

Transparency of funding

Farming in Protected Landscapes, North Pennines National Landscape

2023/2024 Financial Year

<i>23/24 Under £10k</i>						
Business name	Town	FiPI grant award, £	Total project cost, £	Project start date	Project end date	Description, outputs
Friends of Upper Teesdale	Barnard Castle	5,751.00	7,668.00	01/07/23	01/03/24	Provision of interpretation and improved accessibility of the cottage to the public.
Bishopside Farm	Catton	9774.96	9774.96	10/07/23	28/02/25	723m of hedge to be laid. Irregular Standards to be left in 4 of the 5 lengths.
Jollybody Farm	Stanhope	5,429.70	5,429.70	13/07/23	29/02/25	Enhance biodiversity and improve wildlife connectivity by planting two hedgerows and creating two scrapes. Reduce riverbank erosion by planting small trees and scrub (suitable Black Grouse mix) in cactus guards.
S Collinson	Lunedale	6,437.10	6,437.10	01/08/23	31/03/25	Increase biodiversity and habitat connectivity by establishing traditional hay meadow management on a second field at Harker Springs. The parcel will be restored by introduce seed from local meadows as green hay with the aim of establishing a species rich upland hay meadow sward. This project will also build upon a previous FiPL agreement to further enhance one meadow that has been successfully restored via the planting of plug plants of typical meadow species that have been grown from hand collected local provenance seed.

Teesdale Special Flora Trust	Eggleston	9,987.40	9,987.40	17/08/23	31/03/24	Conduct two species recovery trial monitoring surveys and conduct detailed mapping of rare species in Upper Teesdale.
Churchlands Farm	Catton	8,172.40	8,172.40	11/09/23	28/02/24	Enhancing biodiversity and on-farm connectivity by planting one hedgerow and boundary trees to connect two copses. Enhance one copse on a neighbour's land by planting more trees near the existing copse. Create two scrapes for waders that breed on the farm in Spring.
Durham County Council	Killhope	3,901.00	3,901.00	01/10/23	01/03/24	Planting of 1ha of felled and windblown conifer plantation with native woodland to support wildlife - in particular red squirrels. The new planting will support areas of natural regeneration and buffer the remaining conifer plantation that forms the last area for squirrels at this site.
Spital Grange	Bowes	9,162.78	9,228.98	17/10/23	28/02/25	Restoration of 135 meter of Drystone wall boundary, Creation of wetland scrapes for wading bird habitat. Planting of 12 native tree/scrub species in cactus guards. Introduction of an electric fence package to implement rotational grazing methods on farm. Installation of 4 small wildlife boxes across the farm.
Annat Walls	Alston	9,494.00	9,494.00	06/12/23	28/02/25	Stage 1 costs for 4 individual historic buildings.
Nenthead Mines Conservation Society (NMCS)	Nenthead	5,525.14	5,525.14	15/12/23	31/03/24	Planting native deciduous trees next to conifer woodland to eventually promote wind-blow self seeding of deciduous trees in the area of conifers. Improving public access by installing a pedestrian gate. This will lead past the planting area and onto the open access land. 50m drystone wall repair, plant 300 trees, fence off tree planting area, install pedestrian access gate and two field gates.
J F EDGAR	Alston	1,159.44	1,159.44	16/01/24	28/02/25	This is an extension to an earlier project to allow for additional public access across the site

