

Cotswolds National Landscape

Farming in Protected Landscapes (FiPL)

Approved projects – July 2021 to March 2022



COT-001	Improving Access for Under-Represented Groups	Summary
Applicant	Eastleach Downs Organic Farm	Eastleach Downs Organic Farm strives to farm with nature and cares about sharing what they do with the public. This project will improve access for under-represented groups on the farm, particularly those with disabilities. Visitors will be able to witness organic livestock and arable farming while remaining safely on a new 3-metre-wide path around the farm, and enjoy a stop in a custom-built welfare hub to take in the views (and refreshments).
Location	Eastleach, Cirencester	
Key themes	People	
Project value	£52,381	
FiPL grant	£41,981.45	
Duration	Jan 21 – Sep 22	

COT-002	Filling the Gap	Summary
Applicant	Farming and Wildlife Advisory Group (FWAG) South West	FWAG South West is a registered charity representing the region's farmers and landowners in the delivery of wildlife conservation. This project aims to increase biodiversity and carbon sequestration in the landscape by creating and restoring over 4km of native hedgerows on numerous farms in Gloucestershire, with help from volunteer work parties. The project also provided farmers with a management and care guide on hedgerows and margins, explaining the importance of these habitats.
Location	Gloucestershire	
Key themes	Climate & nature	
Project value	£51,448	
FiPL grant	£24,940.00	
Duration	Dec 21 – Mar 22	

COT-003	North Cotswolds Owl and Kestrel Box Project	Summary
Applicant	Gloucestershire Raptor and Monitoring Group (GMRG)	GMRG works to research, conserve and raise awareness about raptor populations in Gloucestershire. This project will increase available barn owl, little owl and kestrel nest sites by installing a total of 175 boxes on farms and estates across the North
Location	North Cotswolds	
Key themes	Nature	

Project value	£21,613	Cotswolds. These will replace natural sites in ash trees which will be lost to ash die-back, and be placed in barns currently lacking nesting sites. The project also includes annual monitoring and training for volunteers, together with habitat management advice for landowners.
FiPL grant	£21,614	
Duration	Oct 21 – May 22	

COT-004	Lovar Bridge and Access Improvements	Summary
Applicant	Box Parish Council	This project enabled Box Parish Council to improve public access routes on land around the village of Box, near Bath. The main part of the project involved reinstating a lost footbridge over the By Brook, which forms part of the Lovar Walk Conservation Project. Ten kissing gates were also installed to replace stiles along the local footpath network.
Location	Box, Bath	
Key themes	People	
Project value	£18,527	
FiPL grant	£17,384	
Duration	Oct 21 – Mar 22	

COT-005	Soil Carbon Baseline Trial	Summary
Applicant	North East Cotswolds Farmer Cluster (NEFC)	The NECFC represents farmers, growers, landowners, foresters and advisers who are working and learning together to enhance natural capital, tackle the climate emergency and build more resilient food and farming businesses. To date, the group includes 90 farms and 31,000 hectares of land. This project is trialling innovative soil carbon surveying techniques in partnership with Rothamsted Research Institute across 36 farms in the cluster (c.15,000 hectares). The overarching objective is for farmers to understand their soil carbon capture and storage potential, based on sampling and analysis using some of the most highly regarded farmland soil carbon research available. Once equipped with robust baseline data, participating farms will be in a stronger position to make land use and management decisions that may support net zero targets, and consider potential income opportunities from carbon trading schemes.
Location	North East Cotswolds	
Key themes	Climate	
Project value	£96,353	
FiPL grant	£48,176	
Duration	Nov 21 – July 22	

