

Nidderdale AONB Farming in Protected Landscapes (FiPL) Funded Projects

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Adam Day (Farmer Network)	Upper Nidderdale	£58,675.66	£71,943.67	01/12/2021	31/03/2024	The project will support and facilitate a farmer collaborative group in Upper Nidderdale, involving a minimum of 11 upland (SDA) beef and sheep holdings in Upper Nidderdale, leading to the provision of advice and implementation of practical works through a landscape scale delivery approach. The project will deliver outcomes under all four themes of Nature, Climate, People and Place. The project will include a combination of specialist advice, farmer training and opportunities for knowledge exchange (revenue items), as well as funding for the implementation of practical habitat works (capital items)
Bailey Livestock Ltd	Ripon	£2,396.70	£2,396.70	01/11/2021	29/02/2024	To create a plantation at Peacock Farm, planting 450 new trees and reducing rain water run off and soil erosion.
C Ryder	Harrogate	£6,064.00	£9,269.00	13/12/2021	31/03/2024	This project seeks to open up a permissive footpath along the length of the old Blubberhouses Mill Race which will link it to an existing footpath and thereby to create a new 1 mile circular walk. In order to help protect both the farmed livestock and the pedestrians it is essential to erect a stock proof fence with associated gates along the southern side of the Mill Race. Three interpretation boards will
R Harker	Harrogate	£29,155.81	£44,215.81	30/11/2021	31/03/2025	To upgrade and re-stone the farm lane to Raygill House Farm so that educational visits can go ahead by allowing minibuses access. Iron Age Nidderdale will provide a practical and on the ground educational session for children covering prehistory and related educational topics. Purchase of equipment so that the visits can be carried out.
J Houseman	Harrogate	£36,303.53	£77,322.25	01/12/2021	31/03/2024	Creating an access track into the wood will provide a natural setting, to create a truly distinctive leisure experience in the Nidderdale AONB providing opportunities for people to access and explore nature. The woodland has qualities to make it a suitable space for tourism. Events and activities will be organised in the wood to introduce and encourage people to visit / revisit to discover, enjoy and understand the landscape. The applicant is also looking to install special Accessibility picnic tables that would cater for wheelchair users, as well as standard picnic tables and benches. Installation of a bore hole and fence to prevent animals from entering the beck to reduce bankside erosion, and contamination of the river water. Building / rebuilding the dry stone walls at the entrance and along the edge of the wood will preserve the character and beauty of the AONB.
T Scott	Harrogate	£5,753.06	£5,974.66	01/12/2021	01/08/2023	The applicant aims to develop 0.5 hectare of grazed pasture into a rough grassland habitat surrounded on three sides by mixed broadleaf woodland. The project aims to open up a culverted stream and create scrapes to provide better aquatic habitat. To secure the site 120 metres of stock-proof fencing will be erected and 30 metres of dry stone wall will be restored. Access will be provided through 3 field gates and a short access ramp from the road gate will be built as the ground level is lower than the road at this point. 425 native broadleaf trees will be planted in groups to help create a natural feel to the woodland, and connecting with the trees that have already been planted. This leaves about 0.25 hectare of sheltered grassland in the centre. Towards the western end of this grassland five groups of oaks will be planted, later selecting the strongest of each group to grow as individual field trees. The applicant hopes to involve volunteers in the planting of these trees and in helping to keep the trees clear of weeds and grass for the first two or three years, to reduce competition for moisture and nutrients as they establish. The applicant intends to allow the grazed pasture to revert to natural rough grassland made up of a mix of native grasses and flowers, aiming to produce a thick litter layer that will provide the ideal habitat for small mammals, especially field voles.
J Harrison & D Harrison	Otley	£12,400.40	£12,400.40	01/02/2022	31/03/2024	The applicant wishes to restore 404m of dry stone wall and install 639m of top wire to protect the dry stone walls on the holding. This will benefit his farm business to control livestock whilst also conserving the character of the landscape whilst providing habitats to wildlife.
W Benson	Harrogate	£5,564.46	£5,564.46	21/03/2022	31/03/2024	The project entails planting 219m of new hedges using a range of hedge species. The project will create a rich area for wildlife and birds which will complement our local area. The applicant will be planting the hedge species himself and has divided this over two planting seasons to ensure the delivery is possible. He will also be fencing the hedge himself. Currently, the field boundary is stock netted. A new hedge could have substantial nature benefits to wildlife and birds and sequester carbon from the atmosphere. The positioning of the hedge will reduce run off onto the track positioned alongside which the field slopes towards.
O Boatfield	Harrogate	£16,279.88	£16,357.00	18/05/2022	31/03/2024	The Wildish Club is a community interest company (Limited by Guarantee) focused on connecting people with nature and each other. It's a bit like Cubs, but for everyone. This project will provide a structure that allows a diverse group of people to get outdoors in meaningful ways, promote positive well-being and increased connection with the environment. The Wildish Club will run 8 events throughout the year in Fishpond Wood, an ancient woodland, in Pateley Bridge. The aim is to introduce people to different outdoor activities such as foraging, fly fishing, tree planting etc. These workshops will be for 10-20 people at a time depending on the activity. The club will also hold 2 outdoor art workshops known as "Little Big Draws" which will be completely free and open to 50 people per day (including people who haven't signed up to the Wildish Club yet). There will also be a free event on the first Saturday evening of each month, a group walk during the summer and in the winter it will be indoor nature-based talks and workshops.

