Department for Environment Food & Rural Affairs

Farming in Protected Landscapes Report 2024-2025

YORKSHIRE DALES National Park Authority

Agreement reference	Business Name, Town	Grant Awarded	Total Project Cost	Project Start Date	Project End Date	Project Description
YD243	T G Boothman, Skipton	£36,650.84	£37,750.84	01/10/2024	31/03/2025	Restoration of 2,200m^2 historic trout pond to create a series of three wildlife ponds - plus native tree planting and seed spreading to create species-rich grassland on new bunds, all of which will increase biodiversity and landscape value of village setting.
YD240	Curlew Dairy, Leyburn	£36,629.76	£92,690.10	07/10/2024	31/03/2025	Relocation of traditional raw milk Wensleydale cheese making business to abandoned farmstead, bringing traditional stone buildings back into use and preserving farmhouse cheesemaking in the Dales. Existing business needs to expand to meet demand, the relocation will allow applicants to establish low input, sustainable small-scale dairy farming on site. Equipment purchased includes bespoke cheese vat, molds, presses and maturation shed.
YD237	Messrs AJ & RE Marston, Kirkby Stephen	£6,412.20	£7,930.20	11/10/2024	25/03/2025	Habitat creation and educational visits to Easegill Head Farm. Tree planting to create habitats for birds and bees. Educational school visits (alongside holiday cottage guest visits) to farm, with provision of handwash/hygiene facilities and website update to improve advertising and enable online booking.
YD233	Malhamdale Rare & Native Breeds, Skipton	£2,096.00	£2,620.00	30/09/2024	31/03/2025	Roof repairs on a traditional barn within the curtilage of a Grade II listed building (likely of mid-18th Century date) to weather-proof and replace damaged slates and restore roof lining, conserving a highly visible traditional building in the heart of the very popular village of Malham. The barn is in regular use and needs to be watertight for wintering livestock and storing farming equipment.
YD230	Kingsdale Head Farm LLP, Carnforth	£19,605.60	£23,657.00	09/10/2024	31/03/2025	Improving the facilities and accessibility at Kingsdale Head Farm and installing site infrastructure to improve access to a wider group of people. Project includes installation of a bridge to allow a year-round route through site, taking in key restoration and heritage features, plus development of an accessible indoor space with facilities to accommodate groups for educational access, presentations and events, including ramped access, accessible toilet and shower room, new doors to allow access and secure building, insulation of barn space as a meeting area, and installation of simple kitchen facilities for handwashing, teas and coffees.

YD227	Ingleborough Estate, Lancaster	£40,627.38	£101,568.45	01/08/2024	31/12/2025	FiPL has funded the first phase of a two-phase project to develop an engaging, educational, sustainable, inclusive and accessible customer experience at Ingleborough Cave. Phase One involves upgrading disabled access provision to improve customer experience and educate tourists and school groups. (Plans for Phase Two include improving visitor experience for those with sight and hearing difficulties and providing sustainable energy (water turbine/solar panels) to the site, with the goal of self sufficiency).
YD226	Wild Garsdale Pike, Sedbergh	£29,908.51	£35,487.09	01/07/2024	31/12/2025	Continuing the natural restoration of Wild Garsdale Pike and enabling young people to take a lead role in the works. Project includes building a storage shed/dry meeting place with solar power and battery storage, purchasing IT equipment for surveying, training in QGIS software to enhance survey work and record keeping, and undertaking a feasibility study for peat bog restoration.
YD225	A Robinson, Carnforth	£8,570.84	£13,352.73	15/10/2024	31/03/2025	Mob grazing native breed cattle through 350 acres of wood pasture, hay meadows and low input grassland on a share farming contract. Funding for temporary and permanent electric fencing, drag troughs and cattle handling facilities. Equipment will be shared over three sites and will create 60+ paddocks and support regenerative farming methods.
YD224	A Thornborrow, Sedbergh	£14,768.31	£18,754.95	01/07/2024	31/03/2025	Restoration of a Grade II Listed building which was formerly Lunds Church, plus 75m drystone wall restoration and 45m top-wiring.
YD223	The Farmer Network Ltd, Penrith	£17,435.84	£17,435.84	01/07/2024	31/03/2025	Workshops for farmers, support for the next generation and public communication of the links between farming and the landscape. The project includes six workshops to help farm businesses become more resilient to the changes to farm payments during the agricultural transition; six workshops and networking events to support young people (18 -40) progress their farming related businesses; and an open farm event helping inform members of the public about farming's role in shaping the landscape and environment of the Yorkshire Dales.
YD220	Mill Gill Estate, Leyburn	£34,854.88	£38,080.48	01/07/2024	31/03/2025	Conservation works to stabilize the structure and fabric of a historic mill building and its associated structures using plans and specifications funded by previous FiPL project (YD115). Repair of 6m of dry-stone wall.
YD218	A S E Crisp & Sons, Skipton	£49,728.65	£53,728.65	16/07/2024	31/03/2025	Repairs to a traditional barn, 950m of hedgerow creation and 50m gapping up of hedgerows. Fencing and riparian planting adjacent to watercourse to protect the river bank.

