



River Bain at Biscathorpe

Farming in Protected Landscapes

Lincolnshire Wolds National Landscape



Farming in Protected Landscape programme

Annual Review 2025/26

The **Farming in Protected Landscapes** (FiPL) Programme provides funding for one-off projects which deliver on the themes of **Climate, Nature, People** and **Place** gives farmers and land managers opportunities

- 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

FiPL was extended to run until March 2026. Funding was available for projects that delivered against the 4 FiPL themes and which needed to be completed, and grant claimed, by the end of March 2026. Around £300,000 was available to be allocated for projects. Each application is capped at a maximum of £50,000 although multiple applications can be made where appropriate.

This year, FiPL has supported 24 projects in the Lincolnshire Wolds National Landscape. This includes 5 multi-year projects

15 projects delivering for Climate



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

16 projects delivering for Nature



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

18 projects delivering for People



- 18 projects with more opportunities to explore, enjoy and understand the landscape
- 7 projects to make the landscape more inclusive for visitors

18 projects delivering for Place



- 12 projects reinforcing or enhancing the quality and character of the landscape
- 7 projects conserving, enhancing or interpreting historic features more effectively
- 9 projects increasing the resilience of nature friendly sustainable farm businesses, contributing a more thriving local economy

No	Project	Climate	Nature	People	Place
	Ivy House Cottage, Bag Enderby - Scaffolding Funding allocated: £4,862 Intervention rate: 34%				
	Control of American Mink (Stage II) Funding allocated: £21,000 Intervention rate: 80%				
	Langton (DAD Farm) Wood Pasture (Year 3) Funding allocated: £2,921 Intervention rate: 100%				
	Langton (Spilsby) Wood Pasture (Year 3) Funding allocated: £7,528 Intervention rate: 100%				
	Country Trust Educational Visits to Claxby Farm (Year 3) Funding allocated: £7,759 Intervention rate: 100%				
	Oxcombe Landscape Design Map Funding allocated: £2,075 Intervention rate: 50%				
	Glebe Farm, Benniworth Pond Restoration (Stage II) Funding allocated: £10,723 Intervention rate: 80%				
	LCSP pH Testing of Chalk Stream Reaches across the NL Funding allocated: £20,434 Intervention rate: 90%				
	Oxcombe Coach House Delivery Plan (Stage I) Funding allocated: £3,400 Intervention rate: 80%				
	Cadeby Farms Parkland Tree-planting Funding allocated: £14,659 Intervention rate: 60%				
	Cadeby Farms Lime Avenue Tree-planting Funding allocated: £28,759 Intervention rate: 60%				
	Cadeby Farms Parkland Pond De-silting Funding allocated: £22,236 Intervention rate: 60%				
	Cadeby Farms Parkland Repair of Dams Funding allocated: £36,777 Intervention rate: 80%				
	Tathwell Home Farm Wood Pasture Grazing Infrastructure Funding allocated: £21,702 Intervention rate: 100%				
	The Farm School – Barn Works at Wood Farm, South Ormsby Funding allocated: £2,609 Intervention rate: 40%				
	Country Trust Educational Visits to Wood Farm, South Ormsby Funding allocated: £6,922 Intervention rate: 100%				
	Oxcombe Coach House Delivery Plan (Stage II) Funding allocated: £19,317 Intervention rate: 80%				
	Replacing Footpath Stiles with Gates, Somersby Funding allocated: £979 Intervention rate: 100%				
	Scamblesby Chalk Stream Project (Stage II) Funding allocated: £13,940 Intervention rate: 80%				
	Highfield Farm, HIIVE Bee Conservation Habitat Creation Funding allocated: £2,116 Intervention rate: 90%				
	Highfield Farm, Composting toilets and Handwashing Units Funding allocated: £4,407 Intervention rate: 90%				
	LCSP Water Vole Citizen Science Survey Project Funding allocated: £4,762 Intervention rate: 80%				
	LWT Red Hill Chalk Grassland Management Machinery Funding allocated: £14,232 Intervention rate: 80%				
	Oxcombe Benches and Seats Funding allocated: £2,968 Intervention rate: 80%				

Case Studies

Cadeby Farms Lime Avenue Tree-planting

The project planted 88 trees 10m outside of the existing avenue at the original spacing of 39 ft or 12m, using similar species to those planted in the 18th Century.

