

Farming in Protected Landscapes

Approved Projects in the Year to 1 April 2022

Name	Town	Fipl Grant Awarded	Total Project Cost	Project Start Date	Project End date	Project Description
Sprackling	Emsworth	£4,940.04	£6,175.00	24/02/2022	23/03/2022	Use of GPS Technology to improve the management of cattle grazing on marshland within the AONB. Aims to enhance nature conservation, improve landscape values and enable more natural grazing for cattle. GPS collars were purchased for each cattle, with annual subscription to the management app to create and manage virtual fences and track cattle movement.
Crespi	West Wittering	£2,900.00	£3,571.00	09/02/2022	31/03/2022	Planting of 250m of new native hedgerow to connect habitat, improve biodiversity and assist with the management of people access.
Coppage	Chichester	£24,054.60	£24,054.00	01/02/2022	31/03/2022	3954m of fencing and 12 access gates to allow permanent grassland to continue to be managed by grazing, to increase biodiversity and maintain the character of the harbour landscape.
Strange	Chichester	£2,320.00	£2,320.00	20/12/2021	17/03/2022	Planting of 200m of hedgerow to connect 2 existing hedgrows and increase habitat connectivity. A windbreak has also been created providing a new environment for wildlife.
Gentle	West Wittering	£14,600.00	£18,250.00	26/01/2022	13/06/2022	Project to improve the accuracy of use of fertiliser and especially Nitrogen fertilizer on the land farmed both in the AONB and surrounding area. The GPS fertiliser spreader will apply only what is needed and can be taken up by the plants. This will reduce the amount of excess Nitrogen in the soil and consequently lower the leaching of excess fertiliser into the surrounding water course, an essential requirement to improve water quality within Chichester Harbour.
Sprackling	Emsworth	£1,126.76	£1,356.20	24/02/2022	23/03/2022	Purchase of electric fencing to enable mob grazing of cover crops on arable land, to support regenerative farming practices that will improve soil health. The project also includes carbon analysis of the farm through the purchase and use of carbon analysis software. Soil improvements to be monitored overtime to monitor changes in soil quality.
Bentall	Birdham	£3,034.00	£5,899.00	06/03/2022	12/03/2022	Project to create a protected space as a wildlife buffer between farmland and the coastal margin. Sheep net fencing used to protect native hedgerow along the coastline from walkers allowing natural regeneration. A 1952 sq m buffer zone for wildlife and site for birds has been created and will be protected in the future. The area also links with a project on adjacent land 'Trees Outside Woodland' project, enhancing habitat for wildlife.
Huxham	Chichester	£35,568.00	£54,718.00	24/02/2022	29/03/2022	Construction of a secure sprayer filling and washdown area plus a biofilter system to process dilute washings. The use of these facilities will reduce the levels of pesticides and nitrates entering watercourses that feed into the Harbour. Water quality within the Harbour will improve, benefiting wildlife and the natural environment. The project is to be promoted to farmers to demonstrate best practice and increase awareness of farming practices, land management techniques and handling of pesticides and nitrates.
CHC	Chichester	£3,874.00	£15,784.00	22/02/2022	21/03/2022	Project to carry out a feasibility study into the future potential of coastal grazing marsh within Chichester Harbour AONB. This study identified suitable locations for future habitat creation and restoration of coastal grazing marsh. It also made recommendations on management to enhance existing grazing marsh, all of which will help to inform future management of the AONB, enhancing ecological function and strategically plan for the impacts of rising sea levels. Farmers will be consulted and the report will provide valuable information to them on land management options for the future.
Sprackling	Emsworth	£12,054.00	£52,800.00	22/02/2022	Awaiting delivery	Project to purchase a 3m no till drill to be used for regenerative farming practices, to increase carbon capture and improve soil health.
Rathbourne	Chichester	£1,500.00	£1,500.00	24/02/2022	07/06/2022	Purchase of a hay rake to assist with the management of wild flower meadows within the AONB, by raking and collecting the cuttings more effectively, reducing trampling on these valuable areas of habitat caused by hand raking. It will also help to make the process more efficient enabling the rangers to rake larger areas of wild meadow.
Wilson	Hayling Island	£8,980.00	£9,980.00	07/03/2022	31/03/2022	A multi purpose project (1) to promote public knowledge and understanding via the erection of information boards about the farms various crops and activities (sunflowers, wheat varieties, bees, chickens, wildflowers, maize and sweetcorn). (2) to improve wildflower areas on Hayling Island by the purchase of seeds for the creation of wild flower strips (3) to improve access to the farm through the construction of a wooden bridge over a ditch as part of an existing permissive path. (4) to improve the habitat for protected species by the erection of 8 barn owl boxes including web hosting and maintenance.