

Transparency of funding

Farming in Protected Landscapes, North Pennines AONB

2022/2023 Financial Year

<i>22/23 Under £5k</i>						
Business name	Town	FiPI grant award, £	Total project cost, £	Project start date	Project end date	Description, outputs
Low Sunnyside	Allendale	4071.30	4071.30	01/04/22	01/03/23	Access improvements, drystone walling, scrub planting, wildlife boxes.
Nenthead Mines Conservation Society	Alston	4824	6374	01/05/22	31/03/23	Stage 1 costs for heritage structure. Ecology, structural and conservation architect reporting.
High Rowantree Farm	Stanhope	4998.08	4998.08	01/05/22	31/03/23	Drystone walling, scrape creation, orchard creation, scrub planting.
Jollybody Farm	Stanhope	3760.40	3760.40	01/06/22	15/03/23	Meadow survey informing CS mid-tier application, new hedgerows.
Langton Farm Partnership	Barnard Castle	4,958.68	4,958.68	1/8/22	31/3/23	Create 0.13ha of low density scrubby planting. Create 140m of new. Planting four field trees with scrubby understory in 1.8m wooden guards.
Bishopside	Catton	4,611.49	5,161.49	19/07/22	30/06/23	2ha species rich meadow restoration, 1.9m compact cutting deck (shared use), botanical monitoring and report in 23/24, drystone wall restoration, gate.
Valley View	Alston	4,279.66	4,599.66	17/08/22	31/03/24	28m new hedgerow, 60m walling, 14 orchard trees, 20 additional trees, improved protection for existing trees, 1 new pond created, 1 pond doubled in size and relined with natural clay, 1 owl box, 2 bat boxes, 8 small wildlife boxes.
Strathmore English Estates	Barnard Castle	4,999.30	5,306.80	26/10/22	31/03/24	Architectural Report, Engineering Report, Protected Species Report.
V Lewis	Penrith	4,125.60	4,125.60	15/11/22	31/03/23	Group application for purchase of FECPAK equipment and community subscription.

Annat Walls	Alston	3,791.90	3,791.90	22/12/22	31/03/23	Planting two clusters of mixed deciduous trees (50 trees in total), plus 20 fruit trees and 50m of hedgerow. Installing 5 medium bird boxes for house martin and swift and 13 small bird boxes for swallows and other birds. Controlling rushes to improve opportunities for ground nesting birds. Restoring 26 m of dry stone wall.
Tyne Rivers Trust	Corbridge	4,833.00	4,833.00	13/02/23	31/03/23	Planting 320 trees in cactus guards in low level areas and on steep banks.
Fawside	Allendale	4,759.01	4,759.01	18/02/23	12/03/23	Employing a tree surgeon to make safe 14 trees throughout permissive access network regularly used by local residents. Purchase of tools, equipment, and refreshments to host two community volunteer events: 1) tree planting using trees donated to the charity and 2) a bird box making workshop.
DH and M Craig	Westgate	4,522.33	4,522.33	01/04/23	31/03/24	Planting of 110 trees to increase the area of shade and shelter available for livestock in an exposed field. This will increase the ecological diversity of the local area and help to sequester carbon. 61m of drystone wall repairs will improve the landscape characteristic of the AONB and is frequently seen from the busy A689.

