Department for Environment Food & Rural Affairs

Farming in Protected Landscapes End of Year Report 2023 - 2024

YORKSHIRE DALES National Park Authority

Agreement reference	Business Name, Town	Grant Awarded	Total Project Cost	Project Start Date	Project End Date	Project Description
YD050	S A Raine, Settle	£4,546.34	£4,546.34	01/04/2023	28/02/2024	Restoration of three ponds. To provide habitats for frogs, toads, newts, dragonflies, damselflies and breeding waders. To erect a new sheep fence to allow rotational grazing for fell ponies to offer to improve the habitats for breeding waders.
YD072	H Tunstall and Son, Kirby Stephen	£49,287.96	£49,287.96	01/04/2023	31/03/2024	Hedgerow creation and restoration, with appropriate fencing protection. In field tree planting, to create a connected network of habitats, and boost the areas ecosystem.
YD103	Mallerstang West Graziers' Association	£40,181.60	£52,242.00	01/06/2023	31/03/2024	Supporting the Mallerstang West Graziers' Association farmers and landowners as they prepare a business plan for the awareness of sustainable farming in the valley, including the common land and in-bye holdings. This will develop understanding and awareness among the farmer and landowner group of: - Their natural capital baseline and how this might be improved - Natural capital markets - Carbon accounting in their businesses - Collaborative working This will help the farmers to prepare for a possible application for a collaborative agri-environment scheme, or to be ready to enter into privately funded agreements for the environmental and social development of the dale.
YD105	British Trust for Ornithology (BTO) Scotland, Stirling	£70,308.00	£71,581.00	01/04/2023	31/03/2024	Trialling and monitoring options for farmers on at least ten farms, to help assess real outcomes of agri-environmental schemes (AES) and other management options for Curlew and other waders. Informing Curlew species recovery by investigating Curlew habitat use and breeding success using GPS tagging to inform co-development of silage and other management options for future AES through farmer consultation.
YD107	S Reynoldson and Son, Richmond	£35,465.09	£35,465.09	01/04/2023	31/03/2025	To maintain and enhance the varied BAP habitats. Including the training of the project farmers in habitat and species recognition and survey methods. This project is a follow up to the previous DEFRA funded NE/YDNPA PbR Test where a hybrid scheme was developed in 2021.
YD109	Scaur Head Farm, Hawes	£5,743.80	£5,743.80	01/04/2023	31/03/2024	Funding towards 180m of dry stone wall restoration. Supporting the local ecosystem, increasing biodiversity. The walls also add aesthetic value to the traditional countryside, as well as providing shelter for livestock.