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Kelly Harmar (NNL Meadows Project)	Across Nidderdale	£61,930.41	£61,930.41	01/06/2022	31/03/2024	This project will survey over 120 ha of meadow habitat across 80 fields to provide the data required for restoration and enhancement in 2022 and 2023. The project will restore a minimum of 20ha across 14 fields to a basic level of biodiversity and the project will also enhance a minimum of 50 ha of species rich hay meadow habitat across 33 fields by adding a mixture of local, harvested wild flower seed and commercial wildflower seed (as local provenance as possible). To plant 2000 plug plants over 10 sites.
C Robinson	Harrogate	£17,663.07	£17,663.07	01/07/2022	31/03/2024	Previously the applicant owned 16 acres of land and over the last 30 years have self-funded the building of drystone walls, and planting copses of trees/shrubs and a substantial wood approx. 1 acre. Plus nest boxes all over with success. Recently the applicant
H Rayfield	Harrogate	£5,527.29	£7,828.40	01/06/2022	30/07/2023	To restore a neglected area of farmland to its former use through walling, fencing and grazing. The aim is to create an area dedicated to wildlife through tree planting, meadow creation and management and pond creation. To enhance the experience of visitors using the footpath across the land by repairing and enhancing access routes. The applicant has a 5 acre plot of land which is not eligible for Countryside Stewardship. The plot has not been managed in previous years and the new owner (the applicant) would like to bring the field back to life by increasing biodiversity. To do this, they will be managing small areas of the field differently to get maximum benefit for nature. The pond (pending feasibility), tree planting, meadow & grazing area will be fenced to assist with the correct management of each area and will be complemented by a hedge the applicant planted at their own cost this winter. The tree species the applicant will be planting are: willow (crack, bay, white and goat varieties), alder, downy birch, bird cherry, black poplar.
Sarah Kettlewell (Darley Beck Curlew Project)	Darley Catchment	£9,885.15	£9,885.15	15/12/2021	31/03/2024	Continuation of the original Darley Beck Curlew project (NID0025) but with a change of lead applicant and the purchase of a thermal scope. Original application stated; A farm advisor will train a group of 6-8 volunteers to monitor Curlews in a 400ha area of mainly grassland farms, in the 2022 breeding season. This will be a detailed monitoring exercise, aiming to pinpoint as many breeding Curlews and nest sites as possible, recording habitat, farm management and the identified reasons for success/failure of nest sites. A local
Kelly Harmar (NNL INNS Project)	Across Nidderdale	£55,624.00	£55,624.00	01/07/2022	31/12/2024	The Nidderdale Balsam Rust Release project aims to join this exciting and innovative project by working with CABI (Centre for Agriculture and Biosciences International) to release rust at 6 sites in the AONB. The project has several stages. Site Selection: There are a number of criteria that determine a suitable site. We aim to have selected the sites and gained permissions from landowners by the 21st of August 2022. We will look at more than 15 sites in the AONB. These will be whittled down to 9 test sites and 6 inoculation sites. Seed Collection: Prior to the release of the rust at a site, it is essential for CABI to determine the susceptibility of the plants to establish which of the two rust strains is the most pathogenic. Seeds from each potential rust release site have to be sent to CABI. CABI will determine which rust strain to use at each site. Seed will be collected when it is fully matured in the Autumn 2022. Training: The project manager and site coordinators will travel to CABI for training. Protection: Fencing of the sites may be needed to prevent interference from livestock, wildlife or people. Inoculation: The rust will be inoculated (spraying spores suspended in water) onto all the plants in a subpopulation of approximately 5m x 5m, 3 times over the growing season, in June, July and late August 2023. Monitoring: Temperature and Humidity will be logged at each site. Monitoring for the seedling infection following release will take place at all sites.
J Lumley	Harrogate	£14,910.42	£24,831.70	01/08/2022	31/03/2024	This farm outbuilding was built by the applicant's Great Grandfather in the 1800's, and lived in until the farmhouse was built in 1870. The Yorkshire stone roofing slates are moving as the timbers are rotting, and it is feared that one day the roof will collapse. This
Jenn Plews (NSAT)	Across Nidderdale	£111,035.75	£111,035.75	12/09/2022	31/03/2024	The project will twin primary and secondary schools from across NSAT's Multi Academy Trust with farms/ landowners located in the Nidderdale AONB. Through the 'twinning' they will deliver authentic learning opportunities for children that will deepen their knowledge and understanding of the natural world, sustainability and climate change and the lived experience of farmers. Number of visits and number of children and young people: In 2022, 2023 at least three NSAT schools will be farm twinned. They will make a total
S Benson	Harrogate	£47,108.38	£47,108.38	01/09/2022	31/03/2024	This project delivers therapy in the form of tranquillity, nature, animals and the countryside environment to a wide range of people, suffering from mental and / or physical health issues along with disadvantaged people to enhance, enrich, promote healing and provide relief. Therapeutic and educational supervised hands-on experiences held on the farm, with llamas and alpacas. Educational/ interactive sessions at an individual/group level and their learning capacity, of llamas and alpacas. The sessions include information of history, fibre, uses, behaviour, characters and husbandry. Visitors will have opportunity to handle the animals directly and have access to see and watch at close quarters llamas and alpacas interacting and behaving within their natural daily lives. The applicants have a herd of 100, all within smaller herds which are very diverse and interesting to visitors due to their unique behaviour and human connection. Through tree planting, the applicants will be adding a woodland walk during the trekking experience with a picnic area. This will provide a calming area for people to connect with nature and enjoy the wildlife whilst also providing nature benefits. The hedge planting will provide NFM as well as a rich habitat and feed source. It is intended on letting the hedge grow to a substantial height and width to provide maximum benefits. Fencing will provide a stock proof barrier for hedge and tree planting. The fencing to the north of the yard will provide a secure area for therapy visitors to walk to our petting area.