YD215	BD and A Horner, Sedbergh	£3,240.00	£12,832.29	01/10/2024	31/03/2025	Restoration of three stone bridges funded by FiPL to allow access across a beck. Further project works include traditional hay meadow restoration and 350m of hedgerow creation to improve habitat connectivity.
YD214	National Trust, Skipton	£40,994.30	£45,708.96	17/07/2024	31/03/2025	Creation of 600m of new surfaced permissive footpath along the Dales Way to provide a scenic and safe path along river bank, avoiding road. Rebuilding/realigning 20 metres of dry stone wall and erection of 600m fencing, gates and planting 200 trees.
YD213	J C Crabtree & Son, Skipton	£72,029.76	£83,588.26	25/06/2024	31/03/2025	Regenerative grazing project to create small paddocks for rotational use. Planting 1,320m of hedgerows, and installation of electric fencing, water infrastructure and solar power to achieve these aims.
YD212	Sustainable Swaledale, Richmond	£7,432.00	£9,170.00	01/07/2024	31/03/2025	Meadow management project to build capacity/capability for smallholders in Swaledale and Arkengarthdale to cut and gather loose hay, offering an affordable entry point into meadow restoration and expanding Sustainable Swaledale's 'Meadow Magic' project. Funding was used to purchase a walk-behind tractor and fittings to fill the gap between manual labour (e.g. scything) and prohibitively expensive machinery (e.g. commercial operators' equipment) to provide a haytiming regime for landowners, with volunteer support.
YD207	Asby Tree Group on behalf of Bateson & Braithwaite, Appleby-in-Westmoreland	£11,367.92	£13,646.32	29/07/2024	31/03/2025	Creation and maintenance of an accessible Community Woodland with permissive paths and amenity area. The site is immediately adjacent to, and will be combined with, a 2.1ha woodland creation scheme, planted with 2,100 trees in the winter of 2024/25. **Defra Access Fund 2024-25:** The grant awarded figure includes £7,907.00 towards project from Access Fund.
YD206	Nun Cote Nook Farm, Richmond	£1,603.43	£2,198.71	09/09/2024	31/03/2025	Provision of two temporary footpaths to allow walkers on the Coast-to-Coast path stile-free alternative routes to avoid fields containing cattle. **Defra Access Fund 2024-25:** This project received full grant funding from Access Fund.
YD205	Levens Farms Limited, Penrith	£35,389.79	£59,841.81	02/07/2024	01/02/2025	Final phase (Phase 3) of a project to implement a rotational grazing system for regenerative farming practices at Gaythorne Hall. Planting 1,430m of new hedgerows, with associated fencing and field gates.
YD203	Orton Fells Farm Cluster, Penrith	£25,457.41	£25,457.41	18/09/2024	31/03/2025	Environmental improvement projects across the Orton landscape. Improving and providing wildlife areas on six farms within the Orton Fells Farm Cluster through planting infield trees, hedging, tree planting, watercourse fencing and other works.

