

Transparency of funding

Farming in Protected Landscapes, North Pennines National Landscape

2024/2025 Financial Year

<i>24/25 Under £10k</i>						
Business name	Town	FiPL grant award, £	Total project cost, £	Project start date	Project end date	Description, outputs
J F EDGAR	Alston	5,445.00	5,445.00	01/05/24	28/02/25	Extending focussed public access by facilitating adult group visits to the wider farm. 15 adult group visits.
The Farmer Network	Eden Valley	9,870.00	9,870.00	02/05/24	28/02/25	'Solving the puzzles together – Working out how to run viable farm businesses alongside Nature Recovery in East of Eden Nature Recovery Project area'. 8 workshop sessions for farmers, their advisers and nature conservation organisations on how nature recovery can be integrated into viable farm businesses. Building on these workshops, prepare a further FiPL application for workshops in the autumn/winter covering the new ELMs details (which are expected to be released this summer) that are relevant for farmers in this area.
Kieron Goulden	Cotharstone	5,061.16	5,061.16	10/06/24	28/02/25	Planting 50m of hedgerow, planting 21 tress and rebuilding 66m of dry-stone wall.
JE & E Dobson & Son	Frosterley	8,985.00	8,985.00	21/05/24	28/02/25	Stage 1 costs for High Bishopley stable and outbuilding
D & EE Richardson + A Watson	Milburn	9,553.44	9,553.44	19/06/24	28/02/25	Creation of 276m of new connecting hedgerow and the plantation of 20no. of field trees.
D Hall	Allendale	3,475.44	3,475.44	17/07/24	28/02/25	The project will deliver habitat improvements on the farm through tree planting and scrape

						creation. 15 cactus guards, 150 trees, scrapes totalling 200sqm, 112m fencing, 1 field gate.
J Mason	Brampton	8,762.83	8,762.83	20/07/24	28/02/25	Planting 170m of new hedgerow alongside of large field – requires an additional single fence, and a large and a small field gate. Planting of 6 trees with protective guards and posts. Repair to 50m of dry-stone wall marking land boundary next to right of way. Widening of existing 80m hedgerow with single line of planting and new single fence and small gate.
G H Morton	Gamblesby	9,929.60	9,929.60	22/07/24	28/02/25	Enhance local landscape character, its habitats and their connectivity by restoring 130m of our farm hedgerow and woodland habitat network, and by restoring (approx..2.ha) and extending wood pasture (approx..0.9ha) by planting oak trees we've grown from our own acorns as well as additional tree species. The wood pasture has a beck running through it and the proposed reduced cattle grazing will also help to improve water quality as well as woodland ground flora.
JM & EM Neve	Brampton	6,065.60	6,065.60	29/07/24	28/02/25	This project will build on and strengthen the hedge & woodland habitat connectivity across our farm. It will create an additional 160m hedgerow.
G Peart & Sons	Weardale	5,817.09	5,817.09	01/08/24	28/02/25	Planting 109m of native hedgerow and plant 100 trees in three small areas to connect existing wildlife habitats.
S Lee	Whitfield	9,769.10	9,769.10	01/08/24	28/02/25	530m of fencing and planting of 1400 to extend existing woodland.
RSPB Geltsdale	Brampton	9,950.00	32,250.00	07/08/24	28/02/25	Re-naturalising Upper Howgill Beck by creating a series of scrapes, seepage ponds and inset berms.
J Essam	Frosterley	8,260.65	8,260.65	24/08/24	28/02/25	Creation and management of wooded habitats.