YD111	P.E Dixon, Kirby Stephen	£16,379.07	£16,379.07	01/04/2023	31/03/2024	Hedgerow creation which will create & link existing habitats. 50m of dry stone wall restoration and top wiring to manage livestock. Installation of an access brindle gate.
YD113	A J Bradley, Mearbeck	£25,728.58	£25,728.58	01/04/2023	28/02/2024	Planting new hedgerows, with appropriate fencing and wooden field gates. Pipework to new water trough location, which allowed rotational grazing for livestock. Water troughs placed on hard standing bases for livestock to prevent poaching and soil erosion.
YD114	Levens Farms Limited, Kendal	£51,218.90	£62,889.26	01/04/2023	31/03/2024	Planting new hedgerows, with appropriate double fencing and wooden field gates, creating new habitats and linking current habitats.
YD115	Mill Gill Estate - Askrigg	£21,717.98	£26,297.74	15/03/2023	31/03/2025	Commissioning a survey and specifications for how to stabilize the structure and fabric of West Mill. Replacing 4 field gates, repairing 25m of dry-stone wall and replacing 37m of post-and-wire fence. Obtaining training & certification for use of herbicides.
YD116	Marrick Park, Richmond	£31,440.00	£47,075.00	05/06/2023	31/12/2023	Restoration of a traditional brewery barn. To conserve and enhance the historic character of a building which is visible to the public.
YD117	The Countryside Trust	£4,718.70	£4,718.70	01/04/2023	31/03/2024	To provide farm visits, for 280 children from disadvantaged communities who are staying in the Yorkshire Dales as part of a Country Trust Countryside Discovery residential or making a day visit.
YD118	R & H Hird, Richmond	£1,914.60	£1,914.60	01/04/2023	31/03/2024	60m of dry stone wall restoration supporting the local ecosystem, increasing biodiversity. The walls also add aesthetic value to the traditional countryside, as well as providing shelter for livestock.
YD119	Messrs AJ & RE Marston, Kirby Stephen	£250.00	£250.00	01/04/2024	31/05/2025	Providing an Educational CEVAS course with the view to have school visits to the farm in the future. The course provides farmers the tools, knowledge and practical guidance needed to host safe and impactful farm visits.
YD120	A J Shepherd, Skipton	£11,712.44	£16,872.44	03/07/2023	01/03/2024	430m new hedgerow with double fencing and field gate. Which will provide increased connectivity between existing copse and other woody habitat in the area. Project will also slow the flow of water coming down the slope, reducing risk of flooding and surface runoff and also provide shelter for stock.
YD121	Sawyersgarth Estate, Manchester	£8,221.73	£8,221.73	01/07/2023	28/02/2024	Woodland regeneration through planting 345 trees and shrubs. Secure boundaries with 180 metres of fencing and installing one field gate. Planting trees in meadows to replace dying ash trees with alternative local native trees. Lithic cataloguing and characterisation of Littondale artefacts.
YD122	R & A Easterby, Ingelton	£9,324.40	£9,324.40	01/04/2023	10/03/2024	80m Dry stone wall restoration on a difficult site, supporting the local ecosystem, increasing biodiversity. The walls also add aesthetic value to the traditional countryside, as well as provide shelter for livestock.

YD123	D Curr & Sons, Kirby Stephen	£16,288.23	£17,740.23	01/05/2023	30/03/2023	Carbon audit of the farm; plant 211m of hedgerow with hedgerow trees and double fencing with gates; bucket brush to sweep yards after working with livestock; CEVAS training, portaloo, hand wash facilities to assist with ED1 school visits; infrastructure to help assist with rotational grazing.
YD125	J. C. Wade & Son, Skipton	£49,055.92	£54,685.27	20/05/2023	31/03/2024	Dry stone wall restoration and hedgerow restoration. Water quality improvements, historical restoration of a lime kiln and grazing improvements for breeding waders. Plus, a carbon audit, woodland management plan and nutrient management plan to inform future sustainable management of the farm.
YD126	Farmoor Services (Swinithwaite Estate), Leyburn	£3,015.00	£4,500.00	16/05/2023	30/09/2023	Facilitate farmer meetings to establish interest in forming a collaborative group to provide Landscape Scale Environmental goods provision for Wensleydale and Swaledale parts of National Park and immediate water catchment areas in those valleys.
YD127	J H Pedley, Carnforth	£2,250.00	£2,500.00	01/07/2023	31/12/2023	To develop a carbon management plan on the holding, by performing a farm carbon audit.
YD128	JW Bentham and Son, Sedbergh	£84,481.48	£105,592.28	20/09/2023	31/08/2024	Restoration of a historic barn. Restoring the roof and re-building end wall to secure barn for the future. To conserve and enhance the historic character of a building.
YD129	Low Borrowbridge Farm Ltd, Penrith	£95,825.69	£95,825.69	01/08/2023	31/02/2025	Restoring relic hedgerows, replanting new hedgerows and adding gates to enable rotational grazing and improve habitat connectivity throughout the farm. Restoring an old orchard.
YD131	Croft Farm Partnership, Hawes	£7,456.80	£7,456.80	01/09/2023	31/03/2025	Hedgerow creation, Hedge laying/spilling and fencing willow – on River Ure. Works to improve riverine habitat and regenerative: Osprey platform – feasibility study. Improving access to a memorial bench (located off a public footpath). Electric fencing approx. Signs for butty van (farm diversification project)
YD132	J + J Postlethwaite, Sedbergh	£23,640.04	£23,640.04	08/08/2023	31/12/2025	Hedgerow restoration on a farm scale to restore and reconnect valuable wildlife corridor. This includes 1,748m of new fencing; 340m of gapping up; 5m of hedge laying; 28m of coppicing; 113m of hedgerow creation; and 80 new trees to create an area of scrub and stabilise a bank.
YD134	Fleets Farm, Skipton	£6,664.00	£7,405.00	01/08/2023	31/01/2024	A detailed habitat and soil surveys of the farm with the aim of enhancing the owners understanding of the farm's natural assets and for future farm efficiency management and to reduce pollution.
YD135	Messers Coates, Settle	£7,737.40	£7,737.40	01/01/2023	01/03/2024	Tree planting, dry stone wall restoration & livestock boundary renewal which is supporting the local ecosystem, increasing biodiversity. The walls also add aesthetic value to the traditional countryside, as well as providing shelter for livestock.