S Halsall	Harrogate	£42,254.25	£49,347.24	01/09/2022	31/03/2024	Repair heritage field barn, restoration/enhancement of approx. 5 ha upland hay meadow habitat associated with the barn, install a small interpretation board and plant 375 m new hedgerows with associated double fencing.
S Bowman	Harrogate	£3,125.00	£5,625.00	01/04/2023	28/01/2024	The project will restore 125m of dry stone wall that is in desperate need of repair.

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E Hammond	Harrogate	£6,297.00	£6,297.00	10/10/2022	30/06/2023	The 'Hands On Wool and Sheep Project' is an opportunity for young people to experience sheep, wool and the AONB landscape. In 2022/23 there will be a total of 14 farm based full day education sessions for two groups of 10 x ten to fifteen year old home-schooled children. Many of the children will be accompanied by a parent/guardian. In 2023/24 there will be a further 6 visits for the same 2 groups. The project will enable the farm to develop a course that could then be repeated in future years.
Marian Wilby (NNL Regen Ag)	Across Nidderdale	£32,671.50	£34,821.50	01/12/2022	31/03/2024	The main body of the project will be based around four visits to Nidderdale AONB by independent regenerative agriculture consultant, Niels Corfield, in January, May and October in 2023 and in January 2024. Each visit will be for 3 days duration and will include a number of events: • Full day workshop on a regenerative agriculture theme. All workshops will incorporate a farm visit. • 2 hour evening workshop on a theme associated with regenerative agriculture (but using conventional language and designed to appeal to more hesitant farmers). • 4 x ½ day farm visits to develop, coach, advise and review progress on exemplar 'regen ag' projects. Farm visits will include invitations to 2 other farmers running similar enterprises, and a member of the AONB team. The final result for the project will be a report that is based on the project as a whole, which details the viability and suitability of regenerative agricultural practices within Northern Protected Landscapes.
Ruth Dalton (Pasture for Life)	Across Nidderdale	£12,914.50	£12,949.83	01/01/2023	31/03/2024	A farmer-to-farmer knowledge exchange project, matching mentors with livestock farmers to encourage high nature value farming methods which build farm resilience. The project will provide support to 3 farmers, and wider general interest and support to at least 4 further farmers in the AONB by helping them prepare for incoming subsidy changes and enabling them to start to move towards adopting new grazing and livestock management methods.
Sarah Kettlewell (NNL Asylum Seeker Project)	Across Nidderdale	£10,840.55	£10,840.55	21/11/2022	31/03/2024	A partnership project working with a number of Asylum Seeker Charities, as well as numerous landowners and activity providers in the AONB. The project comprises of a mixture of conservation activities and engagement work. The project will enable groups of up to 10 Asylum Seekers to visit the AONB over the course of 6 separate visits.
A Boyd (Brimham Rocks)	Harrogate	£3,344.00	£3,344.00	15/01/2023	31/03/2023	Begin replacement of petrol chainsaws with battery powered electric saws. Purchase of an electric pole pruner to better manage public access to the site through pruning of trees along public rights of way and permissive paths.
Sarah Kettlewell (Curlew Project 2023)	Darley Catchment	£26,136.15	£26,136.15	21/11/2022	31/03/2024	In 2023, the project will continue to monitor the status of the local curlew population and determine factors contributing to both successful and unsuccessful breeding attempts. Farmers sign up to individual curlew management plans. These will be 'live' agreements that are subject to monthly adjustments. This project seeks funding for a Farmland Curlew Officer, Curlew Project Ecologist, volunteers, temporary electric fencing and trail cameras.
Dr Marie J. Taylor	Ilkley	£15,109.00	£15,109.00	01/02/2023	31/03/2024	This project is designed to assess the ecological status of freshwater streams and lakes on the Denton Hall Estate by: • Taking water samples for nutrient chemistry and faecal bacteria analysis at 14 sites across the Estate; • Surveying algal, bryophyte and aquatic plant communities as indicators of water quality at the same 14 sites; • Surveying and analysing sediments in the Lower Lake; and • Setting up a monitoring network of five sites to track long-term changes in water quality. We will use the data to develop a practical action plan to protect and/or restore waterbodies across the Estate and establish an ecological baseline against which the effectiveness of actions taken can be assessed over the long term.
P Burgess	Ripon	£1,023.76	£1,706.28	04/06/2024	30/06/2024	Purchase of an electric fencing kit and a small IBC trailer for water. Following the FiPL workshop on regenerative grazing that took place in Kirkby Malzeard on 16 November we plan to subdivide our pasture to create smaller grazing units that will reduce grazing pressure and allow native plants introduced during meadow restoration work in 2021 to become better established. Housing our sheep from January until turn out in April will help reduce compaction and improve soil structure.
L Coleman	Harrogate	£25,075.05	£61,542.76	01/05/2023	31/03/2024	Dowgill Barn is located on Dowgill Grange in the Nidderdale AONB. The barn is currently in a state of disrepair. This proposed project is solely to prevent it from completely collapsing and being lost as a heritage feature of the Nidderdale AONB. To render it weatherproof, the barn is to undergo renovation as follows: roof to be structurally restored and re-tiled, external walls to be restored, external doors to be fitted to the two doorways, shutters to be fitted to windows (no glazing), interior dividing wall to be restored
S J Dawson	Harrogate	£1,909.00	£1,909.00	01/03/2023	31/03/2024	Restoration of a 0.62 ha area within Hag Wood (known as compartment H5) back to semi natural ancient woodland after the felling and removal of European Larch. The planting density will be 1,250 trees/ha (750 over the restoration area).
