestrel) to install around the farm to control rodents and so have less reliance on chemical pest control.
Broxfield Farm Education Facility, Alnwick	£2,775.00	£2,775.00	10/02/23- 31/03/23	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.

## Year 1: 2021-2022

Project name and location	Total project cost	FiPL Grant claimed	Project Dates	Project summary
Helsay Barn Owl Shed, Pond and Scrape Creation, Warkworth	£3,620.00	£3,620.00	10/10/21-31/03/23	Helsay Pond and Scrapes - Habitat creation at Helsay farm including a large pond, two wader scrapes and Barn Owl shed.
Lookout Farm Pond & Orchard, Lesbury	£4,488.00	£3,654.00	17/11/21-31/03/22	Restoration of farm pond, coppicing/felling of overhanging trees, excavation of pond, and creation of shallow area scrapes, with other enhancements of small orchard and barn owl box.
Boulmer Hall Farm Wall and Orchard Restoration, Boulmer	£17,853.00	£17,230.00	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 and have biodiversity benefits.
Redsteads Waterwheel feasibility study, Redsteads Farm Howick	£4,887.50	£4,887.50	09/12/21-31/03/22	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, Longhoughton	£13,858.00	£6,048.00	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	£985.50	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 boxes and sheds Various Locations	£7,800.00	£7,800.00	09/12/21-31/03/24	Barn Owl box and shed provision 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	£2,715.60	£2,715.60	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 Historic Landscape and Habitat Restoration Embleton Year 1	£20,386.18	£18,572.50	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, Year1 Elford Farm	£11,350.00	£11,350.00	26/01/22-31/03/24	Creation of a new wetland area c.3 ha at the base of an arable field, by removing existing drainage pipes/drains, creating a network of scrapes and runnels with controllable outflow to existing drain; creation of wet woodland on edge by raising water table, additional planting of appropriate species, and removal of existing fence; with the aim to increase habitat, species diversity and allow formation of a relatively rare habitat in the locality - wet scrubby woodland.
Boulmer Barn Owls and hedging project, Boulmer	£5,339.65	£5,000.00	31/01/22-31/03/22	Installation of a purpose-built Barn Owl Shed in a corner of a small pasture to encourage 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 & Embleton Trees, Embleton	£4,892.50	£3,920.00	31/01/22-31/03/23	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, plus having livestock sheltering and biodiversity value as they mature.
Easington Grange Trees and Hedgerows, Year 1 Chesterhill	£2,014.30	£2,014.30	26/02/22-31/03/23	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.