

Approved projects

WV001		Safe handling area for the welfare of conservation grazing cattle
Applicant	Grazing Management Ltd./ A. Crawley	Supporting the provision of conservation grazing across the Wye Valley AONB, using hardy native breed cattle. Funding is for the creation of a porous, flat, stoned area to allow the safe handling of animals when required, in between their work restoring wild flower meadows.
Location	The Hudnalls, St. Briavels, GL15 6RT	
Key Themes	Climate, Nature, Place	
Project Value	£10,975	
FiPL grant	£4,938.75	
Duration	September 2021 – December 2021	
WV002		Opportunity to Explore
Applicant	Nature's Nest / S. Thomas	Nature's Nest is a farm based glamping enterprise. The project enabled the purchase of electric bikes and storage, and interpretation panels at places of interest, to provide educated access to Nature's Nest best attraction, its location. <i>"We not only want to give guests the opportunity to explore, but give them understanding of why our place is a designated AONB and what that means".</i>
Location	Ballingham, HR2 6NH	
Key Themes	People, Place	
Project Value	£17,437.02	
FiPL grant	£8,097.70	
Duration	December 2021 – March 2022	
WV003		The Wye Valley Floodplain Project
Applicant	The Wye and Usk Foundation	To undertake natural capital assessments for 26 landholdings within the WVAONB, to identify priority habitats, in particular floodplain meadows, and deliver improvements to the condition, connectivity and increase their extent within the landscape. Further investigation of archive and geospatial datasets to reveal past extent of floodplain grassland within Herefordshire Wye Valley AONB Floodplain; producing maps of key priority areas for floodplain restoration as a tool for advisors and facilitators.
Location	Wye Valley AONB wide (England)	
Key Themes	Climate, Nature, People, Place	
Project Value	£108,275	
FiPL grant	£69,525	
Duration	December 2021 – March 2024	

WV004	Regenerative Agriculture: Demonstration, Explanation and Access for All	
Applicant	Ben Taylor-Davies Regen Ben	Establishment of mob grazing, creation of agroforestry orchard, interpretation panels with information about wildlife, landscape, history and farming, farm track improvements enabling access for all, planting veteran trees of the future, and expansion of farm shop facilities into a refurbished barn. Allowing the general public, farmers and landowners, NGO's and anyone else with an interest in the link between food and the environment to visit, taking a self-guided walk with the help of information panels or guided by landowner.
Location	Townsend Farm, Brampton Abbotts, HR9 7JE	
Key Themes	Climate, Nature, People, Place	
Project Value	£202,977.57	
FiPL grant	£65,530.20	
Duration	January 2022 – March 2023	
WV006	Woodland enhancement for educational visits, plus improvement of toilet facilities for school visitors	
Applicant	J Hoddell & Partners / A. Herbert	Refurbishment of toilet facilities and creation of a teaching and exploring area in woodland with access to a stream, to provide educational opportunities and enhancement to school visits.
Location	Lewstone Farmhouse, Ganarew, NP25 3SS	
Key Themes	Climate, Nature, People, Place	
Project Value	£4,890	
FiPL grant	£4,890	
Duration	January 2022 – March 2022	
WV007	Sandford Farm– improving poultry range management and infrastructure to protect water quality in the Wye Valley AONB	
Applicant	LK Goulding / T. Waters	Improvements to poultry site infrastructure and range management in the form of planting of hardy grass and shrubs to create dense vegetation, and wetland plants around attenuation pond. Project aims to reduce nutrient losses and soil and water run-off. These improvements will deliver benefits for water quality and natural flood management in the AONB and help to restore river health and biodiversity.
Location	Sandford Farm, Ross-on-Wye, HR9 7UA	
Key Themes	Climate, Nature, People, Place	
Project Value	£2,298.64	
FiPL grant	£1,498.93	
Duration	February 2022 – March 2023	