COT-006	Sanfoin Centre of Regenerative Agriculture	Summary
Applicant	Whittington Lodge Farm	Whittington Lodge Farm is a well-established and award-winning mixed farm using organic and regenerative farming systems. The FiPL grant will help upgrade a large meeting space and improve farm tracks, enabling the site to act as a demonstration farm: the Sanfoin Centre. Once completed, the centre will host events, workshops, farm tours – for both farmers and the general public to explore the transition to sustainable farming systems.
Location	Whittington, Cheltenham	
Key themes	Climate, nature & people	
Project value	£151,800	
FiPL grant	£92,450.00	
Duration	Nov 21 – July 22	

COT-007	Ruscombe Farm Cattle Handling Equipment	Summary
Applicant	Ruscombe Farm	Ruscombe Farm rears cattle that are fed solely on grass and hay produced on the farm and rented land. FiPL enabled them to buy livestock handling equipment necessary for the grazing management of five sites (c. 40 hectares) in the Stroud Valleys. These are key wildlife sites with species rich grassland that is best managed with grazing cattle. The equipment provides a flexible system that is safe for the operator and can be moved from site to site as needed, in areas that would otherwise be difficult to manage.
Location	Ruscombe, Stroud	
Key themes	Nature	
Project value	£4,770	
FiPL grant	£3,816	
Duration	Oct 21 – Dec 21	

COT-008	Barn Field Grassland Restoration	Summary
Applicant	Pitt Farm	Pitt Farm had a 4-hectare field of species-poor and disturbed grassland – this project aims to turn it into a species-rich wildflower meadow, improving biodiversity on the farm without taking land completely out of use for food production. The grant covered the cost of preparing the site and managing it for two years, after which it may be entered into another scheme for ongoing support to continue meadow establishment. The farmer worked with the CNL's Glorious Cotswolds Grassland team to prepare the field and source seeds from local donor sites.
Location	Marshfield, Bath	
Key themes	Nature	
Project value	£4,782	
FiPL grant	£4,782	
Duration	Oct 21 – Mar 24	

COT-010	Bruern Farms Resilient Farm Strategy	Summary
Applicant	Bruern Farms	Bruern is a 430-hectare, third-generation family-run farm that is committed to producing sustainable food in harmony with the natural environment. To support their transition from being a conventional arable producer to a regenerative one, with nature friendly farming systems and a reduced carbon footprint, FiPL has supported the purchase of grain processing equipment, a grain mill, and a game larder. This will enable the farm to directly supply people with local, sustainably produced flour, wild venison and rare breed meat products – all of which are produced, processed and sold on the farm.
Location	Bruern, Chipping Norton	
Key themes	Climate & nature	
Project value	£80,585	
FiPL grant	£32,234	
Duration	Jan 22 – Mar 22	

COT-011	Barnfield Hedge Planting and Restoration	Summary
Applicant	C. Rawlings	With support from Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust, this project has planted and restored 820 metres of hedgerow in an area where other environmental projects are also being carried out, contributing to improved landscape management and conditions for valuable grassland habitats in particular. 156 metres is newly planted hedge, whereas the other 664 metres involves ‘gapping up’ - a process of planting young trees to fill gaps in existing hedgerows, keeping them in a healthy and functional condition.
Location	Cleeve Hill, Cheltenham	
Key themes	Climate & nature	
Project value	£34,929	
FiPL grant	£19,366	
Duration	Dec 22 – Feb 22	

COT-012	Slad Valley Cattle Handling System	Summary
Applicant	E & E Llewellyn	This grant helped some new-entrant farmers buy some cattle handling equipment, enabling them to begin conservation grazing on sites including Swift’s Hill, a valuable SSSI limestone grassland site managed by the Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust that supports over 130 species of wildflower. The farmers have a small herd of Belted Galloways that are well suited to this type of grazing. The beef is available via a local box scheme.
Location	Slad Valley, Stroud	
Key themes	Nature	
Project value	£11,087	
FiPL grant	£6,710	
Duration	Nov 22 – Mar 22	