22/23 Over £5k						
Business name	Town	FiPI grant award, £	Total project cost, £	Project start date	Project end date	Description, outputs
Rotherhope Mine Cottage	Alston	18,666.80	18,666.80	04/05/22	31/03/23	New hedgerows and tree planting, soil sampling for potential meadow
The John Strutt Conservation Foundation c/o Hewetson & Johnson Ltd	Kirkby Stephen	65,236.00	65,236.00	04/05/22	31/03/23	Fully accessible path surfacing, pond and scrape creation, associated fencing, permissive access, interpretation
Half Acres House	Allendale	10,627.00	10,627.00	04/05/22	01/03/23	Tree planting, hedge laying, scrape creation, wildlife boxes, protective fencing and fencing for rotational grazing
JT Nixon & Sons LTD	Hexham	113,015.20	113,015.20	04/05/22	01/03/24	Tree planting, in-field trees, drystone wall restoration, weed wiper contribution and access improvements
A. R. Rutherford	Stanhope	16,432.32	16,432.32	04/05/22	31/03/24	New hedgerows, drystone wall restoration, access upgrades, new scrub/pond area and protecting riparian habitat
Valentine Vale Alpacas	Allendale	13,016.20	13,016.20	04/05/22	01/03/23	Stage 1 surveys and professional fees for bastle stabilisation, tree planting, new hedgerow, drystone wall restoration
Messrs Bell	Brampton	67,611.00	67,611.00	04/05/22	15/03/24	New hedgerows and hedge laying
Mountain Bothies Association	Alston	42,846.16	103,018.08	04/05/22	30/09/22	Renovation of open mountain shelter Greg's Hut
R E E Robson	Allendale	15,220.29	15,220.29	16/06/22	28/02/24	Drystone wall restoration adjoining SSSI, scrub creation
G. Scott	Barnard Castle	28,789.50	28,789.50	16/06/22	31/03/24	New hedgerows, drystone wall restoration, tree planting, wildlife boxes
West Studdon Farm	Allendale	8779.49	8779.49	16/06/22	31/03/23	Facilities for education, conservation and wellbeing events, tree planting and wildlife boxes
J & P Routledge & Son	Brampton	23,099.70	23,099.70	16/06/22	28/02/24	New hedgerows and enhanced riparian habitat

S Dalton	Brampton	6,520	6,520	16/06/22	28/02/24	New hedgerows and scrape creation
WD & JP Howard	Hexham	22,207.10	22,207.10	16/06/22	28/02/24	New hedgerows, woodland enhancement, scrape creation, orchard creation, wildlife boxes
Your Natural Leaders	Brampton	18,118.55	18,118.55	16/06/22	28/02/24	New hedgerows, wood pasture and scrapes
Pasture Farm	Stanhope	9043.84	9043.84	16/06/22	28/02/24	Drystone wall restoration, scrub creation, pond restoration and in-field trees
Low Way Farm	Middleton in Teesdale	18,272.56	18,272.56	16/06/22	31/03/23	Environmental engagement farm visits, equipment/clothing for groups, drystone wall restoration
The Hermitage	Stanhope	14,320.26	14,320.26	16/06/22	31/03/24	Meadow management, drystone wall restoration, pond creation, riparian planting and bank stabilisation
Seljahol LTD	Alston	28,371.00	35,872.00	16/06/22	31/03/24	Pond creation, in-field trees, drystone wall restoration and access improvements
M & D Herdman	Consett	11,196.75	11,196.75	31/10/22	31/03/24	Replace 3 access points with kissing gates. Four new finger posts. 440 m of new hedge and associated sheep fencing (540m).
R and T Haines	Hexham	5,189.64	5,189.64	17/08/22	31/03/24	Drystone wall restoration, new electric fencing package (solar), 20 scrub crates, 300sqm pond restoration.
North Pennines AONB Partnership	Teesdale	99,852.00	99,852.00	25/08/22	31/03/24	Soil testing, analysis and subsequent management recommendations to increase soil health and carbon storage across 24 holdings.
CK Nicholson	Catton	13,226.32	13,226.32	18/08/22	31/03/23	Improving farm for wildlife and stock management through rush management and hedge and tree planting.
Wear River Trust	Bishop Auckland	44,356.40	75,176.10 On monitoring spreadsheet total is 61037.8	18/10/22	31/03/24	Phase 1 of the establishment of 2 exemplar demonstrator farms implementing the Maximum Sustainable Output (MSO) concept in the landscape and climate of Weardale.
P & A Stembridge T/A Bishopside Farm	Catton	19,286.82	19,286.82	03/08/22	31/03/24	Hedgerow restoration, woodland extension, and pond/scrape creation.