WV009	Dribble Bar for Slurry Tanker	
Applicant	Ballingham Court Farm / E. Rudge	Purchase of a dribble bar for slurry tanker, to make better use of the nutrients naturally occurring in digestate and slurry produced by 'dribbling' it into the soil, reducing air and water pollution. To be used across a number of landholdings.
Location	Ballingham, HR2 6NH	
Key Themes	Climate, Nature, Place	
Project Value	£10,350	
FiPL grant	£4,000	
Duration	March 2022	
WV010	Conservation grazing for People and Wildlife at The Park: gateway to the Wye Valley AONB	
Applicant	Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust	Installation of fencing infrastructure to enable conservation grazing of 26.3 ha of mixed open heathland habitat by Highland cattle, Exmoor ponies, and Hebridean and Herdwick sheep. The use of native breeds exemplifies their value in combining wildlife gains, landscape aesthetics and visitor wellbeing. Improving public access to the reserve.
Location	The Park Nature Reserve, Tidenham Chase, NP16 7JR	
Key Themes	Nature, People, Place	
Project Value	£43,148.00	
FiPL grant	£16,357.60	
Duration	September 2022- March 2023	
WV012	River Wye INNS Giant Hogweed and Japanese Knotweed Eradication	
Applicant	The Wye and Usk Foundation	Invasive species control measures in the Wye catchment between Glasbury and Ross-on-Wye, including knapsack spraying of existing and germinating Giant hogweed plants, a boat trip to locate and deadhead flowering stands of Giant hogweed and knapsack treatment of Japanese knotweed stands. Treatment across the catchment is essential as each plant can produce up to £100,000 seeds, which spread downstream by the nature of the river and further accelerated by the action of floods.
Location	River Wye and tributaries	
Key Themes	Climate, Nature, People, Place	
Project Value	£18,192.48	
FiPL grant	£18,192.48	
Duration	September 2022 - March 2024	

WV013	Rectory Orchard Renewal	
Applicant	A. Farquhar	Restoration of a 2.8ha traditional orchard. Improving longevity of veteran fruit trees by appropriate and environmentally sensitive management and pruning. Enhancing existing habitats by planting new standard cider apple trees and perry pear trees, and building guards to protect the young trees from livestock. Renewing the heart of the community and improving access to the field for all residents to enjoy.
Location	The Rectory, Brampton Abbots, HR9 7JE	
Key Themes	Climate, Nature, People, Place	
Project Value	£18,314.90	
FiPL grant	£18,314.90	
Duration	December 2022- March 2024	
WV014	Noble Chafer Habitat Enhancement	
Applicant	Wye Valley AONB Partnership	Installing trial habitat boxes for the nationally scarce Noble chafer beetle and planting fruit trees to create habitat of the future. Facilitating training events and producing educational materials for landowners and groups involved in traditional orchard conservation. Conducting pheromone lure surveys to establish and monitor the existing population of Noble chafer and identifying areas where enhancement work is best targeted.
Location	Wye Valley AONB wide (England)	
Key Themes	Nature, People, Place	
Project Value	£7,875.74	
FiPL grant	£7,875.74	
Duration	September 2022- March 2024	
WV016	The Dingle Nature & Biodiversity Enhancement Project	
Applicant	Mr P. Eeeles	Improving field infrastructure with fencing, gates and water troughs to enable conservation grazing with a view to further improve a species-diverse meadow. Fencing off a natural watercourse to prevent damage from livestock. Planting parkland trees, shrub buffer strips and native hedgerows. Improving public access by replacing a stile with a kissing gate.
Location	The Dingle, Checkley, HR1 4ND	
Key Themes	Climate, Nature, Place	
Project Value	£14,050.29	
FiPL grant	£13,716.23	
Duration	November 2022 – March 2024	