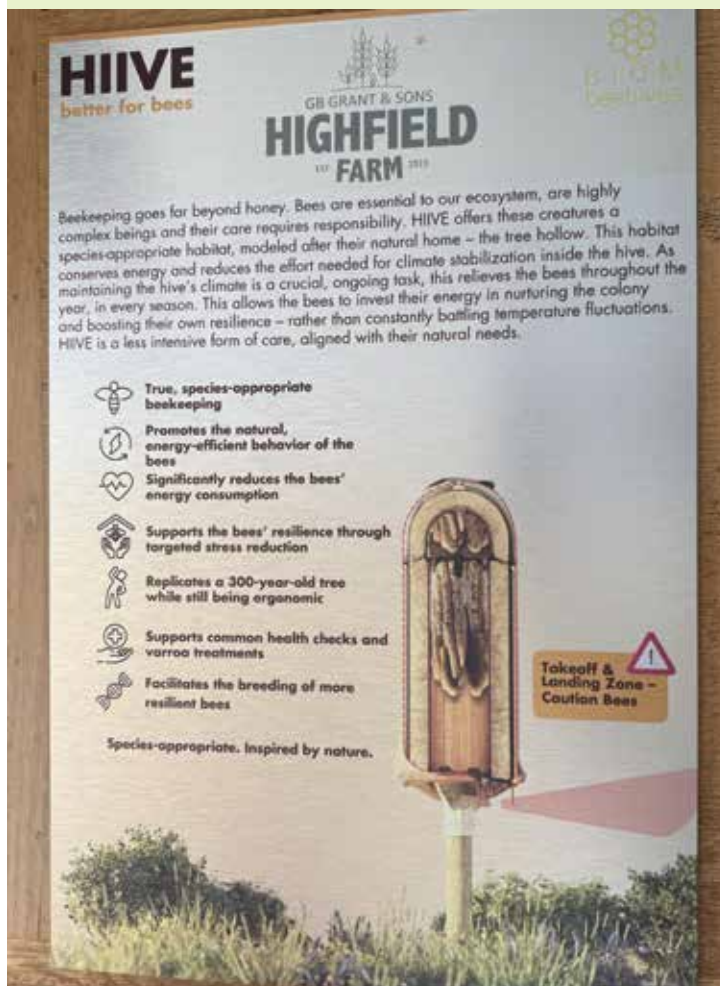
The trees form an important role having been planted to frame views, drawing the eye to a particular location. Many of the trees within the existing avenue are now in terminal decline with a number of trees failing over recent winters.

A mix of European lime and Small-leaved lime trees were planted using containerised stock from an established nursery specialising in larger containerised trees. The trees are supported by a single stake and rubber tie and have a biodegradable spiral to protect from damage. A wooden tree guard comprising of oak posts and larch rails on each side prevents sheep from accessing the tree. This timber has been sourced from an established sawmill within the National Landscape using oak which was felled on the property in Beesby Wood during a thinning operation.

This will keep the Lime Avenue as a landscape feature for years to come. Maybe in about 125 years there will be a planting scheme along the current original line to maintain it even further for future generations.



Cadeby Farms Lime Avenue Tree-planting (Tree Generation)



HIIVE Beehives at Highfield Farm

This project creates natural habitats for wild honeybee populations at Highfield Farm through the installation of 6 HIIVE tree-cavity style conservation habitats. This represents a pioneering approach to bee conservation that prioritises natural bee behaviour and population growth through minimal intervention.

The internal geometry is inspired by the cavities of living 200-300 year old oak trees, the natural home of wild honeybee colonies. This gives bees an environment closer to what they would choose themselves in nature, creating a healthier, more self-regulating habitat.

This approach supports the natural expansion of local bee populations whilst enhancing pollination services across the farm's 640 hectares and surrounding landscape, addressing the critical decline in pollinator populations whilst supporting farm sustainability through enhanced crop pollination services, particularly for arable crops. Enhanced pollination also improves seed quality and oil content, directly impacting farm productivity and sustainability.



FiPL Extended until March 2029

In her address to the Oxford Farming Conference in January 2026, The Rt Hon Emma Reynolds MP (Secretary of State for the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs) said:

".....we also heard how much farmers value our Farming in Protected Landscapes programme. Today I'm pleased to announce we're extending the programme for another three years – with £30 million pounds in funding next year.

The programme has partnership at its core. It brings farmers, protected landscape organisations and communities together to deliver change at a scale no single holding could achieve alone.

This extension means more farmers can deliver or wildlife, climate and their communities in England's National Parks and National Landscapes - productive farms at the heart of thriving rural areas."

Our **Local Assessment Panel** makes decisions on the allocation of funding to projects. It has met **7** times in the fifth 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
- Anglian Water
- Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust
- Environmental Consultant

They have supported our work with a range of partners:

- **96** successful farming business applications, including **1** farm business that has not previously engaged with the Protected Landscape
- Assisted a further **20** farming businesses through the funding of a cluster group

£1,435,683 of funding has been committed to projects under the programme's first five years.

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