						In total 475 trees will be planted, 575 tree guards (1.2m) will be needed, 288 trees will be felled and 10 scrub cages (1.8m) will be installed.
I Simpson	Dufton	3,103.65	4,244.90	25/08/24	28/02/25	Planting 0.4ha of scrub with 200 trees, repairing 15m of drystone walling and installation of 25 cactus guards with 3 trees per guard.
A Rutherford	Weardale	4,585.00	4,585.00	27/08/24	28/02/25	Rights of way improvement on the farm. . Installation of 7 kissing gates to aid access across the landscape.
J McAleer	Nenthead	6,675.00	6,675.00	03/09/24	28/02/25	Creation of a management plan to cover land management, peatland conservation, pollutant and flood mitigation, and woodland creation.
Castle Carrock Parish Council	Castle Carrock	3,542.66	3,542.66	18/09/24	28/02/25	Creation of community orchard & seating
L Spicer	Allendale	2,413.18	2,413.18	21/09/24	28/02/25	The planting of 300 mixed native trees, 2 park trees & the installation of 3 owl boxes
P Ashton-Smith	Allendale	3,594.10	3,594.10	22/09/24	28/02/25	The planting of 280 mixed native trees & installation of 260 metres protective Sheep net fencing
J R Natrass	Westgate	4,600.00	4,600.00	24/09/24	28/02/25	Initial stability investigations at Low Slit Reservoir
R & E Wise	Langley	4,295.00	4,295.00	25/09/24	28/02/25	Stage 1 costs for Restoration of traditional Northumberland stone slab byre roofs.
L Davie	St Johns Chapel	9,204.34	9,204.34	26/09/24	28/02/25	To plant 400 trees and shrubs to create pockets of wildlife across 5 hectares including tree cages and cactus guards. To include 360 plug plants across the site to increase wildlife pollination areas and habitat for woodland/shaded animals and insects. Installation of 12 wildlife boxes and houses. Finally, to provide safe access and egress to the public footpaths with the installation of 2 kissing gates.

A Mabbs	St Johns Chapel	942.05	942.05	18/10/24	28/02/25	Planting of 227 trees to increase diversity and reduce the rate of erosion of PHI upland meadows.
Durham County Council	Edmundbyers	1,494.00	1,494.00	21/10/24	28/02/25	Fencing off a bank, which contains suitable adder habitat in order to encourage species spread across the park.
The Sir Tom Cowie Family Trust	Ruffside	1,600.00	1,600.00	22/10/24	28/02/25	Removal of sitka spruce regeneration from neighbouring upland heath.
M Rowlson	Sinderhope	8,652.75	14,236.46	31/10/24	28/02/25	Planting of small native mixed broadleaf coppice with standards comprising of 2,085 trees and shrubs.
J Sanderson	St Johns Chapel	3,884.40		04/11/24	28/02/25	Installing 9 scrub cages and planting an additional 50 trees to create scrub habitat. Facilitate the creation of a diverse sward by fencing off areas from ponies and only allowing them to graze at appropriate times of the year. Overall increase the number of trees in a relatively tree-less area.
H Barrett & E Payton	Lambley	1,600.45	1,600.45	15/11/24	28/02/25	Creation of traditional orchard with 40 fruit trees, overseeding of poor-quality grassland, scrub planting and installation of chestnut posts for invertebrate habitat.
D Morris	Spartylea	7,210.30	7,210.30	21/11/24	28/02/25	Planting 650 mixed species trees as part of a nature recovery project.
Game Conservancy and Wildlife Trust	Eggleston	8,299.32	9,799.32	03/12/24	28/02/25	GPS tagging female black grouse to monitor frequency and timing of woodland use and assess their importance as a winter food source.
J F Edgar	Alston	1,200.00	1,200.00	04/12/24	28/02/25	Photogrammetry survey capturing data to inform a PA1 Landscape Survey and a PA2 brief, led by Historic England
T W Hutchinson	Forest in Teesdale	3,072.26	3072.26	15/01/25	28/02/25	Install swale and settling pools to catch rainwater runoff before it reaches the farmyard and directing it to settling pools. Will improve water quality and wildlife access

Hexhamshire Woodlands	Whitley Chapel	415.00	415.00	15/01/25	28/02/25	Planting 100 native broadleaf trees in gaps created by the removal of larch and other windthrown species.
Burnlaw CIC	Whitfield	2681.38	3195.48	28/01/25	24/03/25	Purchasing picnic tables, an awning structure and equipment for monitoring bats and moths to help young people visit Burnlaw and engage with its biodiversity. Organising a workshop to celebrate winter biodiversity.