COT-013	Lyneham 'min-cluster' Habitat Works	Summary
Applicant	North East Cotswolds Farmer Cluster (NECFC)	This habitat enhancement project involves five members of the NECFC. The 'mini-cluster' is on a watercourse, where additional funding is also being targeted to deliver natural flood management and river habitat enhancements. The FiPL grant will be used to deliver habitat improvements in the surrounding landscape, including new seasonal wetland features and grassland restoration. Some of the farms are also looking into private funding streams, such as biodiversity net gain, to support additional works. The aim is to demonstrate how various schemes and funding options can be coordinated across multiple landholdings at the local scale.
Location	Lyneham, Chipping Norton	
Key themes	Nature & climate	
Project value	£30,984	
FiPL grant	£16,100	
Duration	Dec 22 – Mar 24	

COT-014	Greystone Farm Development	Summary
Applicant	Greystone Farm	Greystone Farm requested a grant to help them plant 100 fruit and nut trees as part of a new agroforestry (silvo-pasture) scheme. This will provide a better environment for beef and dairy cows, as well as enhancing habitat diversity, creating wildlife corridors, improving soil health and increasing climate resilience. Funds were also used to improved pedestrian access onto the farm, create a new display board and leaflets about walking routes, and develop the farm shop.
Location	Blockley, Moreton-in-Marsh	
Key themes	Climate, nature & people	
Project value	£11,510	
FiPL grant	£7,398	
Duration	Nov 21 – Jan 24	

COT-015	Supplementary Bird Feeding in the NECFC	Summary
Applicant	North East Cotswolds Farmer Cluster (NECFC)	This is an innovative three-year programme of supplementary winter bird feeding and research across 29 farms, creating a large network of different feeding sites that are being monitored by ecologists from Oxford University's WildCRU research unit. Providing extra food is a vital tool in supporting struggling farmland bird populations, and the research outputs could help design future schemes. The project builds on a three-farm
Location	North East Cotswolds	
Key themes	Nature	
Project value	£91,548	
FiPL grant	£91,548	
Duration	Dec 21 – Mar 24	

		pilot that looked into the potential benefits of different approaches to supplementary feeding, aiming to make this activity more sustainable and effective at scale.
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COT-017	North East Cotswolds Farmer Cluster Facilitation	Summary
Applicant	North East Cotswolds Farmer Cluster (NECFC)	To date, the NECFC includes 90 farms covering 31,000 hectares and is registered as a Community Interest Company (CIC). Its vision is 'to lead landscape-scale regeneration of the farmed environment and local food networks in the North East Cotswolds through collaboration and knowledge exchange'. FiPL funding a skilled facilitator keep things on track – this includes coordinating group activities, writing a facilitation plan, organising and running knowledge exchange events, developing new projects, and drafting funding proposals.
Location	North East Cotswolds	
Key themes	Climate, nature, people & place	
Project value	£53,830	
FiPL grant	£18,100	
Duration	Dec 21 – Jun 22	

COT-018	Homegrown at Hampen	Summary
Applicant	Lower Hampen Farm	Lower Hampen is a mixed farm using nature friendly, regenerative approaches. This particular project aims to establish a new Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) scheme on the farm, sustainably growing and supplying a wide range of seasonal vegetables and fruit at real cost within a 10-mile radius. The grant will help develop the site and initiate the scheme.
Location	Hampen, Andoversford	
Key themes	Climate & people	
Project value	£74,029	
FiPL grant	£35,482	
Duration	Dec 21 – Mar 23	

COT-019	Box Common Improvements	Summary
Applicant	Box Parish Council	This project improved the condition of valuable wildlife habitat on Lower Common in Box, which is owned and managed by the Parish Council. The work involves clearing invasive species in order to expand a small area of wildflower meadow. The project also offered volunteering opportunities through the Cotswold Voluntary Wardens.
Location	Box, Bath	
Key themes	Nature	
Project value	£18,650	
FiPL grant	£14,850	
Duration	Jan 22 – Mar 22	