WV017	Improvement of climatic and biodiversity impact at Huntsham Farm	
Applicant	Huntsham Court Farm / R. Vaughan	Improvement of climatic and biodiversity impact at Huntsham Farm by ensuring the farm's waste management policy is sustainable and environmentally friendly. Fitting concrete panels to the sides of the muck barn, to prevent liquid waste leeching out of the muck barn onto the yard and subsequently into the fields nearby.
Location	Huntsham Court, Ross-on-Wye, HR9 6JN	
Key Themes	Climate, Nature	
Project Value	£4,799.00	
FiPL grant	£3,599.25	
Duration	December 2022- March 2023	
WV018	Floodplain meadow restoration and improved access infrastructure for PROW at Tump Farm	
Applicant	M W Farming / M. Williams	Restoring 3.47 ha of floodplain meadow using local provenance brush harvested seed from nearest donor floodplain meadow. Floodplain meadows along the River Wye have become a rare and fragmented habitat. These fields are on a part of the river with fast flowing water and are vulnerable to soil loss. Installing kissing gates to improve access experience on the farm, enabling livestock grazing to exist much more comfortably alongside public access and enjoyment.
Location	Tump Farm, Fownhope, HR1 4PJ	
Key Themes	Climate, Nature, People, Place	
Project Value	£8,344.33	
FiPL grant	£8,344.33	
Duration	February 2023 – March 2024	
WV019	Run-off prevention and public access improvement at Coxbury Farm	
Applicant	S.Turley	Coxbury Farm is surrounded by a number of protected sites and the water flow from the farm leads towards the Valley Brook, a tributary of the Wye, where high nitrate levels had previously been recorded. Resurfacing 200m2 area adjacent to the cattle shed with hardcore in order to reduce soil loss during the wetter months and prevent run-off. Improving access on a popular trail, including installing a pedestrian gate where previously access was through farm gate only.
Location	Coxbury Farm, St. Briavels, GL15 6QJ	
Key Themes	Nature, People, Place	
Project Value	£4,437.25	
FiPL grant	£4,437.25	
Duration	January 2023 – March 2023	

WV020	Bicknor Court Farm – water management & habitat enhancement	
Applicant	BB FARMING / R. Bowen	Improving biodiversity by extending existing wildlife corridors, creating new habitats and protecting natural watercourses, along with future-proofing sustainable land management of the farm. Planting hedgerows, specimen parkland trees, restoring a farmland pond by fencing it off from livestock and planting a native species semi-circular buffer strip. Installation of pipework and water troughs to provide alternative source of water for livestock.
Location	Bicknor Court Farm, English Bicknor, GL16 7PD	
Key Themes	Climate, Nature, Place	
Project Value	£20,234.09	
FiPL grant	£20,234.09	
Duration	January 2023 – March 2024	
WV021	Increasing educational access to farms in the Wye Valley AONB	
Applicant	LEAF education	Promoting opportunities for educational access to farms by delivering accredited CEVAS training to farmers and support them as they build relationships with local schools. The training will give farmers the skills to deliver fully risk assessed, engaging curriculum linked educational visits on their farms. Afterwards, course participants will be supported by the LEAF Regional Education Consultant through one to one consultancy to identify educational opportunities on individual farms and help deliver school visits.
Location	Wye Valley AONB wide (England)	
Key Themes	People, Place	
Project Value	£14,180.89	
FiPL grant	£14,180.89	
Duration	January 2023 – March 2024	
WV022	Agroforestry project and increasing biodiversity of a farm pond	
Applicant	Ballingham Court Farm / E. Rudge	Implementing a silvoarable system in an intensive apple orchard, which has become uneconomic due to difficulties of sourcing labour, loss of plant protection products, cost of storing fruit and poor returns for the harvested fruit. Instead of taking out the orchard completely, this agroforestry system will be retrofitted by removing some rows of trees and growing arable crops in their stead, amongst remaining rows. Fencing off a farm pond to allow vegetation to grow in the area and plant a hedge nearby to add to the biodiversity.
Location	Ballingham, HR2 6NH	
Key Themes	Climate, Nature, Place	
Project Value	£23,129.18	
FiPL grant	£10,410.60	
Duration	March 2023 - March 2024	