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North Pennines National Landscape	Various locations across the North Pennines National Landscape	49,992.77	49,992.77	07/06/24	28/02/25	A collaboration between the North Pennines National Landscape and Newcastle University to help answer key questions about adders in the North Pennines, which will help target resource (already secured) towards the protection and enhancement of adder habitat (hibernacula, feeding areas, movement corridors) on private land.
Pasture-Fed Livestock Association CIC	Various locations across the North Pennines National Landscape	32,844.41	32,844.41	05/04/24	28/02/25	A farmer-to-farmer knowledge exchange project, matching mentors with livestock farmers to encourage high nature value farming methods which build farm resilience. 2 mentors recruited to directly support 6 farmers (3 existing and 3 new), and a wider group of 12 farmers supported indirectly through attendance at training events; to link with similar Pasture 4 Life projects in other Protected Landscapes to provide an enhanced programme of events.
Cannerheugh Farm	Renwick	91,588.86	173,079.63	03/05/24	28/02/25	Creation of This project will enable the applicant to host more and bigger events on their farm to promote regenerative farming,

						wildlife and local community. The events will be predominantly meetings and site visits for farmers, but also environmentalists, school groups, universities, food industry and importantly the public. The applicant is one of the founder members of Carbon Calling which gives them opportunities to host meetings and build relationships with farmers/land managers over time. a meeting/learning/collaborative space, to help promote regenerative agriculture, biodiversity and community. To be achieved by renovating an unused barn and hosting more and bigger events.
Teesdale Special Flora Trust	Eggleston	54,398.00	56,398.00	08/05/24	28/02/25	Engagement of a Lead Surveyor to (i) map the distribution of rare species by surveying 5,000 10mx10m OS grid squares and (ii) train/mentor two Assistant Surveyors to a level enabling them to undertake the task independently (or to apply the skills and knowledge on other conservation work). All work to be carried out in Upper Teesdale which is considered to be one of the top five 'botanical hotspots' in Britain and Ireland. The aim is to monitor and conserve the rare flora in the region through targeted management. Also, to train new botanists to continue championing the conservation work of the Special Flora Trust within the North Pennines National Landscape.
Messrs Murray	Castle Carrock	20,450.73	20,450.73	18/05/24	28/02/25	Habitat creation, restoration and access improvements at Roughet Hill Farm. Planting new hedgerow, gapping up hedgerow. ROW improvement by ditch creation with culvert. Additional fruit trees in orchard and wide

						hedge and stone wall restoration. 5 leaky woody dams along beck
M+D Herdman and Son	Blanchland	12,411.85	12,814.21	09/05/24	28/02/25	FEC training for 3 farmers and associated equipment to enable them to conduct egg counts themselves. Further extension to the regenerative grazing system already in place at Acton Farm.
W Emerson	Frosterley	66,345.12	68,888.62	07/06/24	28/02/25	Connect more habitats together with improved/new hedgerows, improve water quality, improve public access, producing better soil health and adding resilience to the farm business. 969m of hedgerow planting. 1233m of hedge gapping. 499m of hedgerow laying. 2838m fencing. 103m of coppiced old hedge to rejuvenate it. 14 wooden gates. 3 pedestrian gates to improve public access. Water bowser for mob grazing. Solar water pump and tank to set up a mob grazing system. Trash pump to mix up bio stimulants to improve soil health.
Paula Topping	Alston	10,510.00	10,510.00	16/05/24	28/02/25	Stage one costs for grade II listed bastle restoration.
Sillywrea Farm	Langley-on-Tyne	12,560.72	12,560.72	20/05/24	28/02/25	A Catchment Sensitive Farming approved project to halt / prevent further livestock slurry / diffuse effluent pollution from entering the River Allen. Consisting of resurfacing of badly pitted farmyard & farm track, installation of cross drains, reinstatement / repair of rainwater goods, including gutters & down pipes.
North Pennines National Landscape	Allendale	56,556.00	70,695.00	11/07/24	28/02/25	To consolidate and repair collapsed and collapsing sections of the scheduled Allen Mill flues, section at Frolar Meadows with fencing provision to prevent livestock from entering.