COT-020	Love Your Land	Summary
Applicant	Hawkwood Centre	This project will improve the packing shed for an established Community Supported Agriculture scheme based at the Hawkwood Centre in Stroud. Work involves renovating an existing stone building, expanding its footprint with an ecologically and visually sensitive timber frame extension, and adding a new chiller space (powered by green energy) to keep vegetables for longer and reduce transportation emissions.
Location	Stroud	
Key themes	Climate & people	
Project value	£49,456	
FiPL grant	£22,757	
Duration	Jan 22 – May 22	

COT-021	Abbey Home Farm Diversification	Summary
Applicant	Abbey Home Farm	Abbey Home Farm is a well-established organic farm with lots of diversified enterprises, including a well-known farm shop and café. They also have a simple and affordable campsite, which now has upgraded composting toilets with disabled access, supported by FiPL. The grant also benefited their e-bike rental business, which now has a better storage and reception space, enabling more people to explore the Cotswolds in a low-carbon way. Three new information boards are also going up on site, highlighting significant archaeology and other notable features in the landscape.
Location	Cirencester	
Key themes	Climate, people & place	
Project value	£19,639	
FiPL grant	£10,015	
Duration	Dec 21 – Mar 22	

COT-022	Jamie's Farm - Farm Improvements	Summary
Applicant	Jamie's Farm	Jamie's Farm is a charity that helps disadvantaged young people to thrive academically, socially and emotionally by offering unique residential experiences and ongoing support combining farming, family and therapy. The FiPL grant has gone to their farm and HQ near Bath, where it will benefit visiting young people, wildlife and the local community. Much of the work involves gapping-up and planting new hedges (1,500m) that will improve wildlife corridors. New hedgerows and boundaries will also
Location	Box, Bath	
Key themes	Nature & people	
Project value	£41,223	
FiPL grant	£25,789	
Duration	Jan 22 – Dec 22	

		assist with mob grazing of livestock on herbal leys, and provide shelter for livestock.
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COT-023	Collaboration for Climate Action	Summary
Applicant	Farming and Wildlife Advisory Group South West (FWAGSW)	This project involves 60 farms across the Upper Thames Catchment area that are working with FWAGSW to map their natural capital and identify priorities for ecosystem service recovery – for example enhancing and restoring wildlife habitats, carbon sequestration, and improving soil, water and air quality. The project also aims to develop a transferable template for climate action that can be scaled up across the CNL (and beyond), and help secure funding. This will build on FWAG’s Environmental Land Management (ELM) Tests and Trials for Defra, to deliver integrated social, economic, and environmental resilience, and the delivery of public goods.
Location	North and Central Cotswolds	
Key themes	Climate & nature	
Project value	£122,400	
FiPL grant	£49,200	
Duration	Dec 21 – Mar 24	

COT-024	Mini-Baler	Summary
Applicant	Cotswold Estates and Gardens	Acquiring a mini-baler will enable this landscaping business to offer an economic service to clients in the management of species-rich wildflower meadows, especially smaller sites that are often vulnerable to undermanagement. Grass cuttings must be removed to maintain the nutrient-poor soils favoured by wildflowers, but removing these by hand is labour intensive and prohibitively costly. The mini-baler will reduce the cost of carrying out this work, benefitting wildlife.
Location	Central Cotswolds	
Key themes	Nature	
Project value	£6,677	
FiPL grant	£2,671	
Duration	Feb 22 – Mar 22	

COT-025	Orchard Training and Restoration	Summary
Applicant	Gloucestershire Orchard Trust (GOT)	This is a 3-year project being run by GOT to provide over 100 site-based training workshops to young people, community orchard volunteers, farmers and other individuals with an interest in a career or gaining knowledge to preserve and restore
Location	Gloucestershire	
Key themes	Nature, people & place	
Project value	£46,228	

FiPL grant	£46,228	traditional orchards. This will help conserve these valuable habitats and historic features of the landscape, as well as showing people how to create a sustainable business from the produce. Expert-led training will include: grafting and budding; planting and guarding; fruit tree maintenance; restorative pruning of mature trees; managing the sward and hedgerows; and fruit usage.
Duration	Jan 22 – Feb 24	