A Spensley	Ripon	£30,320.70	£39,939.70	01/02/2023	31/03/2024	Reinstating an historic orchard and restoring a traditional farm building within the farm stead
Kate Smith (The Country Trust)	Across Nidderdale	£50,392.22	£50,392.22	01/04/2023	31/03/2024	To work with the above farmers in the AONB to provide 36 inspiring, hands-on day visits to their farms (3 farms) for over 900 children, and in some cases family members too, from disadvantaged communities in and around the AONB.

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O Boatfield	Harrogate	£14,020.00	£14,020.00	01/04/2023	31/12/2024	The Wildish Club is an ongoing community building project that started in Nidderdale in June 2022. It helps connect people within the local community and surrounding communities to each other and the natural environment in meaningful ways. It has had a very successful first year - bringing over 150 people together in the Nidderdale AONB at different outdoor events. Over the last year we have planted 15 trees in an ancient woodland, helped manage that woodland by clearing debris and fallen trees where needed, learnt about ancient woodland biodiversity and how to maintain it, foraged for wild foods and learnt to draw and be present within that space. We have also run workshops giving an introduction to fly fishing, waterway and river management and river biodiversity. We have also introduced people to astronomy, focusing on constellations and planets that can be seen in this area. We also ran biweekly meet ups where we explored different walking trails throughout Nidderdale. We provided a space for people to meet others, bond through a collective activity and learn about this area and managing its landscape. From this project, members have made friends and do activities together outside the Wildish Club. Members have commented that this space has made them feel less lonely and given them a community of friends. New arrivals to the area have found it beneficial in meeting people in their new community and building connections. This year we want to continue this project/mission. We want to invite more people to come into Nidderdale and explore the beauty of this area and impart why it needs to be looked after. Continue teaching about conservation and getting people involved in conservation projects e.g. dry stone walling, ancient woodland management, river management and biodiversity. And continuing to connect people to each other.
S Ward	Harrogate	£7,202.00	£7,128.00	01/06/2023	31/03/2024	Top wiring 1300 of dry stone wall to protect it from livestock damage.
P Foster	Ripon	£1,675.20	£1,675.20	01/04/2023	30/04/2023	The pond dipping platform at Lime Tree Farm has aged and is now in a state of disrepair that means it presents a hazard. The Pond Dipping Platform will be totally renewed and used for educational activities.
A Brayshaw	Ripon	£7,640.81	£7,640.81	27/03/2023	31/03/2024	Replacing 120 m of dilapidated stock proof fencing to protect neighbouring Hackfall from livestock encroachment. Plant and protect 3 trees along the fence line to continue the wildlife line along that edge. Fencing rather than hedging enhances the views across the hay meadows for people on the footpaths in Hackfall. Replace 96 m of collapsed barb fence protecting the dry stone wall along the roadside. Removing all old material.
S Nicholson	Ripon	£15,073.68	£23,550.60	01/06/2023	31/03/2024	Implementation of regen ag principles for soil improvement (organic matter, permeability, sward diversity, species diversity, compaction, reduced artificial nitrates) on a 4th generation dairy farm in the heart of Nidderdale. This tests and trials project will lay strong foundations for the establishment of Castles Farm as a showcase farm for both Nidderdale and wider regions farmers. Displaying how regen ag principles can be adopted and implemented at a commercial level in dairy farming. Our farm has already made significant financial investment in a move towards regen ag principles on farm. The next phase is much more investigatory; the purchase of aerworx aerator, aerworx alpha sprayer, additive, chemicals and gypsum.
M Exelby	Ripon	£3,900.00	£6,500.00	14/05/2023	31/03/2024	Over the next five years develop strategy to improve soil health. Soils will be aerated and drilled with species rich herbal leys. Cover crops will also be used to increase SOM. The applicant has identified (with the help of Neils Corfield) two machines that he will need to purchase. The first is a 3m Moore direct drill which the applicant is purchasing with the help of a FETF grant. The other is a 3m Aerworx soil aerator (not available under FETF) which can be front mounted so the applicant will be able to carry out both operations at once.
A Large	Harrogate	£17,382.20	£17,382.20	18/04/2023	31/03/2024	A curlew monitoring and conservation project, drawing on and collaborating with the Darley Curlew Project. This curlew conservation project aims to expand on a part FiPL-funded project undertaken in the area in the 2022 breeding season.
M Slater	Ilkley	£122,953.48	£169,478.30	17/04/2023	31/03/2025	ACEBogs aims to engage communities on the importance of peatland restoration through: - Creating an education space on a site of peatland restoration - Using a citizen science approach, involving community volunteers to monitor the site - Involving artists in translating the findings of volunteers to raise awareness with new and diverse audiences
W Laurie	Harrogate	£1,282.79	£2,137.99	15/04/2023	31/08/2023	To deliver multiple benefits to Soil, Water and Biodiversity by moving from a traditional set-stocked system to an actively managed rotational system. Temporary electric fences and moveable water provision will be used to move livestock around such that they are not on any area for more than 2 days at a time and therefore on less than 5% of the total land area at any one time. The system will mimic much more closely, a natural grassland system. Grant funding will be used to purchase appropriate Kiwitech electric fencing to move livestock through the pasture and Kiwitech water systems to supply drinking
M Exelby	Ripon	£2,400.00	£2,400.00	14/04/2023	31/05/2024	Project seeks to fund the start up of a farmer-led discussion group for like-minded, grazing, farmers within the AONB. The group will have professional, 3rd party, facilitation with the agenda and topics to be decided by the farmers. The aim is to cover, but not be limited to, such topics as regen ag, farming best practice, herd health, techniques and trials and sustainable farming methods. We will address carbon sequestration and storage, flood risk, and increase understanding about how farmers can deliver for land use and reduce carbon emissions. The group will be aware of the AONB aims for biodiversity and heritage.