North Pennines National Landscape	Westgate	7,409.00	81,654.00	11/07/24	28/02/25	Middlehope Shield consolidation of scheduled monument to remove it from the Heritage At Risk register. Improvements and stabilisation of public footpath across and near the monument and interpretation of the site.
North Pennines National Landscape	Brough	121,905.04	152,615.30	11/07/24	28/02/25	Scheduled monument consolidation to make safe for visitors and to secure the future of this building to tell the wider story of Lead mining and Silver production in the North Pennines.
Messrs Bell	Hallbankgate	13,082.77	13,082.77	21/07/24	28/02/25	-Further enhance our hedge and woodland habitat network by creating 3 new diverse connecting hedges that will total an additional 175m of hedgerow network -Create new ponds with 30m of connecting hedge along one side -Survey 3 of our established ponds to understand what they support and inform their future management -Restore one of our established ponds that is fairly well filled in
S Dalton	Hallbankgate	39,850.19	39,850.19	30/07/24	28/02/25	Restoring 39m of drystone walling & creating 900m of new hedgerow.
T Tarn	Middleton in Teesdale	56,274.39	70,342.99	01/08/24	28/02/25	Restoration of Grade II Listed farmhouse and stable range.
Durham Wildlife Trust	Derwent Reservoir	15,942.50	16,586.63	05/08/24	28/02/25	Install the appropriate infrastructure (fencing, trough, bund) to facilitate the restoration of a grassland to traditional species-rich hay meadow over time. Cut, scarify and scatter yellow rattle seeds in specific strips to aid restoration. Restock a small ash woodland with a range of understory and canopy species. Plant 86m hedge. Conduct volunteer days where the local community will learn the

						Rapid Grassland Assessment and solitary/ bumblebee identification for future monitoring.
Tyne Rivers Trust	Wellhope	32,666.34	46,666.34	05/08/24	28/02/25	Reducing fine sediment pollution from Wellhope Burn
N Blackett-Ord	Whitfield	23,360.00	28,926.50	05/08/24	28/02/25	Creation of 11ha of new wood pasture & restoration of upland habitat
S Walker	Nenthead	22,116.46	25,450.42	05/08/24	28/02/25	447 trees planted across 8ha.including: 0.2 hectares of new woodland. 0.1ha of woodland regeneration. 2ha of new woodland pasture. Protection & enhancement of 1.4ha. of riparian habitat. 155m new hedging 3 x 50 square metre scrapes created. Restoration of existing pond. PROW access restored & improved. 25m of new drainage ditch & new cross drain 70m of livestock & machinery track
W Emerson	Frosterley	37,485.20	46,856.50	13/08/24	28/02/25	Creation of Bokashi Composted Manure store
G Peadon	Eastgate	27,286.79	27,286.79	22/08/24	28/02/25	2.1ha of tree planting and 10 scrub cages will create a range of different wooded habitats across what has historically been an intensive style farm. Habitats will include new small woodlands, riparian planting, understory planting in existing wooded locations, ghyll planting and an area of wood pasture style planting.
R D Howe	Dufton	11,832.63	15,270.43	26/08/24	28/02/25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Planting 505m of hedgerow and hedge trees •Creating two small woods with 400 trees totalling 0.4 ha •Fencing off 230m of beck to prevent livestock access and protect water quality + planting of riparian trees for shading.

						•Creation of 20 wooden cages for wood pasture
T W B Gospel	Langley	25,115.38	25,115.38	30/08/24	28/02/25	708 metres of new hedge planted / reinstated. 0.8 hectares of riparian/wetland habitat enhanced and protected. 2 new water troughs installed. 70 metres of pipework for water troughs installed. 934 metres of sheep net fencing protecting new habitats 2 x 12' wooden field gates allowing access to bridge and for land management purposes.
J Dale	Steel	20,885.72	44,045.68	02/09/24	28/02/25	Farm Diversification & Habitat Creation
North Pennines National Landscape	Murton	24,568.79	34,138.79	13/09/24	28/02/25	Trialling new peatland restoration materials and techniques in the North Pennines National Landscape
J Dodsworth	Alston	26,208.87	38,158.87	09/10/24	28/02/25	Create a new area of environmentally friendly sheep pens on the degraded steading and plant additional trees and orchard.
I Bell	Hallbankgate	49,239.10	49,239.10	10/10/24	28/02/25	Felling 1.5ha of conifer woodlands and replanting with 725 native broadleaves. Fencing off area from livestock to aid natural regeneration. Creation of new 0.3ha woodland strip to expand existing native woodland by planting 300 native broadleaves.
Raby Estates	Staindrop	44,001.11	49,598.61	19/02/25	31/03/25	Replacement of a dilapidated timber footbridge with a steel footbridge. Raby Estate will formalise a new permissive footpath (including the footbridge crossing) of around ~750m in length. This will create a new, shorter, circular route through the woodland and will connect to various existing public and permissive footpaths.