COT-026	MDH Rural Education – Hawton Wood	Summary
Applicant	MDH Forestry Services	This project involves developing a 4-hectare woodland site as a rural skills training and education centre. Central to the scheme is an oak-framed, off-grid timber welfare hub. The grant is also helping create habitat corridors, establish wetlands and reduce flooding with 4 leaky dams and 2 water storage areas. 14 new wildlife boxes have been installed, 6 'hacks' built for the release of birds of prey, over 250m of new hedge planted, and new bee-keeping equipment acquired for the apiary - all with the aim of encouraging the public to visit either for education purposes or woodland walks and talks.
Location	Little Compton, Moreton-in-Marsh	
Key themes	Climate, nature & people	
Project value	£84,080	
FiPL grant	£46,227	
Duration	Dec 21 – Mar 23	

COT-026	Ruscombe - Resilient Farm and Upstream Habitat	Summary
Applicant	Ruscombe Farm	This second project from Ruscombe Farm is focussed on restoring fen habitat and flood prevention. 20 leaky dams have been installed on streams, slowing the flow. Restoring the fen involved the removal of 1/4 hectare of dense scrub. The fen areas are species rich and have deep deposits of organic matter, which are locking up carbon. The encroachment of scrub onto these areas has reduced the species diversity and dried out the fen. The farm has also planted 140m of native mixed hedgerows and rebuilt short stretches of Cotswold drystone wall.
Location	Ruscombe, Stroud	
Key themes	Climate, nature & place	
Project value	£19,721	
FiPL grant	£14,791	
Duration	Dec 21 – Mar 22	

COT-028	Sandy Hill Farm, Mob Grazing Infrastructure	Summary
Applicant	Sandy Hill Mob	The Sandy Hill Mob are new-entrant, agroecological tenant farmers producing nature friendly, 100% grass and pasture-fed beef on National Trust land. By using a ‘mob grazing’ system, they are improving the botanical diversity of grasslands, restoring soils, capturing and storing carbon, as well as creating space for nature. The grant will help them utilise spring water to improve the efficiency of their farming system and be less reliant on mains supply. They have also installed a ‘hot wire’ to improve their electric fencing system for mob grazing. The meat is available via a local box scheme.
Location	Sherborne, Northleach	
Key themes	Climate & nature	
Project value	£7,994	
FiPL grant	£4,967	
Duration	Dec 21 – Mar 22	

COT-029	Optimal Shelterbelts	Summary
Applicant	Farming and Wildlife Advisory Group South West (FWAGSW)	This is a unique 10-year demonstration and research project involving FWAGSW, The Organic Research Centre, The Royal Agricultural University and Tree Shop, looking the benefits of planting shelterbelts on farms to enhance natural capital and agricultural productivity. The FiPL grant is supporting shelterbelt planting at 6 sites in the CNL, with a further 6 planted outside the protected landscape, totalling 18,000 native trees. The shelterbelts will provide a multitude of benefits: carbon sequestration, climate resilience; shelter for livestock and crops; habitat and food resources for nesting birds and insects; and water management. – all of which is being studied by the Organic Research Centre.
Location	North Cotswolds	
Key themes	Climate & nature	
Project value	£214,838	
FiPL grant	£68,869	
Duration	Dec 21 – Mar 24	

COT-030	Greystones Farm and Nature Reserve	Summary
Applicant	Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust (GWT)	Greystones Farm and Nature Reserve is owned by Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust and aims to become an exemplar site, showcasing practical solutions for balancing complex priorities for farming, visitors, archaeology and ecology. The grant has funded new
Location	Bourton-on-the-Water	
Key themes	Nature, people & place	
Project value	£22,775	