YD136	Bank House Farm, Carnforth	£4,155.00	£5,930.00	12/07/2023	31/03/2024	Habitat Survey and follow up consideration of options to modify farming practices to conserve and improve habitats for biodiversity.
YD137	DA, MAM & TJ Brown, Leyburn	£37,333.32	£37,333.32	01/08/2023	31/01/2025	Planting 600m of hedgerow with appropriate fencing, repairing 60m of drystone wall, installing 850m of top-wiring and introduce 3HA of herbal leys, which is supporting the local ecosystem and increasing biodiversity.
YD138	Hill Top Farm, Skipton	£9,122.99	£9,558.98	01/08/2023	31/03/2025	Restoring 3.42ha of species-rich hay meadow using green hay. Ecological survey of 60.22ha to provide a baseline of NVC communities and vegetation species on the farm, for future farm management.
YD140	Crosby Ravensworth Parish Tree Group, Penrith	£8,857.50	£10360.20	01/12/2023	31/03/2024	Planting of 270m hedging plus two small areas of woodland, with appropriate fencing, which is supporting the local ecosystem, increasing biodiversity.
YD141	F&R Farms Ltd, Kirby Stephen	£30,772.07	£30,772.07	06/09/2023	28/02/2025	To provide 30 educational visits to the animal care farm. Plant 290m of hedgerows, and 287m drystone wall restoration to increase biodiversity and habitat links on the farm.
YD143	G & I D Postlethwaite, Kendal	£33,857.57	£33,857.57	06/09/2023	31/03/2024	Hedge laying (332m total) and one length of hedge creation (47m) to complete another existing hedge. Restoration of dry stone walls, to give shelter to livestock, increase habitats and a benefit to the cultural heritage aesthetics and the environment.
YD144	Castle Rigg Farm, Sedbergh	£78,810.78	£78,810.78	11/09/2023	28/02/2025	A project to restore the ancient field boundaries to their original layout and purpose: restoring a network of 2072m of hedgerow with appropriate fencing. Which has preserved a valuable piece of land management history as well as boosting habitats and biodiversity. The boundaries also allow easier livestock management and rotational grazing. Plant 40 in field trees which will offer shade for livestock and help sequester carbon.
YD145	Tees-Swale; Naturally Connected Programme, Bishop Auckland	£32,188.00	£34,465.50	01/11/2023	31/08/2024	Provide a landscape scale nature friendly farming and land management programme, which employs 2 farming and nature advisers, one in each catchment area. They have facilitated conservation work on the ground and support for various farmer groups wanting to undertake habitat restoration.
YD146	R Clavert, Hoggarths Farm, Richmond	£91,066.54	£112,081.89	01/01/2024	31/03/2025	Restoration of a traditional stone barn. Restoration of the SSSI meadows to increase biodiversity. Restoration and maintenance of SSSI blanket bog and breeding wader habitat. Farmer training on species ID and habitat survey techniques on upland hay meadows and important breeding wader sites.