C Wood (Fountains Abbey & Studley Royal)	Ripon	£9,848.50	£9,848.50	01/10/2023	31/01/2024	Planting 25 open-grown parkland trees (ancestors of the future)
M Burrill	Ripon	£9,986.10	£12,370.00	17/07/2023	31/10/2023	Restoration of traditional field barn to reinstate roof including wooden trusses and tinned sheeting with the installation of bird boxes

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A Hattan	Harrogate	£36,370.85	£56,467.37	15/08/2023	31/12/2024	This is a comprehensive application to incorporate regenerative farming grazing methods through rotation of livestock among his uplands pastures. His application covers: base lining of pollinators and water quality, legumes trials, bracken control, habitat creation through hedge and orchard creation, restoration of rare breed Northern Dairy Shorthorn cattle, business resilience and pasture management through permanent and temporary electric fencing, water management to paddocks and livestock crossings across ditches to access paddocks.
P Ashby	Otley	£2,097.71	£3,596.18	01/08/23	31/01/2025	Rotational grazing is when you: • Divide a field into smaller paddocks • Frequently rotate livestock around the paddocks • Rest each paddock from grazing, to allow the grass to recover This differs from set stocking, which is when a fixed number of livestock graze the same field for an extended time without any rest periods. Working with Niels Corfield as part of the AONB's "Regenerative Farming in Protected Landscapes Project", Peter Ashby has designed a rotational grazing system to suit Rose Tree Farm. Peter will utilize this electric fencing and water system on a portion of the farm to improve the productivity and resilience of this area. The total area that he will be able to manage with this starter equipment will be 14ha. He will be able to expand on this kit in future years.
E Hammond	Harrogate	£13,026.00	£13,026.00	16/08/2023	01/03/2025	This application follows on from the success of a previously FiPL funded project, Hands on Sheep and Wool which came to an end in June 2023. The 'Hands On Wool and Sheep Project was an opportunity for young people to experience sheep, wool and the AONB landscape. This application wishes to continue the previous project as well as expand by adding a new topic – Wildlife In Their Habitat. 37 Educational Visits
B Walker (RAFT Solutions)	Across Nidderdale	£22,649.35	£22,649.35	01/09/2023	31/12/2024	The aim of this project is to demonstrate that integrated parasite control in a whole-farm holistic approach can reduce reliance on anthelmintic / ectoparasite treatment on Nidderdale ruminant farms and therefore improve abundance and diversity of dung beetles within the AONB.
Kate Wright (NNL Wetlands)	Across Nidderdale	£3,693.89	£3,693.89	01/09/2023	31/03/2024	This funding will be used to fund the initial phases of an exciting new project in Nidderdale AONB that aims to increase connectivity and biodiversity across the landscape by creating new wetland habitats. This specific workstream concerns the set-up costs for the project. This will include: • Training/mentoring from an existing farm adviser experienced in delivering ponds in this area • Purchasing surveying equipment (items not already held by the AONB) • Marketing and publicity maternity to brand and promote the project
Marian Wilby (Gypsum and Aeration Trial)	Ripon	£6,720.00	£6,720.00	01/09/2023	31/03/2025	Inspired by Regenerative Farming Consultant, Niels Corfield, and based on the work he is doing with Sean Nicholson at Castles Farm, this project will implement trials on the efficacy of two treatments (gypsum and aeration) on improved pasture and soil quality. The project will be managed by Farm Carbon Toolkit, who have been in discussion with Niels Corfield to develop a protocol. This project adds value to the Aerworx aerator and Gypsum, grant funded through the FiPL programme earlier in the year.
S Mayes	Ripon	£4,750.00	£6,600.00	15/08/2023	16/08/2024	Clearing of non native soft wood to form habitat piles, glade creation and scalloped edges along the River Skell allowing for natural regeneration.
Dr V Walsh	Harrogate	£8,414.91	£6,786.45	01/04/2024	01/10/2024	Introducing 515m new FG2 sheep netting to facilitate livestock management, rotational grazing and diversification of farm parcels to increase fruit, nut and berry production, biodiversity, carbon, and water security. NOTE: Fencing will NOT be a substitute for restoration of dry stone walls.
M Whipp	Ripon	£9,610.75	£36,207.25	01/01/2024	31/12/2024	For 10 years the LTO has been home to a very large, but old reflecting telescope. It's time this was preserved as a museum piece and replaced with a new telescope, more suited for the dark skies of Nidderdale. The building itself and rotating dome are also in need of rejuvenation due to their exposed rural location, as is the radio telescope that resides on the site.
M O'Donnell	Otley	£5,566.28	£5,566.28	14/09/2023	31/08/2024	Installation 472 metres of fencing and 5 access gates along a right of way to keep motorbikes from using the land as a playground.
C Bending	Across Nidderdale	£6,780.00	£7,780.00	01/10/2023	31/12/2024	Undertaking professional surveys of fungi-rich grassland sites across Nidderdale, a full day workshop for interested volunteers to improve their knowledge of grassland fungi and a beginner's 'waxcap wander' to enthuse new volunteers to record fungi-rich grasslands.