Tyne Rivers Trust	Slaggyford	5,286.26	5,286.26	30/1/24	31/03/24	160m hedge planting, fenced on one side with additional hedgerow flower seed and plug planting along bank to enhance biodiversity
Stu and Jen Wheatman	Nenthead	6,185.20	6,185.20	9/1/24	28/02/25	Plant a small copse and plant scrub trees in cages and cactus guards. repair dry stone walls on smallholding to manage grazing more effectively to allow floriferous banks to thrive.
Cannerheugh Farm	Renwick	9,741.12	9,741.12	09/01/24	31/03/24	Further development of Silvo-pasture system to benefit soil health by subdividing another field and creating an additional 173m hedgerow, enhancing our farm's growing hedgerow habitat network. Improvement to regenerative grazing approach by extending water pipeline by 660m.
Step Ends Farm	Middleton in Teesdale	7,204.40	7,204.40	07/03/24	28/02/25	Stage 1 costs for grade II listed barn within steading.
Simon Neville Gill TA Williamston Estate	Slaggyford	6,459.00	6,459.00	04/03/24	28/02/25	180m of fencing and hedging to keep the woodland stockproof and allow natural regeneration, while increasing shrub biodiversity.
Northern Heartlands	Barnard Castle	9,345.11	9,345.11	25/03/24	28/02/25	Northern Heartlands plans to engage 4 professional artists to work with children from five Teesdale Primary schools to inspire young children and their families and broaden their awareness of the rich and rare flora of Upper Teesdale and its plight. Children will work with artists to produce artwork that relates to what children have seen – this could be visual artwork but might also include written work, music, digital work or performance. There will be an exhibition held in Barnard Castle of the work the children have produced.
North Pennines National Landscape	Bowlees	7,785.08	10,480.00	18/03/24	28/02/25	To rebuild 94m of drystone wall on the boundary of the leased land. The wall is beyond running repairs and requires rebuilding with additional stone

						throughs. This is to ensure that the neighbouring land is secure for stock.
Steven Reed	Slaggyford	4,375.30	4,988.25	08/03/24	28/02/25	Planting 30m of hedgerow, planting 34 trees / shrubs, planting 80 woodland flora plug plants, restoring 10m of traditional dry-stone wall, non-chemical bracken control equipment, installation of 27 bird boxes and 5 bat boxes.
MESSRS EM & RW WILSON	Gamblesby	9,270.00	9,270.00	27/03/24	28/02/25	Essential maintenance of traditional barn to prevent roof collapsing and further decay. The work will primarily involve re-roofing, replacing part of the roof structure and restoring some of its stonework. This application is for stage 1 works.

<i>23/24 Over £10k</i>						
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J.Thompson & Son	Farlam	14,704.45	14,704.45	01/06/23	01/02/24	Wide hedge planting and pond surveys in advance of possible pond restoration.
Fox Surveying Ltd	Renwick	23,149.82	23,149.82	01/06/23	01/12/23	Improvement of Low Scales Farm for wildlife and stock management - hedging, hedge laying, water trough installation for improved stock rotation.
JT Nixon & Sons Ltd	Hexham	64,219.36	64,219.36	14/06/23	28/02/25	The second project at Stotsfold Farm. They are now collaborating with neighbours to enhance the first project by planting new hedgerows and

						restoring old hedge lines to link up with existing network and recently planted hedgerows through first FiPL application. This is to increase wildlife connectivity across the two farm holdings.
North Pennines AONB	Weardale	23,261.00	23,261.00	01/07/23	01/10/23	Peatland restoration hydroseeding trial on 0.19ha of bare peat
Burnlaw Farm	Whitfield	11,454.23	11,454.23	12/07/23	15/03/24	A two-part application to enhance biodiversity on the farm through hedge, fruit tree, and scrub planting. Also, a baseline whole-farm ecology survey to inform future management decisions as the farm aims to increase biodiversity further. Also, delivering activities on the farm for those that have limited access to the countryside, including inner city young children and refugees.
Helbeck Enterprises	Middleton-in-Teesdale	11,245.00	12,495.00	01/08/23	01/10/23	Purchase and installation of a compostable loo on the estate adjacent to the self-guided trail (previous FiPL application), to provide facilities for users of the trail, and provide and enhanced experience for invited groups.
Valentine Vale Alpacas	Catton	56,394.91	56,394.91	01/08/23	01/03/24	Consolidation costs for Phase 2 of the bastle house situated next to a public right of way. 380m of new hedgerows to split up an existing field to aid in grazing management, and to link up with previously planted hedge and tree network funded through FiPL. Planting of 30 trees to extend existing woodland and replace trees with ash dieback.
Bridge Farm	Gamblesby	15,581.43	15,581.43	01/10/23	01/03/24	Hedge planting, widening and laying along with small woodland creation.
Eden Rivers Trust	Croglin Valley	22,497.90	32,497.90	02/08/23	31/03/24	To protect previously planted woodland from grazing sheep by erecting a fence. To ensure the success of various expired planting schemes, contractors will remove redundant