FiPL grant	£20,034	fencing and water troughs for livestock, enabling vital grazing to occur on SSSI floodplain meadows. Bankside coppicing works will also improve riverside habitats, while upgraded gates and trackways will make it easier for visitors to get around.
Duration	Dec 21 – Mar 22	

COT-031	Bredon Hill Bird Recovery	Summary
Applicant	Farming and Wildlife Advisory Group South West (FWAGSW)	This multi-farm project aims to restore and create habitat for migratory birds on Bredon Hill, which is part of the Carrant Catchment Area Restoration Project and includes a SSSI. The core activity is supplementary bird feeding, with two participating farms experimenting in growing their own supply of seeds on trial plots over three years. The project has also funded 10 farm surveys, the installation of 32 bird boxes, and tagging equipment to enable monitoring.
Location	Bredon Hill	
Key themes	Nature	
Project value	£46,076	
FiPL grant	£17,902	
Duration	Nov 21 – Mar 24	

COT-032	Restoration of Honey Lands	Summary
Applicant	Pitt Farm	This second project from Pitt Farm involved a mixture of coppicing, felling, hedge laying, and replanting to sensitively restore a historic field boundary and enable ‘Honey Lands’ to once again be a separate field, which had not been the case for more than 30 years. The farm has also created a new pond in the field, making better use of a boggy area. The field will become the blueprint for how others will be managed across the farm to restore habitats, improve biodiversity, support rare species, and enhance the landscape.
Location	Marshfield, Bath	
Key themes	Nature & place	
Project value	£4,332	
FiPL grant	£4,332	
Duration	Dec 21 – Mar 22	

COT-034	Hammonds Farm Ecosystem Enhancement	Summary
Applicant	Good Small Farms Ltd.	Good Small Farms Ltd is developing a ‘100-acre farm in the Cotswolds into a regenerative, ecologically sound farm that adds to the social capital and resilience of our local community’. This project has enhanced ecosystems within the farm by introducing a
Location	Stroud	
Key themes	Climate, nature & people	
Project value	£17,829	

FiPL grant	£6,293	shelterbelt (to be managed through coppicing on 5-7 year cycles), planting new hedgerows (205m across two sites) and rejuvenating a neglected traditional orchard (20 new fruit trees).
Duration	Jan 22 – Mar 22	

COT-035	Upton Estate Dry Stone Walling	Summary
Applicant	Upton Estate	Upton Estate near Banbury has extensive sections of crumbling and overgrown roadside drystone walls that make up the perimeter boundary. The walls have sections in desperate need of repair which the Estate Maintenance team be working on over the next 2 years. This project will help restore 80m of them.
Location	Upton Estate, Banbury	
Key themes	Place	
Project value	£13,280	
FiPL grant	£5,520	
Duration	Jun 22 – Mar 24	

COT-036	Sam Wood	Summary
Applicant	Stowell Park Estate	Stowell Park Estate covers 5,500 acres of grassland, arable and woodland on the banks of the river Coln. In a prominent position but in-keeping with the valley's intimate character, this project has created new a broadleaved woodland of almost 2 hectares in memorial to the late Lord Vestey. 1740 native trees have been planted and a central ride system will create more diverse habitat. Species include oak, birch, lime, field diverse maple, whitebeam, hazel, hawthorn and wayfaring tree. Trees are protected from deer, rabbits, hares and voles with tree shelters and deer fencing.
Location	Cassey Compton, Cheltenham	
Key themes	Climate, nature & place	
Project value	£17,721	
FiPL grant	£10,162	
Duration	Feb 22 – Mar 22	

COT-037	Glorious Cotswolds Grasslands	Summary
Applicant	Glorious Cotswolds Grasslands, Cotswolds Conservation Board	This grant enabled the CNL's own Glorious Cotswolds Grasslands project team to upgrade their seed harvester, as part of plans to scale-up operations. The seed harvester is a vital tool for collecting wildflower seeds which are then used to improve the floral content and biodiversity of grassland parcels
Location	Throughout Cotswolds	
Key themes	Nature & place	
Project value	£11,640	