WV023	Habitat Enhancement at Taste of Self Sufficiency	
Applicant	Taste of Self Sufficiency / Y. Watson	Further habitat and biodiversity improvements on this permaculture and biodynamic smallholding, which encompasses a Local Wildlife Site. Planting native hedgerow and installing wildlife boxes for bats, birds and insects.
Location	Caenwood, Howle Hill, HR9 5SP	
Key Themes	Climate, Nature	
Project Value	£2,024.15	
FiPL grant	£2,024.15	
Duration	February 2023 – March 2023	
WV024	High quality, safe handling facilities for the welfare of conservation grazing cattle	
Applicant	Grazing Management Ltd./ A. Crawley	Improving handling facilities to support the expansion of conservation grazing across the Wye Valley AONB. The 'flying herd' is providing environmentally focused 'hoof powered' land management across an increasing number of sites throughout the Protected Landscape. Installation of permanent cattle handling facilities, improvements to the cattle crush and purchasing a mobile kit to enable movement of the herd across different sites.
Location	The Hudnalls, St. Briavels, GL15 6RT	
Key Themes	Climate, Nature, People, Place	
Project Value	£5,797.66	
FiPL grant	£2,426.76	
Duration	March 2023 – July 2023	
WV025	The Modern Field	
Applicant	Ben Taylor-Davies Regen Ben	Fencing the inner part of arable field to demonstrate an innovative, environment focused field set-up. This project illustrates how a field boundary of hedges, 6m floristically enhanced margin, and a new 'access for all' permissive footpath, has a permanent fence around the inner part of the 6m margin, protecting the hedges and edges from grazing animals, enhancing the hedge and edge for nature and protecting the margins role as soil water movement buffers.
Location	Townsend Farm, Brampton Abbots, HR9 7JE	
Key Themes	Climate, Nature, People	
Project Value	£7,470.00	
FiPL grant	£7,470.00	
Duration	April 2023 – May 2023	

WV026	Purchase of Equipment for the better care of Nature Reserves	
Applicant	Herefordshire Wildlife Trust	Purchase of new specialist tractor flail attachment to enable annual maintenance and opening up of woodland rides and glades in several nature reserves in the Woolhope Dome and in the Great Doward. This will encourage woodland flora and invertebrate habitats as well as control of scrub encroachment onto species-rich hay meadows and grasslands.
Location	6 Nature reserves and SSSIs in the Wye Valley AONB	
Key Themes	Nature	
Project Value	£5,150.00	
FiPL grant	£5,150.00	
Duration	March 2023	
WV027	Species rich floodplain meadow margins, river bank stabilisation, tree planting and new, mob grazing system at Benhall Farm	
Applicant	SH & CM Brewer	Restoring 1.8ha of riverbank margins to species rich floodplain meadow using local provenance brush harvested seed. Planting willow whips to stabilise a section of riverbank (River Wye SSSI), currently depleted of vegetation. Purchasing infrastructure, including electric fencing kit, to enable new mob grazing system that will facilitate longer rest periods and improve rooting structure, which in turn will increase soil health, aid carbon sequestration and water regulation, and reduce unwanted soil structure damage caused by poaching on wet floodplain ground. Planting hedgerow trees.
Location	Benhall Farm, Ross-on-Wye, HR9 6AG	
Key Themes	Climate, Nature, Place	
Project Value	£7,251.96	
FiPL grant	£5,551.62	
Duration	March 2023 – March 2024	
WV028	Cattle yard improvements	
Applicant	S. Turley	Installing a concrete pad, which will enable feeding of the cattle to be concentrated in one area and address issues of poaching, soil erosion and reduce the risk of diffuse pollution. The pad can be easily scraped off with the front-end loader and debris loaded into a muck bay nearby. This development will improve the efficacy of yard work, reduce ground poaching and benefit animal welfare.
Location	Coxbury Farm	
Key Themes	Nature, Place	
Project Value	£1,990	
FiPL grant	£1,990	
Duration	February 2023- Mar 2023	