YD147	AB RA & MS Woodhouse, Lancaster	£59,457.57	£108,705.57	01/11/2023	28/02/2025	The project will comprise of the installation of two glamping pods to allow the farm to diversify and secure an alternative income. As well as the restoration of Austwick Beck through riparian planting and management, fencing, scrub creation and dam removal to boost the ecosystem.
YD148	Low Beckside Farm, Sedbergh	£33,331.97	£34,664.35	25/10/2023	01/03/2025	Habitat expansion and regenerative grazing. Reinstating 450m of hedgerow lines, creating smaller pastures for regenerative grazing, 360m of gill woodland and 3ha of new woodland pasture. Developed a management plan for deciduous woodland adjoining ancient woodland within an SSSI. Created a plan for a wetland/wildlife pond with public access.
YD149	Bowderdale Beck FarmHouse, Kirby Stephen	£6,710.48	£6,710.48	01/12/2023	31/03/2024	Installation of 350m of fencing and wooden field gates to protect newly planted hedge, forestry and riparian planting with extension to existing planting, restoration of historic milk stand with QR code to provide information to public & installation of wildlife boxes.
YD151	Gam Farm Rare Breeds, Skipton	£26111.63	£40764.79	01/11/2023	01/09/2024	Access and car parking for an open farm including 165m of hedgerow creation, 165m of eco grid track for wheelchair access, 4m of drystone wall alterations, eco grid surface for car park, 2 wooden gates and a cattle grid. A Paratreker for public to borrow. Marketing materials. Visitor signage and interpretation panels for education programme. 5 funded educational access visits. Freezer for direct sales of meat and wool.
YD153	S M Mason, Bentham	£140,217.16	£266,742.36	01/01/2024	31/01/2025	Conversion of an old barn into accessible short stay accommodation. Create three horse paddocks with associated water infrastructure. Planting 1,325m hedgerow, 200 riparian trees and delivering drystone wall workshop and disabled rider events.
YD154	Foundation for Common Land, Ambleside	£72,000.00	£95,960.60	01/11/2023	31/03/2024	Recommendations from a walkover survey and discussions with graziers on Brant Fell: Wetland creation & leaky barriers restoration. Footpath management and renewal.
YD155	Lower Winskill Farm, Settle	£13,876.35	£13,876.35	13/11/2023	31/03/2025	Funding for native rare breed grazing of 42ha priority habitat. 10 educational access visits including non-school groups. A Habitat condition assessment of priority grassland to improve farm management.
YD156	James Newhouse, Long Preston	£31,343.94	£33,461.94	01/12/2023	31/03/2025	Funding used to support a full farm change to Regenerative farming practices. Electric fencing boundaries to divide up field parcels to create a greater bio-diversity. As well as wall top wiring 4600M of walls to maintain livestock boundaries.
YD157	SB Dunning and Son, Penrith	£28,327.10	£34,082.30	10/01/2024	15/03/2024	Planting 720 trees, to increase the ecosystem in the area. 200 trees in a fenced off woodland enclosure. 520 trees in cactus guards across the field to create silvopasture. This will reduce flood risk & stabilise the land.

