



Farmland at Belchford

Farming in Protected Landscapes

Lincolnshire Wolds Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty



Farming in Protected Landscape programme

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Annual Review 2022/23

The **Farming in Protected Landscapes** (FiPL) Programme runs until **March 2025**. Funding for one-off projects which deliver on the themes of **Climate, Nature, People** and **Place** gives farmers and land managers opportunities to:

- Carry out projects that support nature recovery
- Adapt to and 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



Fordington Wood, Well Vale

This year, FiPL has supported 14 projects in the Lincolnshire Wolds AONB

9 projects delivering for **Climate**

- 2 projects where more carbon is stored and/or sequestered
- 2 projects giving 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
- 8 projects making the landscape more resilient to climate change

12 projects delivering for **Nature**

- 8,945 ha for habitat improvement for biodiversity
- 8,945 ha for improved habitat connectivity
- 8 projects delivering an increase in biodiversity
- 12 projects where existing habitat is better managed for nature

6 projects delivering for **People**

- 6 projects with more opportunities to explore, enjoy and understand the landscape
- 1 project to make the landscape more inclusive for visitors

8 projects delivering for **Place**

- 8 projects reinforcing or enhancing the quality and character of the landscape
- 5 projects increasing the resilience of nature friendly sustainable farm businesses, contributing a more thriving local economy

No	Project	Climate	Nature	People	Place
1	Lincolnshire Wolds Farm Cluster Group <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Funding allocated: £13,232 ● Intervention rate: 80% ● Project Ongoing 				
2	Wold Newton Farm Partnership Disability Access Project <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Funding allocated: £47,181 ● Intervention rate: 100% ● Project Ongoing 				
3	Cash and Companion Crop Harvesting (Knife Blockers) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Funding allocated: £4,450 ● Intervention rate: 100% ● Project Ongoing 				
4	Educational Farm Visits for Disadvantaged Children <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Funding allocated: £9,645 ● Intervention rate: 100% ● Project Ongoing 				
5	Enhancing Natural Capital on Hill and Fields Smallholding <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Funding allocated: £8,778 ● Intervention rate: 80% ● Project Ongoing 				
6	Lincs Wolds Farmers FiPL Group (Hedgerow Project) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Funding allocated: £37,150 ● Intervention rate: 80% ● Project Ongoing 				
7	Langton Natural Flood Management (NFM) Stage I - Report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Funding allocated: £2,565 ● Intervention rate: 90% ● Project Ongoing 				
8	Flintwood Farm Rare Breeds Housing Facility <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Funding allocated: £33,900 ● Intervention rate: 50% ● Project Ongoing 				
9	Chalk Spring Farm Pond Creation and Archaeological Works <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Funding allocated: £7,835 ● Intervention rate: 90% ● Project Ongoing 				
10	Cotes Grange Farm Pond Restoration <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Funding allocated: £20,817 ● Intervention rate: 90% ● Project Ongoing 				
11	Haugham Pastures Pond Restoration <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Funding allocated: £46,050 ● Intervention rate: 80% ● Project Ongoing 				
12	Boat House at Otby Lake <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Funding allocated: £50,000 ● Intervention rate: 40% ● Project Ongoing 				
13	Langton NFM Stage II - Implementation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Funding allocated: £13,210 ● Intervention rate: 90% ● Project Ongoing 				
14	Skendleby Holme Farm Pond Creation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Funding allocated: £4,305 ● Intervention rate: 100% ● Project Ongoing 				

Case Studies



Lincolnshire Wolds Farm Cluster Group

The project has a combination of one-to-one and one-to-many opportunities for advice to the farmer members. This will keep farmers abreast of environmental policy developments throughout the Agricultural Transition Plan to the Environmental Land Management Scheme and give them clear advice on how to make their businesses more robust in an environmental context.

The project will deliver 18 one-to-one visits and reports to members over a 2-year period. A further 6 will be available to the anticipated new members of the group in 2023.



Educational Visits at Claxby Grange

The FiPL Grant awarded over the two years of the project delivery is supporting the Country Trust Farm Discovery Co-ordinator and the cost of hiring transport for 12 Farm Discovery visits in 2022 and 2023 for children from primary schools in disadvantaged areas of Greater Lincolnshire.

After a successful first year, the 7 Farm Discovery visits in 2023 were quickly taken up with schools booking to bring 180 pupils to learn more about how farmers produce the food that we eat.

Chalk Spring Farm Pond Creation

As part of wider aspiration for the farm, this project will create a range of natural wetland habitats which will increase biodiversity, mitigate climate change and support agricultural practice that enhances wildlife. FiPL has funded the design work including excavation of test holes, design drawings, methodology and approximate costs for implementation.

During the course of digging the test holes, a skeleton was uncovered so the project has been granted a variation to cover exhumation and archaeological testing of the remains.



Wold Newton Disability Access

2 all-terrain vehicles can be booked by any individual or groups. Users will be supported to explore the farm using maps, a vehicle tracker, and familiarisation to use the vehicle effectively. Replacement of existing gates allows access to pass freely around a mixture of public rights of way, permissive routes and project-specific trails around field margins.

The project delivers facilities for people with limited mobility to enjoy the land and natural beauty of the Wold Newton area in ways that enhance their lives, health and aspirations.



FiPL Programme Funding Extended



“In recognition of the positive feedback and outcomes delivered by FiPL, we will be extending the programme with £10m additional funding each year until March 2025.....This will enable us to continue to support the important role that protected landscapes play in delivering our commitments.....We will continue to learn from FiPL and work to ensure the best concepts of FiPL are integrated within future environmental land management schemes within Protected Landscapes.”

Environmental Improvement Plan, p254 (January 2023)

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Our **Local Assessment Panel** makes decisions on the allocation of funding to projects. It has met 5 times in the second year of the programme. The Panel includes representatives from:

- National Farmers Union
- Country Land and Business Association
- Local Farmers in the Lincolnshire Wolds
- Natural England
- Lincolnshire County Council
- Lincolnshire Wolds Countryside Service
- Lincoln University
- Rural Payments Agency
- Anglian Water
- Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust
- Environmental Consultant

They have supported our work with a range of partners:

- **25** successful farming business applications, including **1** farm business that has not previously engaged with the Protected Landscape
- Assisted a further **13** farming businesses through the funding of a cluster group

£324,646 of funding has been committed to projects under the programme's first two years.

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