						tree guards and re-stake and reinstate trees where appropriate.
Epiacum Heritage CIO	Alston	71,417.40	71,417.40	14/08/23	31/10/23	Repair and restoration work to Wellhouse Bastle, a listed medieval fortified farmhouse currently used for education and public interaction.
West Side Farm	Whitfield	17,637.99	17,637.99	26/09/23	31/03/24	Planting new hedgerows and restoring an old hedge line to improve habitat connectivity across the farm. Increasing tree cover of a small, wooded area whilst maintaining grazing room. Extending a line of trees against a boundary wall to improve connectivity. Planting of scattered trees in cactus guards to increase shelter for livestock. Stage 1 report for historic, Grade 2 listed bastle on site.
Cherry Hope Alpacas	Nenthead	12,035.90	12,752.90	01/10/23	31/01/25	Planting 170m hedgerow, 6 cactus guards with scrub plants, 10 of 1.8m tree crates, flail mower for cutting and managing rushes, and 70m walling reconstruction.
S Dalton	Halbankgate	37,911.01	37,911.01	01/10/23	01/02/25	Strengthen and restore the local landscape character and its woodland and hedgerow habitat network.
KA & PJ WOODMAN & SON LTD	Brampton	64,809.21	64,809.21	20/10/23	31/03/24	Extending and improving the hedgerow network on the farm and linking this to existing ancient woodland adjacent to the farm. Providing additional wildlife boxes for birds. Sowing species-rich herbal leys to improve sward diversity. All activities are to help the farm with their regenerative agriculture goals.
Messrs G R Morton	Gamblesby	16,157.06	16,157.06	31/10/23	28/02/25	Enhance landscape character, connectivity, and biodiversity by restoring 585m of hedgerow network habitat by gapping up 420m, coppicing 10m and creating 75m of new hedgerow. Also restore Oak Bank pasture woodland by planting 10 oak trees, with thorny scrub trees, to replace

						recently lost trees. Create group of scrapes to enhance wetland.
J B & P J Armstrong	Kirkoswald	12,720.99	12,720.99	30/11/23	31/03/24	This project will create 2 new hedges totalling 325m, plant 12 new field trees and gap up 35m of drystone wall.
D Tallentire Ltd	Cumbria	18,365.66	22,515.66	02/11/23	28/02/25	Plant 1,000 native trees across 3.18ha. Carry out feasibility study to identify species and habitats to inform future land management plan for nature recovery. Secure boundaries to prevent neighbouring sheep from accessing site.
Woodside	Newbiggin in Teesdale	23,117.95	23,117.95	30/10/23	28/02/25	213m new hedge, 31m hedge laying, 457m fencing for new hedges and hedge laying, 2 field gates, 12 small wildlife boxes, 127m drystone wall restoration, 127m top wiring, 52m of difficult site supplement, 50m supplementary stone.
M & D Herdman	Blanchland	77,618.09	78,717.09	03/11/23	28/02/25	Supporting the regenerative grazing practise on the farm by creating a water system that can ensure water is supplied to fields for rotational grazing. Support wildlife on the farm by creating hedgerows. Two ponds totalling 570sqm, 20,000L water storage tank, sediment filter, 3 water troughs, 6 T-joints, 10 stop cocks, 2,595m pipework, 1,552m new hedging, 1,067m fencing for hedges, 1 field gate, 3 water troughs.
J W Bainbridge Contractors Ltd	Birkdale and Middleton Common	13,528.80	67,644.00	23/10/23	31/03/24	To purchase 5 pieces of equipment to facilitate peatland restoration within the North Pennines AONB. Purchase 2 direct cut flail harvesters, 1 front loading rear bulk bin, aluminium drop sides and tailgate, 1 front mounted twin cut harvester.
CET Smith	Cumrew	69,772.51	69,772.51	03/11/23	28/02/25	Create 2 x scrapes in the fenced off wetland areas. Fence off 405m wetland area. Fence off