FiPL grant	£11,640	throughout CNL. The grasslands team provide a complete botanical survey service, restoration of grassland sites (and aftercare), practical hands-on support and expert advice for farmers and landowners.
Duration	Feb 22 – Jun 22	

COT-038	Developing Regenerative Farming Practices	Summary
Applicant	Lodge Farm	Lodge Farm is a small mixed family farm that wants to implement regenerative systems, focusing on improving soil health, species-rich pasture and biodiversity - and thereby protecting and enhancing the landscape, reducing carbon emissions and improving animal health. This should also strengthen the farm business. FiPL funding will support natural capital mapping, soil carbon auditing, whole farm planning, planting 473m of new hedge, 276m of hedge laying, the installation of 10 bird boxes, and 973m of electric fencing to support new grazing regimes.
Location	Lasborough, Tetbury	
Key themes	Climate, nature & place	
Project value	£21,043	
FiPL grant	£12,335	
Duration	Feb 22 – Mar 23	

COT-039	Gawcombe Farm Sustainable Grazing	Summary
Applicant	Gawcombe Farm	Gawcombe Farm is a truly distinctive site with extensive areas of good quality grassland, scrub and woodland habitats established over forty years of careful management for wildlife. FiPL is helping clear large sections of overgrown scrub to restore areas of species-rich grassland that were in danger of being lost, and which will complement an area of wetland on the farm recently restored by the Environment Agency. New fencing has also been installed on pastures as part of plans to implement a more manageable and beneficial grazing regime that will enhance soil health and wildlife habitats, as well as improving livestock health and welfare – whilst also mitigating against climate change and enhancing human enjoyment of this stunning farm, which has lots of footpath access.
Location	Gawcombe, Stow-on-the-Wold	
Key themes	Climate, nature & place	
Project value	£74,242	
FiPL grant	£63,412	
Duration	Feb 22 – Mar 23	

COT-042	Lower Upton Farm Wetlands	Summary
Applicant	Lower Upton Farm	The wetlands at Lower Upton Farm were created over 20 years ago and have become a valuable local wildlife site, especially for wetland birds. Fed by nearby springs, they are a haven of relatively clean water next to the river Windrush near Burford. The FiPL grant supported extensive pollarding on around 50 willow and other hedge trees surrounding the wetlands. These had become overgrown and detrimental to wetland bird populations by providing perches for predatory raptors. The project also involves ongoing bird surveys to measure results and inform future management decisions.
Location	Lower Upton, Burford	
Key themes	Nature	
Project value	£7,135	
FiPL grant	£7,135	
Duration	Feb 22 – Mar 24	

COT-043	Future Proofing our Business with Sustainable and Efficient Outwintering Solutions	Summary
Applicant	Phepson Angus	Phepson Angus are farming cattle using regenerative systems on various sites, including the Kemerton Estate. This project involved training and equipping a pair of draught horses that will reduce use of fossil fuels. The grant also helped pay for solar-powered electric fencing, reducing reliance on mains power. All of the above contributes to business goals of increasing biodiversity across the farm and improving the safety and efficiency of a holistic grazing system.
Location	Kemerton Estate, Glos.	
Key themes	Climate & nature	
Project value	£10,803	
FiPL grant	£8,346	
Duration	Feb 22 – Mar 24	

COT-044	Weed Wiper	Summary
Applicant	Cleeve Common Trust	This grant enabled the Cleeve Common Trust to buy a 'Weed Wiper' – a machine that is used by trained operators to control creeping thistle, spear thistle, nettles and scrub re-growth using precisely targeted herbicide. These species are generally undesirable in good quality unimproved grassland and are negative indicators of SSSI condition.
Location	Cleeve Common, Cheltenham	
Key themes	Nature	
Project value	£4,490	
FiPL grant	£4,058	
Duration	Feb 22 – Mar 22	