K Harris	Harrogate	£11,268.37	£11,268.37	01/12/2023	15/02/2025	To provide further opportunity for wildlife habitation, biodiversity, species migration and to enhance the landscape by planting trees and hedges. This will be achieved by planting a further 1,600 hedge and 20 woodland trees, all indigenous species in a continuous 270m run.
A Thorpe	Harrogate	£5,215.05	£4,244.05	01/12/2023	15/02/2025	This grant application is for a chainsaw course from Askham Bryan, two chainsaws with two batteries from Ripon Farm Services, PPE for woodland group work, and payments for hosting workshops in the woodland site. These items will be used to manage a small non-commercial woodland for biodiversity gains. This applicant has had previous funding for this woodland site for which they successfully created a Forestry England approved Woodland Management Plan.

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L Eyre	Harrogate	£7,616.06	£8,534.59	01/12/2023	31/01/2025	Nidderdale Tannery is a small-scale tannery that uses sustainable and traditional methods to tan a limited number of hides, sourced from local farmers and landowners. The tannery uses only local and natural materials (hand harvested tree barks such as oak and willow, or brains/fats and smoke) to transform various hides into leathers, rugs and other furs. The applicant is securing hides from farms that are members of the Pasture-fed Livestock Association, such as Low Riggs. She is also working with other local farmers who are committed to Nature Friendly Farming methods and promoting of native breeds. The finished products are leather goods that are truly connected to place.
B Davies	Ilkley	£62,616.72	£112,606.07	01/11/2023	01/01/2025	This application is for the fencing of 2 beaver enclosures. The applicant has received a licence to have 2 enclosures on the land on 2 different water courses. Each enclosure will house a pair of beavers whose impact on the environment and water flows will be carefully recorded. There will be a network of volunteers who will be engaged in the checking of the beavers and the fencing and also in monitoring the habitat and biodiversity impacts. There is no commercial reward from having these enclosures only ongoing costs in maintenance and animal care. The requirements to fence to a detailed spec dictated in the licence conditions to ensure there is minimal risk of escapes is currently a major stumbling block to the project, due to the high costs.
P Brambleby	Harrogate	£9,703.02	£11,311.20	01/12/2023	15/02/2025	Removing extensive areas of rhododendron, bramble and bracken; planting new trees (chiefly native broadleaf plus some additional biodiversity); creating wildflower woodland meadow; improving public access including disabled access; promoting solar-powered electric tools over petrol-powered wherever possible; promoting wellbeing; promoting education; conducting evaluation so the experience and lessons can be shared.
E Hammond	Harrogate	£5,280.00	£16,000.00	01/03/2023	01/01/2025	The applicant is requesting grant funding towards the resurfacing costs of her farm lane. This resurfacing work will make the farm more accessible for educational visits, making the farm a more attractive destination for both parents and minibus drivers.
C Wilson	Harrogate	£10,908.94	£10,908.94	01/12/2023	01/01/2025	To provide further opportunity for wildlife habitation, biodiversity, species migration and to enhance the landscape by planting hedges. This will be achieved by planting a further 800 hedge plants, all indigenous species in a continuous 132m run. A small length of boundary wall will be restored to enhance the appearance of a wooded area.
S Barningham	Harrogate	£4,153.65	£4,153.65	01/01/2024	15/02/2024	Planting 125m of hedgerow and 125m of stock fence with a 15-foot gate, to provide further opportunity for wildlife habitation, biodiversity, species migration and to enhance the landscape by planting new hedgerow. The new hedgerow will be planted neighbouring a field that hosts curlews throughout nesting and breeding season and is involved in the Darley Beck Curlew project. Therefore, the hedge will be managed in accordance with this conservation factor. The hedge will be prevented from growing over 3 metre in height and no tree species will be included, in order to remove the risk of perches and/or nesting opportunities becoming available to predatory species such as raptors, that could affect curlew breeding success rates.
Sarah Kettlewell (Darley Beck Curlew Project 2024)	Darley Catchment	£36,437.56	£56,702.85	24/01/2024	31/12/2024	Working with farmers and volunteers to trial innovative solutions to curlew conservation in a cluster of lowland grassland farms. The project aim is to directly improve the breeding success of farmland curlews within the project area, as well as influencing and informing future curlew conservation projects and wader policy at both local and national levels. The project will also engage with the public to educate, celebrate and raise awareness about curlews in the Nidderdale National Landscape..
R Savage	Ripon	£7,745.00	£14,845.00	01/04/2024	31/03/2025	The project aims to record bat distribution and activity across the Skell Valley. Volunteers will place acoustic recording equipment in farms, parkland and nature reserves to record bat activity throughout the valley. The recordings will be analysed using BTO's Acoustic Pipeline, with records verified and compiled into an end of project report.
R Middleton	Masham	£5,586.11	£9,310.18	01/03/2024	31/03/2024	The project will allow Rob Middleton to be a pioneer of "mob grazing" in the National Landscape which will contribute to a case study for the Regenerative Agriculture in Protected Landscapes Project. Using semi-permanent electric fencing to set up a rotational grazing plan for 120 Aberdeen Angus Cross cattle on 19.82Ha of grassland. The system will include a wire around the circumference of each field. Strainrite Pigtail posts will be used at an average of 6m spacings to support the wire. A solar powered energiser will be used. 7 water troughs will be installed to ensure each grazing block provides sufficient water for the herd.