YD199	The National Trust, Skipton	£22,060.49	£22,060.49	01/05/2024	31/03/2025	Survey works to establish the current condition of the blanket bog at Deepdale Farm, identifying erosion features, peat depth, vegetation composition and archaeological features. The survey data will be used to produce a restoration plan; works will later be undertaken to improve peatland condition.
YD198	DA, MAM & TJ Brown, Leyburn	£47,349.03	£51,989.03	10/05/2024	28/02/2025	Traditional field barn roof repairs and Phase Two of a regenerative grazing project which will create 780m of hedgerows to allow rotational grazing.
YD197	SJ & CJ Handley, Carnforth	£14,460.01	£14,460.01	10/05/2024	28/02/2025	Phase Two of a project to maintain boundaries, restore and enhance the site. 263m hedgerow creation with standard hedgerow trees, 103m hedge laying and 106m wall restoration on difficult terrain.
YD195	Kenneth & Gillian Whitehead, Richmond	£12,632.00	£17,990.00	01/05/2024	31/01/2025	Re-roofing and repair of traditional field barn along with riparian tree planting.
YD194	Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority, Leyburn	£102,508.61	£114,225.69	19/06/2024	31/03/2025	Development of an accessible circular route at the scenic and popular Aysgarth Falls, surfacing 4km of footpath, associated re-profiling and drainage where necessary, and protection of SSSI areas through fencing to eliminate footfall. Provision of an additional all-terrain wheelchair (Tramper) that can be borrowed by visitors. **Defra Access Fund 2024-25:** This project received full grant funding from Access Fund.
YD193	Heggs Farm, Richmond	£15,970.72	£19,963.40	01/06/2024	31/03/2025	Repurposing traditional cow byre as an all-season HQ for local volunteers, visiting groups, and families using nearly-wild camping areas on holding. Repairing, weatherproofing and low-impact improvements to protect the fabric of the traditional building and allow year-round use as a multi-purpose space for both volunteers and visitors.
YD192	K and E Batty, Penrith	£73,013.38	£172,711.24	01/05/2024	31/01/2025	Installation of 3 independent shepherds' huts to help diversify farm business. Development of regenerative practices to reduce purchased fertiliser, and creation of nature areas, including planting small, seeded trees such as Scots pine, for benefit of farmland birds, butterflies and red squirrels.
YD191	G & I D Postlethwaite, Kendal	£12,981.24	£12,981.24	01/05/2024	31/01/2025	Phase 3 of a project to manage hedgerows and repair drystone walling to secure boundaries. 303m hedgerow laying; 32m of drystone wall repairs with quarry stone.