WV029		Herbal leys trial and public access improvements at Dryslade Farm	
Applicant	PF & DM Gwilliam	Putting in 3.48ha of GS4 herbal ley in species poor improved grassland pasture, to improve soil structure and fertility, and to create pollinator habitat. Benefits of herbal leys are plentiful and include improved soil fertility, structure and water retention, and act as enhanced habitat for pollinators, additionally providing improved, mineral rich feed for the cattle.	Replacing stiles with kissing gates to improve access on a very popular footpath loop around the village of English Bicknor.
Location	Dryslade Farm, English Bicknor, GL16 7PA		
Key Themes	Climate, Nature, People, Place		
Project Value	£8,585.04		
FiPL grant	£8,585.04		
Duration	February 2023 – March 2024		
WV031		Meadow restoration works at Haynes Farm.	
Applicant	J. Gardner	Restoration of 0.7ha of semi-improved grassland to a species rich meadow using local, brush harvested seed. A range of deeper rooting broadleaved herbs in the restored meadow will help increase carbon sequestration, provide food and habitat for wildlife, better regulate water storage capacity and flows, and provide landscape amenity value.	
Location	Haynes Farm, Carey, HR2 6NG		
Key Themes	Climate, Nature, Place		
Project Value	£1,516.52		
FiPL grant	£1,516.52		
Duration	May 2023 – March 2024		
WV032		Cowleaves Pond habitat enhancement	
Applicant	PF & DM Gwilliam	Fencing off a small woodland copse and incorporating within it the pond, the supply ditch, the pond outflow and sinkhole, to prevent cattle poaching and browsing and allow natural regeneration thus protecting water quality in the unnamed tributary of the River Wye.	Reseeding bare ground in the woodland copse with native woodland wildflower mix.
Location	Dryslade Farm, English Bicknor, GL16 7PA		
Key Themes	Climate, Nature		
Project Value	£975.19		
FiPL grant	£975.19		
Duration	May 2023 - November 2023		

WV033	Integrating livestock into arable to improve soil health at Caradoc	
Applicant	Caradoc Estate / D. Darling	Planting infield parkland trees to mimic historic planting and create stepping-stones for movement of wildlife between two parcels of woodland. Installation of field infrastructure, including electric fencing and drag water troughs to enable holistic planned grazing on land that has been in arable for many decades. Aiming to deliver soil restoration driven by grazing ruminants and planting trees.
Location	Caradoc Court, Ross-on-Wye, HR9 6LS	
Key Themes	Nature, Climate, Place	
Project Value	£6,534.48	
FiPL grant	£5,695.08	
Duration	May 2023 – December 2023	
WV034	Wood pasture creation and reinstatement of historic hedgerows at Lower Witherstone Farm	
Applicant	The Russell Price Family Partnership	Improving habitat diversity from permanent pasture to wood pasture by planting native species parkland trees and installing tree guards, additionally creating future shelter and shade benefits to livestock. Reinstating historical hedgerow, as identified by on old maps of the area, which will contribute to improving existing wildlife corridors.
Location	Lower Witherstone Farm, Carey, HR2 6NQ	
Key Themes	Nature, Climate, Place	
Project Value	£24,706.78	
FiPL grant	£24,706.78	
Duration	June 2023 – March 2024	
WV035	Townsend Compost Project	
Applicant	Ben Taylor-Davies Regen Ben	Stabilising animal waste for carbon building, soil health and prevention of nutrient leaching, by installing infrastructure in the cattle barn to produce Bokashi composted manure. Utilizing plant waste and harvested rainwater to produce Actively Aerated Compost Teas (AACT) for soil and plant health.
Location	Townsend Farm, Brampton Abbotts, HR9 7JE	
Key Themes	Climate, Nature, Place	
Project Value	£12,065.92	
FiPL grant	£8,009.33	
Duration	May 2023- December 2023	