Sarah Kettlewell (Toft Gate Lime Kiln)	Harrogate	£1,750.00	£1,750.00	25/01/2024		Carry out consolidation works to the Toft Gate Lime Kiln – works will include repairs to kiln including repointing with lime mortar, replacement of chicken wire treatment to openings, improved fencing and boundary treatments, landscape management, access and interpretation. This application is for stage 1 of the project – to commission a structural survey

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Sarah Kettlewell (Birstwith Hall)	Harrogate	£675.00	£675.00	04/03/2024	31/03/2024	Carry out conservation works to the listed roadside barn which is in a poor condition and at risk of further structural damage due to a tree. Works will include removal of tree causing structural damage to the barn, repairs to door openings and walls and repointing with lime mortar. This application is for stage 1 of the project – to commission a structural survey
B Davies	Ilkley	£22,096.00	£26,946.00	01/04/2024	01/02/2025	This project is a proposed extension of the existing DEWQUAL project but it also has several new features: Taking water samples for nutrient chemistry and faecal bacteria analysis at 12 sites across the Estate for a further year Surveying diatoms and invertebrates as indicators of water quality at Hundwith Beck sites Carrying out a baseline invertebrate and fish survey at sites upstream and downstream of the proposed beaver enclosure near Lesley's Lake Setting up a monitoring network to track long-term changes in water quality at the proposed beaver enclosure and elsewhere Assessing the rate of sediment accumulation in Lower Lake Holding a workshop to prepare a Water Management Plan for the Estate
A Large	Harrogate	£22,145.27	£22,145.27	05/03/2024	31/12/2024	A curlew monitoring and conservation project, drawing on and collaborating with the Darley Curlew Project.
Kate Smith (The Country Trust)	Across Nidderdale	£69,952.32	£69,952.32	01/04/2024	28/03/2025	To work with the farmers in the AONB to provide 48 inspiring, hands-on day visits to their farms (3 farms) for approximately 1250 children, and in some cases family members too, from disadvantaged communities in and around the AONB.
R Bunn (Pasture for Life)	Across Nidderdale	£19,146.64	£19,146.63	01/04/2024	31/03/2025	Building on a successful 15 months (January 2023-March 2024) delivery of the initial funded project, this project aims to continue the momentum and build on the outcomes already seen. The project will continue to support an extensive group of farmers within 5 protected landscapes across the North of England with farmer to farmer support (mentoring), events, resources and community building at its heart, while bringing new farmers into the existing group. The project will enable farmers to ensure their businesses are financially and ecologically resilient for the future, whilst contributing to and protecting the landscapes in which they farm.
Jenn Plews (NSAT)	Across Nidderdale	£86,618.76	£86,618.76	01/04/2024	28/03/2025	This project will be the second phase of NSATs ambitious Farm Twinning Programme, which commenced in 2022. It is a unique partnership between a Multi Academy Trust and farmers/ landowners in the Nidderdale National Landscape. Through the 'twinning' NSAT will strengthen children's understanding by providing a greater appreciation of farming and nature, and practical opportunities to participate in learning to increase climate resilience and biodiversity. Number of visits and number of children and young people: In 2024 -2025 at least 50% of NSAT schools will be farm twinned. They will make a total of 126 Farm visits. Each visit will involve a minimum of 15 pupils/students and at least 2 school adults – totalling 2,142 people experiences over the course of one academic year. NSAT will work in mutual partnership with each farmer/ landowner to: oDesign and deliver explicit curriculum opportunities for real-world experiential learning (covering Early Years, KS1, KS2 through to Post 16) oBetter understand the facts about nature, farming, and land management to develop a greater appreciation of the environment and provide practical opportunities to participate in activities to increase climate resilience and enhance biodiversity. For example, at Corn Close Care Farm we will help to restore a wildlife pond and rewild a piece of land. oExplore complex environmental challenges with our older students. For example, at Humberstone we study how the moorland peat is being used to store carbon. The farm twinning programme will enable positive steps to be taken to both improve our partner farming environments and as a consequence the respective home-school communities of our Trust.
O Boatfield	Harrogate	£12,406.12	£12,406.12	01/04/2024	01/08/2024	The Wildish Club's community garden in Pateley Bridge is a shared space where residents come together to grow fruits and vegetables. Managed by volunteers, the garden fosters community engagement and offers fresh produce to all. It serves as a hub for learning, socialising, and promoting sustainable living practices, embodying the spirit of collaboration and stewardship in the heart of the town.
J Johnson	Ripon	£3,037.20	£3,037.20	01/03/2024	31/03/2024	Creating a mobile water system that can easily be put down and taken up to improve grazing management. Electric fence energisers plus Batt-Latch gateways to further improve mob grazing. A section of single strand permanent electric fencing to protect stone walls and mob grazing. Plus, a grazeable hedge to increase mineral availability for livestock also providing shelter and home for wildlife.
J West / M Cowan	Ripon	£14,554.80	£51,762.00	10/06/2024	30/03/2025	Enhancement to an existing farm structure to transform a covered area (next to a barn) into a multi-purpose indoor/outdoor teaching and craft making space and volunteer hub to support members of the public to learn and enjoy Lime Tree Earth and Sky throughout the year. Specific capital spend: Stage 1 - to add a sub-frame; vapour layer; insulation; doors; windows; shutters; electrics; heating; and solar panels to the existing frame. Stage 2 - to kit out the internal space with cupboards; shelving; tables; seating; mini kitchen; display boards and craft / land management tools. This space is 13.1m/42.9 ft X 4.6m/15.2 ft ca.62.3sqm, will create a teaching space adjoined by a dual purpose area with mini kitchen to support the craftsand volunteer hub, where those doing field or conservation work can prepare and take a break together.