YD190	Malhamdale Environment Group, Skipton	£9,376.90	£9,376.90	22/04/2024	31/12/2024	Malhamdale Curlew Project: Call of the Curlew. The project developed methodology and maps for ongoing surveying of curlew and other waders on participating farms in Malhamdale. Sharing results (surveys and reports) on breeding wader activity with landowners and raising public awareness of the cultural and wider societal conservation value of curlews and other ground nesting species through events, presentations and a video, the project ultimately aims to establish nesting wader numbers in Malhamdale, the reasons for their apparent decline, and implement conservation measures.
YD189	Messrs H Carr & Son, Skipton	£8,218.50	£9,628.50	01/07/2024	27/02/2025	Farm carbon audit, development of a plan for regenerative farming and planting 200 trees.
YD188	The Trustees of the Chatsworth Settlement, Skipton	£9,188.64	£11,485.8	20/05/2024	31/03/2025	Use of NoFence collars for the restoration of heather and control of bracken using cattle to intensively graze Mucky Park.
YD187	British Trust for Ornithology (BTO), Scotland	£78,319.94	£93,832.94	01/04/2024	31/03/2025	Phase 3 of wader project. 1. Trialling and co-developing farmer monitoring options at 10+ farms, to help assess real outcomes of agri-environmental schemes (AES) and other management options for Curlew and other waders. 2. 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.
YD185	Northern Star Academies Trust (NSAT), Skipton	£62,035.76	£62,773.36	05/04/2024	14/03/2025	Farm twinning with schools to deepen children and young people's learning and experience of Protected Landscapes. This project partnered a Multi Academy Trust and farmers/landowners in Craven, Wharfedale and Ribblesdale. 'Twinning' schools in Keighley, Bradford and Skipton with farms (74 visits, engaging 1,258 individuals in an academic year) to strengthen children's understanding of climate change, sustainability and landscape, provide a greater appreciation of farming and nature, and give practical opportunities to participate in learning to increase climate resilience and biodiversity (e.g. help to restore a wildlife pond and rewild a piece of land). **Defra Access Fund 2024-25:** This project received full grant funding from Access Fund.

YD184	Jamie's Farm, Skipton	£29,043.30	£29,043.30	01/04/2024	31/03/2025	Fully funded visits to a working livestock farm for cohorts of 12 young people who are struggling to thrive socially or academically. Farm staff are trained in therapeutic intervention and the visits engage young people in running of the farm, educate them about food and farming, give them access to their local countryside, and provide holistic support to help them re-engage at home and at school. **Defra Access Fund 2024-25:** This project received full grant funding from Access Fund.
YD183	The Trustees of the Chatsworth Settlement, Skipton	£5,890.00	£11,780.00	01/05/2024	31/12/2024	Bolton Abbey Estate Wildlife and Environmental Tours. Purchase of off-road trailers for tours showcasing the wildlife, management and restoration of the Estate to visitors.
YD182	Pasture-Fed Livestock Association CIC t/a Pasture for Life, Sevenoaks	£62,308.31	£164,179.57	01/04/2024	31/03/2025	Pasture and Profit in Protected Landscapes (PPPL) - Yorkshire Dales: Building on the successful delivery of the initial project (over 15 months January 2023-March 2024), the project continued to support an extensive group of farmers within 5 Protected Landscapes across the North of England with farmer-to-farmer support (mentoring), events, resources and community building at its heart, while bringing new farmers into the existing group. The project enabled farmers to ensure their businesses are financially and ecologically resilient for the future, whilst contributing to and protecting the landscapes in which they farm.
YD179	Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority, Leyburn	£250,000.00	£371,427.90	29/07/2024	31/03/2025	Installation of a fully accessible 35m bridleway bridge to connect from road level to the fells and the PROW network at Cautley. The project includes creation of 700m of accessible path, leading into Cautley Beck valley and a viewpoint of Cautley Spout waterfalls. The bridge allows the resident farmer and commoners to access the fells with a quad bike and move stock off the fells without the need for using a deep ford or major detour. Improved road verge and parking area with a walkway giving better and safer access to the bridge. Interpretation panels to inform visitors about the spectacular wildlife, rich historic environment, long history of commoning on Brant Fell, flood mitigation projects, and provide an insight into the farming calendar and the history of the Temperance Inn located adjacent to the bridge. **Defra Access Fund 2024-25:** The grant awarded figure includes £50,000.00 towards project from Access Fund.
YD177	Gaisgill Row Farms, Penrith	£2,696.00	£5,490.00	01/04/2024	01/01/2025	Purchase of a biochar kiln and woodchipper to produce biochar for use as a cattle feed additive with multiple livestock health benefits utilising waste wood from saw mill along with hedge cuttings.