K. Mitchelson	Bishop Aukland	9,596.73	9,596.73	10/08/22	31/03/24	Create 3 scrapes totalling approx. 450 sqm. Plant 28 trees and shrubs to soften existing woodland edge. Plant 245m new hedges. Protect 220m length of stream and riparian habitat from grazing.
C.Parker & Son	Barnard Castle	26,858.68	26,858.68	16/08/22	31/03/24	624m mixed species hedges, 49 trees in wooden guards, 25 trees in rabbit guards, one water course fenced off to reduce erosion of bank and increase water quality, promoting water vole habitat.
Mr Adam Millington	St John's Chapel	16,563.40	17,418.97	14/09/22	31/03/24	350m of hedgerow planted, 200 woodland plug plants, 1ha traditional meadows restored, 200 meadow plug plants, 60m overstood hedge managed and gapped up with traditional hedging species; 16 scrub crates in paddocks and wildlife set-aside area; creation of series of small wildlife ponds, brushcutter to manage wildlife areas. 75m drystone wall repaired, land divided from 2 to 6 compartments, 100m flexible solar electric fencing system to further divide and target grazing, mobile hayrack for flexible feeding.
Mark & Heather Gayer	Stanhope	7,472.68	7,472.68	26/10/22	31/03/24	Re-instate 195m original hedge. Fencing off 160m stream and bank. Fencing off 0.35ha to protect existing woodland from livestock.
Cannerheugh Farm	Penrith	28,516.50	33,516.50	18/10/22	31/03/24	Further development of silvo-pasture to benefit soil health, and which will subdivide fields to create an additional 1.120km of 12ft wide hedgerow habitat.
JM & EM Neve	Brampton	6,710.00	6,710.00	18/10/22	31/03/24	This project will build on and strengthen the hedge/woodland habitat connectivity project along the A689 that was supported by a previous FiPL grant. It will create 2 hedge rows totalling 380m as well as scrapes and ponds

						along the Haining Burn, providing extra open water and wetland habitat.
Eden Rivers Trust	Penrith	22,525.06	22,525.06	01/11/22	31/03/23	Installation of 980m of fencing and 380m of hedgerow to protect 130m of watercourse. Installation of a solar powered water pump to provide water to 7 troughs. An additional 150 trees to be planted across three areas to create wood pasture.
Messrs Harrison	Alston	6,087.74	7,609.68	01/11/22	31/03/23	21 NoFence cattle collars for native breed Luing cattle to graze open areas in a managed way.
Epiacum Heritage CIO	Alston	8,411.79	8,411.79	18/10/22	31/03/23	Create interpretation (reconstruction) material to develop understanding of the Border River story. Enhancement of existing permissive access routes. Plant 30m of hedgerow trees. Plant wildflowers – 100m verges. Repair lintels in entrance to the Well House Bastle.
B Watson	Wolsingham	9,222.46	9,222.46	18/10/22	31/03/24	Planting of 315m of hedgerow, 750sqm of shelterbelt, thinning and removal of conifer species from small woodland and understory tree planting with native species. Four small and two large scrub crates to be installed on scrubby bank.
Ashbank Farm	Gamblesby	14,710.42	14,710.42	14/12/22	31/03/24	To plant 518m new hedgerows to divide field up into smaller parcels for regenerative grazing. 160m new fencing to protect a species rich wildflower bank.
CET Smith	Cumrew	8,946.50	8,946.50	22/12/22	31/03/23	750m of fencing installed to protect a watercourse and wetland area from livestock and to improve water quality and wildlife habitat. 175m of fencing installed to protect woodland ground flora from livestock trampling. Installation of one tank and 2 water troughs. 10m of drystone wall repairs to ensure field is