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R Simms	Masham	£17,144.87	£18,307.34	01/06/2024	01/03/2025	Funding 30 educational farm visits to Waterfall Farm & butchery. Transport cost contribution for primary or secondary schools in & around Nidderdale. Fencing and gates for vegetable plot/nature corner Teaching resources including mobile milking machine, aprons Training course in making speciality cheeses.
M Devlin (YDMT)	Across Nidderdale	£9,960.00	£9,960.00	13/06/2024	01/10/2024	This project will connect seven underrepresented groups from Harrogate and Leeds with iconic locations in the Nidderdale National Landscape. Through practical and mindful experiences with small groups of 10-15 people that encourage team work, we will inspire a shared lifelong passion for the countryside and provide opportunity to learn about the landscape and how it is shaped by humans over the years. Activities will include a mix of therapeutic activities such as whittling, bushcraft and campfire cooking, as well as more practical activities such as navigation, walks and species ID. Activities will enable groups to learn new skills, improving health and wellbeing and creating long lasting connections between each other and the natural world. We will work with landowners across five iconic sites in Nidderdale, known for their for nature, conservation farming and heritage.
J Dalton	Ripon	£2,160.00	£2,700.00	01/05/2024	31/05/2024	Phase 1. To carry out a Stage 3 recording of the building. This application is in regard to Phase 1 of the restoration of a grade II listed Dutch Barn at Azerley Phase 1 will consist of carrying out Level 3 recording of the barn. Level 3 records are valuable for conservation, research, and understanding the built heritage. They contribute to preserving our architectural legacy and informing future decisions about historic buildings Liz Humble (Humble Heritage) will carry out this work.
E Frankland	Ripon	£12,651.60	£15,804.94	01/09/2024	31/12/2024	Restoration of a traditional stone barn at Low Grantley Farm. This project will include - Re-pointing a traditional outbuilding using lime mortar. There will also be - Repairs to the roof - New guttering - Repairs to stonework - Structural repairs.
A Campbell	Otley	£49,564.68	£61,946.28	01/09/2024	31/12/2024	Restoration of a traditional stone barn at Shaws Hall According to the Margeret Mackinder report, and confirmed by the National Landscape team, the building is a great example of a traditional 4 cow field barn, characteristic of the Yorkshire Dales. The barn has a number of interesting original features. It is located in an isolated position This project will include - Repointing of the remaining walls with suitable lime mortar - Testing of two lime mortar samples - Localised reconstruction of North wall - Repointing of East Gable - Dismantling and reconstruction of South Wall - Stones numbered and reused in original positions where possible. - Checking of the bearing strata once south wall is down to investigate the exiting foundations. New foundations for the south wall could be required - The portion of the west gable wall to the south of the large crack, reconstructed. - Heavy consolidation and repointing of lower section of west gable.
M Verity (Swinton Estate)	Masham	£40,600.00	£50,750.00	15/07/2024	31/12/2025	Restoration of a traditional stone barn at Howe Farm This project will include - Re-pointing a traditional outbuilding using lime mortar. There will also be - New Arched Door and windows - Repairs to the roof Repairs to guttering and down pipes - Repairs to stonework

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D Watson	Ripon	£6,568.36	£8,210.46	21/05/2024	31/12/2025	Restoration of a traditional stone barn at Hogg Hall This project will include •Re-pointing a traditional outbuilding using lime mortar. There will also be •Repairs to the roof •New guttering •Repairs and replacements to Doors and Windows
P Hirst	Harrogate	£1,536.00	£1,920.00	01/09/2024	30/09/2024	Carry out conservation works to the listed roadside barn which is in a poor condition and at risk of further structural damage due to a tree. Works will include removal of tree causing structural damage to the barn, repairs to door openings and walls and repointing with lime mortar. This application is for stage 2 of the project – to remove a dead sycamore tree that is undermining the building.
S Smith	Harrogate	£16,733.52	£16,733.52	22/05/2024	31/12/2024	The current landowner, Sharron Smith is managing this special site for biodiversity and conservation purposes. Sharron is keen to work with in partnership with the AONB to enhance the site for both biodiversity and heritage, as well as managing permissive access across much of the land. The landowner is seeking grant funding to: •Control 250 square metres of European Gorse to enhance public access and protect historic features •Install both new FG2 Sheep Netting and replace old, in order to better manage a flock of Hebridean sheep for conservation grazing purposes. (Total length of 878m). •Install total of 13 new gates of various sizes in order to allow better management of the site. •Install new BN13 Top Wiring to preserve existing dry stone walls in good condition as well as to manage grazing in species rich meadows. Total length of 916m). •Attend a 2 day course on Advanced Conservation Grazing with the Rare Breeds Survival Trust.
J Wood (Equine Project)	Harrogate	£24,501.76	£29,115.00	17/06/2024	14/02/2025	To plant 156m of hedgerows with a diverse mix of local native species. Plant 0.77ha of broadleaved woodland intimately mixed within the pastures. Reseed diverse herbal leys to aid in nutrient removal whilst increasing species diversity prior to a hay meadow restoration in 3 to 5 years time.
J Wood (Tested Hay Register)	Harrogate	£17,829.20	£35,642.00	30/05/2024	28/02/2025	A project aiming to provide farmers in the Nidderdale National Landscape with an outlet for selling species-rich meadow hay. A platform will be developed to connect horse owners with hay producers. The project will aim to highlight the link between soil health, and horse health; and provide further incentive for farmers to maintain or restore species rich hay meadows.
S Fleetwood (Farmer Network)	Across Nidderdale	£14,880.00	£14,880.00	15/05/2024	31/01/2025	This project will support farmers in the Nidderdale National Landscape area through workshops and other activities aimed at increasing the resilience and environmental sustainability of their farm businesses.