WV036	Fownhope Coronation Walk	
Applicant	Fownhope Parish Council	Creating a 6.7-mile themed and accessible trail using the existing network of PROW footpaths to promote the heritage and natural beauty of the Fownhope Parish. Printing bespoke way markers, designing and printing leaflets and installing interpretation boards in two locations.
Location	Fownhope Parish, HR1	
Key Themes	People, Place	
Project Value	£4,742.46	
FiPL grant	£4,742.46	
Duration	May 2023 – December 2023	
WV037	Undersowing maize	
Applicant	RJ & EE Powell	Undersowing 8ha of maize crop with ryegrass and vetch. This practice has many environmental benefits including enhancement of soil structure through active root biomass, reduction in soil erosion and increased retention of nutrients. These benefits will help improve water quality and reduce run-off on fields, providing increased protection to the nearby River Wye SSSI and SAC.
Location	Kilforge Farm , Bolstone, HR2 6NE	
Key Themes	Climate, Nature, Place	
Project Value	£790.40	
FiPL grant	£395.20	
Duration	May 2023- August 2023	
WV038	Undersowing maize	
Applicant	J A & E Brooke	Undersowing 9.8 ha of maize with ryegrass and white clover mix. Undersowing has many environmental benefits including enhancement of soil structure through active root biomass, reduction in soil erosion and increased retention of nutrients. These benefits will help improve water quality and reduce run-off on fields, thus protecting to the watercourses.
Location	Lower Penalt Farm, Kings Caple, HR1 4UQ	
Key Themes	Climate, Nature, Place	
Project Value	£980	
FiPL grant	£490	
Duration	May 2023- August 2023	

WV039	Improving public access at Bears Farm	
Applicant	E. Matthews	Improving public access to the footpaths that cross through Bears Farm by removing stiles and installing gates. St Briavels has a very active and popular walking club. Replacing the stiles for gates would enable mixed ability walkers to use these paths more frequently. Improving farm boundaries to protect livestock from the road.
Location	Bears Farm, St. Briavels, GL15 6QU	
Key Themes	People	
Project Value	£1,320.00	
FiPL grant	£1,320.00	
Duration	July 2023- March 2024	
WV041	Townsend Farm Flour and Grain	
Applicant	Ben Taylor-Davies Regen Ben	Purchasing equipment, such as a cyclone stone mill and pasta maker, to add value to heritage grains grown on the farm and to enable production of nutritionally dense foods, with the intention of making the equipment available free to farmers and bakers in the Wye Valley AONB and therefore creating an outlet for heritage grains grown in the Wye Valley AONB. Continuing the role of Townsend Farm as a farm hub, facilitating peer-to-peer learning of heritage grains growing and processing.
Location	Townsend Farm, Brampton Abbots, HR9 7JE	
Key Themes	Climate, Place	
Project Value	£26,076.98	
FiPL grant	£10,430.79	
Duration	June 2023 – March 2024	
WV042	Habitat and PROW improvement at Lower Penalt Farm.	
Applicant	J A & E Brooke	Planting a small orchard on a marginal parcel of land, currently devoid of vegetation or trees. Planting parkland trees in an exposed pasture to provide future shade and shelter for livestock and improve value of the habitat to wildlife. Manufacturing and installing traditional steel welded tree guards, in keeping with the guard design of the local area. Installing a pedestrian kissing gate to facilitate easy access to the public footpath whilst protecting the livestock.
Location	Lower Penalt Farm, Kings Caple, HR1 4UQ	
Key Themes	Climate, Nature, People, Place	
Project Value	£14,447.50	
FiPL grant	£14,447.50	
Duration	June 2023– March 2024	