						stock proof and maintain landscape characteristics.
Eddis Bridge Farm North	Consett	10,237.26	10,237.26	22/12/22	31/03/23	366m of new hedging, creation of 60 sqm scrape, new orchard with 26 fruit trees, underplanting of 16 deciduous native trees in coniferous strip, planting 32 trees to create new wooded area, filling gaps in existing hedgerow by planting 5 broadleaved trees, provision of 5 medium and 1 large wildlife box.
W Emerson	Frosterley	31,162.96	31,731.76	15/12/22	31/03/23	418m hedging, 320m wide hedging including fruit trees, 90m shelter belt, 10 small and 1 large wildlife boxes, water piping and movable troughs for mob grazing, 1 conical tank for bio stimulants.
Pasture for Life	Various locations across the North Pennines AONB	25,323.65	25,323.65	13/01/23	31/03/24	A farmer-to-farmer knowledge exchange project, matching mentors with livestock farmers to encourage high nature value farming methods which build farm.
Hunstanworth Farm	Consett	10,333.50	10,333.50	06/01/23	31/03/24	Creation of 0.3ha of native woodland, planting 245m new hedgerow, creation of 115sqm minimum of new pond, rebuilding of 100m dry stone wall.
TG & FK Stobart	Armathwaite	33,606.00	33,606.00	22/01/23	31/03/24	This project will restore 860m of hedgerow by laying and gapping 450m and by coppicing and gapping up a further 410m. It will also create 1.005km of new, connected hedgerows as well as 0.17ha of wet woodland. It will also restore 300m of drystone wall.
Ranbeck	Kirkland	8,945.00	8,945.00	14/03/23	31/03/24	To provide interpretation for a scheduled ancient monument on public footpath. To divert a public footpath for the public's wellbeing and applicants farm management. To replant 50m

						of an old hedge line and rebuild 155m of drystone wall.
TG & FK Stobart	Armathwaite	32,216.96	37,849.57	22/03/23	31/03/23	This project will create an additional 1040m of hedgerow. It will also provide a flexible clean water supply, via solar pump systems, to support the regenerative rotational paddock grassland system.
T W Vickers	Westgate	8,604.00	10,755.00	12/02/23	31/03/24	Purchase of 35 NoFence cattle collars for sensitive grazing, leading to habitat maintenance and improvement.
Durham Wildlife Trust	Middleton-in-Teesdale	16,923.50	26,923.50	01/04/23	31/03/24	DWT will commission specialist ecological consultants to develop and deliver 6 habitat and species surveys and reports, required to inform the ongoing management of the recently purchased Cuthbert's Moor Nature Reserve.
Tees Rivers Charitable Trust	Scargill	100,000	170,510	05/04/23	31/03/24	Removing existing weir and concrete crossing at Rutherford Bridge and replacing with a steel section bailey bridge to aid fish passage and increase biodiversity. Delivery of a farmer engagement event in partnership with the Campaign for the Farmed Environment.
North Pennines AONB Partnership	Langdon Beck	62,920	62,920	01/02/23	01/03/23	Supply and planting of 63,000 Sphagnum moss plug plants as part of a restoration project across the largest area of bare and eroding peat in the AONB.
RSPB	Geltsdale	16,311.54	17,311.54	28/03/23	31/03/24	A three-pronged project: 1. Curlew monitoring using trail cameras and thermal imaging to monitor chick survival. 2. Deer population assessment using drones which will inform future stalking plans. 3. Hen harrier monitoring to protect the nests of these vulnerable birds.
I.M. Hodgson	Tow Law	22,001.96	22,001.96	27/03/23	31/03/24	Replanting a previously dense, mature conifer woodland with native deciduous and conifer species mix to improve biodiversity. Planting 150 trees in a thinned 0.23ha plot of existing

						conifer woodland with deciduous trees. Install 6 small wildlife boxes in this area.
Nenthead Mines Conservation Society	Nenthead	75,579.00	84,811.00	21/03/23	31/03/24	The project aims to repair the three main components of the Brewery Shaft: stone building ante-room, timber building that encloses the shaft top, and the concrete blockwork lean-to at the side of the building. Repairs involve masonry, roof structure, drainage, joinery, and rainwater goods.
Epiacum Heritage CIO	Alston	15,826.57	15,826.57	21/03/23	31/03/24	Volunteer days and archaeological analysis of Molehill surveys at Epiacum Roman Fort.
GSC Grays on behalf of Mrs Kate De Boinville	Frosterley	7,310.16	7,310.16	31/03/23	31/03/24	Stage One costs for consolidation of Limeworks complex including architectural report, engineering report, and protected species report.