YD176	N & V Dodds, Carnforth	£70,800.00	£70,800.00	01/04/2024	01/02/2025	Habitat creation and wildlife pond development at Ireby to enhance biodiversity in the local area. This project complements planned woodland development and adds to hedgerow reinstatement already undertaken.
YD175	Messrs J Burra, Penrith	£8,374.80	£13,958.00	16/02/2024	31/03/2025	Provision of a sustainable and flexible water supply for native-breed cattle grazing upland wood pasture and for sheep/cattle grazing restored species-rich hay meadows; installation of a solar powered pump and pipes to deliver water to all areas of the land with a bladder storage tank. The solar system will also power electric fencing for rotational grazing.
YD174	Westmorland Chapel Farm Ltd, Penrith	£46,072.13	£47,974.64	03/04/2024	31/03/2025	Infrastructure to support the introduction of rotational grazing on the farm, including hedgerow planting. Upgrading toilet and hand washing facilities on farm to facilitate public access, along with improving electricity for redundant farm building to create area to host students and volunteers.
YD173	PJ & ES Rogerson, Appleby-in-Westmorland	£56,241.01	£56,241.01	05/02/2024	31/01/2025	Making farm business more innovative and sustainable through managing land and grass growth more efficiently, providing more natural shelter for livestock, linking existing habitats and creating a riparian area to slow water flow and reduce diffuse pollution whilst protecting the quality and character of this landscape for people to enjoy via the network of footpaths and bridleways that cross the farm. Works include tree planting in riparian area and in-field trees to replace veterans, creation of 590m of new hedgerows, division of large pasture into 5 smaller parcels for paddock grazing and protecting 2 existing areas of Ancient Broadleaf Woodland.
YD172	Cumbria Chamber of Commerce & Industry Ltd, Ambleside	£29,953.44	£456,139.28	01/04/2024	31/03/2025	A Land and Nature Skills Service for Cumbria: This project will set up and deliver a new, bespoke, skills service for the land- and nature-related work sector in and near Cumbria with clear plans to address an identified lack of coordination of learning and training for this sector in the county. The service will provide an online and in-person information hub for individuals, employers and training providers, promote skilled jobs in the sector with realism and inclusivity, and support local capacity for relevant skills for the future, ultimately delivering benefits for communities, landscapes and nature.
YD170	C H Allen and Son, Hawes	£60,246.47	£120,492.94	10/01/2024	31/07/2025	Farm diversification project to convert a small barn to off-grid low-cost accommodation for individuals or small families visiting the Yorkshire Dales, whilst showcasing the farm and family's history, heritage, traditions, customs and farming practices. Retaining the character and original internal and external features of the barn, visitor information will include background about the farm, including information on sheep and cattle breeds on the farm, seasonal tasks such as lambing and hay timing, and the farm's involvement in wildlife conservation and peatland restoration projects and biodiversity enhancement.

YD168	CC & DA Fawcett, Carnforth	£14,968.74	£17,243.74	12/02/2024	31/03/2025	Sheepfold and drystone walling restoration: 100m of drystone walling, repairing stone and post & rail sheep folds.
YD154	Foundation for Common Land, Ambleside	£69,308.83	£93,269.43	01/11/2023	31/03/2025	Brant Fell Natural Flood Management: Following a walkover survey and discussions with graziers on Brant Fell, this project implemented natural flood management works including installation of 13+ leaky dams over two locations and creation of bunds (wetland creation).
YD152	Bolton Estate, Leyburn	£6,426.56	£6,426.56	20/12/2023	31/03/2025	Erection of 330m riparian fencing, associated bank-side planting and infrastructure work plus sluices to enhance an existing wetland area.
YD142	E Blackburn, Richmond	£19,840.00	£24,800.00	01/01/2024	31/12/2024	Restoration of traditional farm building
YD128	JW Bentham and Son, Sedbergh	£106,795.20	£133,497.00	20/09/2023	28/02/2025	Restoration of traditional field barn, with works including roof restoration/repair and re-building end wall to secure barn for future agricultural use.