

# Farming in Protected Landscapes

Lincolnshire Wolds Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty

Lincolnshire Wolds FiPL Farmers Meeting  
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# Welcome



- The usual housekeeping bits and pieces
- Photographs and social media
- Event Outline





# Event Outline



**8.30**

**Coffee/Tea/Bacon Roll**

**9.00**

**ELMS Update: Sustainable Farming Incentive and Countryside Stewardship**

*Barney Parker (Farmed Environment Adviser, Ashfield Farmed Environment Services Ltd)*

**Forestry Commission: England Woodland Creation Offer**

*Alex Byland (Woodland Creation Officer) and Philip Ayres (Business Development Manager)*

**Green Investment in Greater Lincolnshire**

*David Baxter (David Baxter Environmental - advisor to Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust)*

**FiPL Projects in the Lincolnshire Wolds**

*Steve Scoffin (Lincolnshire Wolds AONB FiPL Project Officer)*

**Q & A Session**

**10.30 Break** *Display of FiPL Projects in the Lincolnshire Wolds*

**11.00**

**Companion Crop Harvesting in Regenerative Farming**

*Matthew Fisher (JG Fisher Ltd)*

**Soil health and a regenerative approach on a large arable/mixed farm**

*Phil Jarvis (Chair of Albanwise Farming & Environment and The Voluntary Initiative)*

**Links between Sheep Grazing, SFI and Soil Health**

*Ian Willoughby (Environmental Co-ordinator, Dyson Farming)*

**11.30**

**“Sustainable farming – a retailer’s view”**

*Lucinda Langton (Head of Sustainability, M&S Food)*

**12.00**

**On Farm Good Practice – Tyres and their Importance for Soil Structure**

*Hosted by AW Smith and Sons, Belchford*

**12.30**

**Lunch**



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## Projects Update and Future Funding



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Climate



Nature



People



Place





# Eligibility

- FiPL is a short-term grant not an agri-environment scheme under the ATP
- The programme is open to all farmers and land managers within the Lincolnshire Wolds AONB
- It could also support activity on other land, where a project will benefit the Lincolnshire Wolds AONB or its body's objectives or partnership initiatives
- You must manage all land in the application and have control of the activities you're proposing (or have written consent from those that do)
- Requires relevant permissions before being assessed by LAP (or LWCS if under £10,000)
- Up to £50,000 per application – you can make more than one application

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## The Farming in Protected Landscapes (FiPL)

programme runs until March 2024

It is a programme of funding for one-off projects, not...

# Extended to March 2025

Through this programme, farmers and land managers **can access funding** to

- Carry out projects that support nature recovery
- Mitigate the impacts of climate change
- Provide opportunities for people to discover, enjoy and understand the landscape and cultural heritage
- Support nature-friendly, sustainable farm businesses

  
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## CLIMATE

Supporting the delivery of net zero through nature and nature-based solutions to help communities mitigate and adapt to climate change:

- More carbon is stored and/or sequestered
- Flood risk has been reduced
- Better understanding among farmers, land managers and the public as to what different habitats and land uses can deliver for carbon storage and reduced carbon emissions
- The landscape is more resilient to climate change

This could include:

- Action to reduce carbon emissions, or the use of plastics, on a farm



FiPL projects should contribute to at least one, preferably more, of the 'local outcomes' of the AONB Management Plan:

Farming and land management in the Wolds is sustained and enhanced as the primary activity in maintaining its character, landscape, biodiversity and heritage

1. To protect and enhance the natural beauty of the Wolds, including its landscape, biodiversity and heritage

development and diversification of enterprises appropriate to the AONB

8. Nature and culture increasingly underpins the economy and supports local services
9. Skills and knowledge around traditional rural skills and natural and cultural heritage have increased
10. Support innovative diversification projects that work with local communities and businesses to create, inspire and support sustainable farming and farm buildings

Credit: East Lindsey District Council

## PEOPLE

Providing a natural health service that will improve the nation's public health and wellbeing through increased access to nature across all parts of society, as part of our green recovery:

- There are more opportunities for people to explore, enjoy and understand the landscape
- There are more opportunities for more diverse audiences to explore, enjoy and understand the landscape
- There is greater public engagement in land management, for example through volunteering

This could include:

- Providing new or easier access opportunities, links to the Public Rights of Way network, or providing interpretation of farming, nature and heritage
- Parking improvements at a key site to provide safe access to popular walking routes and reduce congestion for visitors and for local residents
- Glamping pods linked to experiencing nature recovery work on farms and supported by interpretation or new access

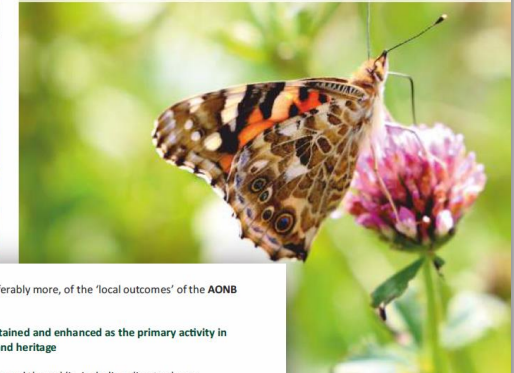
## NATURE

Supporting the leading role of farmers and land managers in the delivery of the Nature Recovery Network and achieving the Government's commitment to protect 30% of land by 2030:

- There is a greater area of wildlife rich habitat
- There is greater connectivity between habitats
- Existing habitat is better managed for biodiversity
- There is an increase in biodiversity

This could include:

- Creating scrapes, ponds or other wetland to support a variety of wildlife
- Restoring drystone walls or hedges



## PLACE

Supporting these landscapes as centres of excellence and green innovation that are flourishing places to live and work, with a strong identity and cultural heritage, and high recognition as attractive visitor attractions:

- The quality and character of the landscape is reinforced or enhanced
- Historic structures and features are conserved, enhanced or interpreted more effectively
- There is an increase in the resilience of nature friendly sustainable farm businesses, which in turn contributes to a more thriving local economy

This could include:

- Restoring drystone walls or hedges
- Conserving historic features on a farm, such as deserted medieval settlements, Roman farmsteads or Neolithic burial mounds
- A new or enhanced livestock facility which allows in-wintering of stock and prevents priority habitat or historic features being damaged
- Buying a small-bale baler and cutting equipment to use on hay meadows to sell small-baled hay to e.g. local horse owners, smallholders etc