YD158	M Killeen Mezzanotte, Settle	£9,643.10	£11,847.23	03/11/2023	31/03/2025	Water infrastructure: solar powered pasture pump, troughs and pipework. To supply water to a fields which have been divided to increase biodiversity. Boundary works: 280m fencing, 30m drystone wall restoration and top wiring, 3 wooden field gates. Resurfacing of gateways and geotextile membrane extending from this area. 4 standard trees with tree guards, pollinator seed mix. Herbal lay seed mix to attract insects.
YD159	T G Boothman, Skipton	£4,015.00	£4,225.00	03/11/2023	31/03/2024	Pond restoration specification and carbon audit to allow the farm business to transition to a lower intensity and more nature friendly operation.
YD161	Hebden Honey - R&J Stockdale, Skipton	£4,048.11	£6,058.11	09/11/2023	31/03/2024	Funding towards Apiary equipment required to look after bees. Planting 6 fruit trees and 10 standard trees and guards. Increasing the biodiversity, habitats for bees and allowing the farm business to diversify.
YD163	Crosby Ravensworth Parish Tree Group on behalf of H Bousfield, Penrith	£13,379.98	£13,545.98	01/12/2023	31/03/2024	Funding has covered the planting of 352 metres of hedgerow with hedgerow trees and 10 tree crates planted with 4 trees per crate. This has created habitat links and increased the biodiversity in the area.
YD164	Crosby Ravensworth Parish Tree Group on behalf of Messrs H.P. Metcalfe, Penrith	£7,544.09	£16,919.59	01/12/2023	31/03/2024	Funding has covered the reinstatement of hedges, planting of 424 metres of hedgerow, along with hedgerow trees. This has created habitat links and increased the biodiversity in the area.
YD165	Crosby Ravensworth Parish Tree Group on behalf of S Millman and R Seymour	£7,506.18	£7,547.68	01/12/2023	31/03/2024	Funding has covered the reinstatement of hedges, planting of 198 metres of hedgerow, along with hedgerow trees. This has created habitat links and increased the biodiversity in the area.
YD166	W & J Ousby, Kirby Stephen	£19,314.13	£19,314.13	01/12/2023	31/03/2025	Fencing of Smardale Gill and River Eden SSSI from livestock grazing to improve ground flora, natural regeneration and water quality. Management of allotment for breeding waders by cattle grazing, creation of scrapes and installation of alternative drinking source.
YD167	F.W. Horner & SON, Skipton	£29,246.99	£30,633.20	12/02/2024	31/03/2025	Developing Strategies of Climate Adaption for Farming and Wildlife. Infrastructure to allow seasonal rotational grazing for cattle to manage bracken control, for an upland deer park. The use of protein rich legumes and anthelmintic and mineral rich herbs, in pastures to replace concentrated feed supplements.

						Drainage of species rich hay meadows, to improve the quality & biodiversity of species, and reduce flood risk.
YD171	Ian Bell, T/A Northern Soil Regen, Leyburn	£21816.50	£25316.60	10/01/2024	31/03/2025	Funding to provide a field that demonstrates regenerative agricultural methods. (How to asses, measure and monitor soil health). Then demonstrate appropriate practical methods to restore soil health, reduce nitrogen and chemical use, improve farm profitability, create weather resilience. This project will also provided a series of workshops based throughout the YDNP related to Regeneration Agriculture.
YD178	Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority, Skipton	£1,338.56	£2,338.56	01/02/2024	31/12/2024	Funding used to provide a Yorkshire Dales Dung Beetle Survey. With the aim to have a better understanding, how the dung beetle diversity varies between different grazing systems in the Yorkshire Dales National Park; and to quantify how much of that diversity can be captured using the Dung Beetles for Farmers methodology. The results will help inform farm advisers as to how farms can use grazing management to improve dung beetle diversity and abundance.
YD180	Oxygen Conservation, Exeter	£26,852.60	£36,001.20	15/03/2024	31/12/2024	FiPL funding will help Oxygen Conservation deliver some rapid habitat improvements: drain-blocking will speed the restoration of blanket bog and restore a natural water table. Created an ‘ark site’ for white-clawed crayfish, to increase population. Altitudinal scrub will restore juniper and insect-rich habitat with flowers on the moorland fringe, and contribute to the open mosaic enjoyed by black grouse, also aiding the return of many songbirds. Monitor this change with bioacoustics recording and make this data available to share.