						1825m woodland, watercourses and wetland areas in the woodland, including gateways for access. Install 3 troughs in fields where watercourses are fenced off. Plant 495m hedgerow. Lay piping to support new trough system. Track to support rotational grazing system.
Gavin Jones	Scale Houses	22,581.69	22,581.69	17/12/23	28/02/25	Plant a heritage orchard of 25 Cumbrian fruit trees, restore 2m x 280m hedgerow, plant new 2m x 260m hedgerow, plant 60m gooseberry and currant 'hedge' and create scrape with lots of edge for wildlife.
William Love Limited	Wolsingham	13,444.31	13,444.31	18/12/23	28/02/25	Protection of pond, Tree planting near pond (25 trees and shrubs), Protection of woodland and watercourse, 189m coppice hedgerow, Underplanting of existing woodland (50 trees and scrub species), Extension of woodland (72 tree and scrub species), Wide hedge (240 tree and scrub species).
High Puddingthorn	Lanehead	19,500	19,500	21/12/23	31/03/24	Initial phase of converting non-native Sitka Spruce plantation to high quality native broadleaf woodland. Fell 500 Sitka spruce including existing windthrow to be removed by horse-logger. Planting 800 native broadleaved trees. Remaining Sitka brushed to aid future management.
J & J Clark and sons	Bowlees	61,148.22	66,864.62	19/03/24	28/02/25	Provision of equipment and infrastructure to develop the Bowlees Farm Education Centre. Fencing of farmyard for safety. Concreting part of farmyard to provide level surface. Log burner to heat classroom. Waterproof and warm clothing. Kitchen utilities. Adult changing table 50 additional group visits. Animal handling system. Tools and equipment. Specialist wheelchair transport trailer.

Dufton Wood Farm	Dufton	20,595.28	24,982.28	24/01/24	28/02/24	This project will plant 475 trees in 4 x deer/sheep enclosure plots, install a new 100 sqm square shallow scrape, plant 330m of hedgerow, plant in-field trees in 14 wooden cages & cactus guards, extend current wet woodland by putting in a new fence and planting 100 more trees in extension area, install fence and gates to manage stock access to small part of beck and to area around scrape and install new fence to extend area around beck and plant willow pegs.
Cumbria Chamber of Commerce & Industry Ltd	Various locations across Cumbria	29,953.44	425,419.24	26/03/24	28/02/25	To support the provision of a new Land and Nature Skills Service (LANSS) for Cumbria, with a clear plan to improve communication and co-ordination of learning and training for the land- and nature-related work sector, and to enhance local capacity to deliver relevant skills for the future.
David O'Byrne	Baldersdale	27,790.40	27,790.40	02/02/24	28/02/25	Creating a transitional zone between woodland and fields by planting 90 trees at low density-ideal habitat for black grouse which are in abundance in the area. Improving the understorey layer of two existing woodland by planting 450 trees and 100 shrubs. Additional planting of 60 trees across the farm to increase tree cover. Improving the boundary walls which are falling into disrepair due to neighbouring sheep. Stage 1 application for Grade 2 listed byres. The applicant intends to convert them into accommodation for walkers using the Pennine Way.
Miss S Glendinning	Catton	12,165.00	12,165.00	07/02/24	28/02/25	Produce the Stage 1 report for a collection of Grade 2 listed buildings.
Intake Farm	Frosterley	13,097.14	13,097.14	16/02/24	28/02/25	Enriching and building resilience into three areas of the farm by managing 1.06ha of

						bracken to create a suitable habitat for adders, reinstating natural processes into a priority woodland by fencing and underplanting with 250 trees, reprofiling a 130sqm pond to improve access to wildlife (including bracken control to prevent shading), increase diversity of a wet, rushy flush through planting 80 wet-loving trees.
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