Nature

AIM: Playing a leading role in the delivery of the Nature Recovery Network and achieving the Government's commitment to protect 30% of land by 2030.

Outcomes	Actions
There is a greater area of wildlife-rich habitat.	Create wetland area with ponds and wet woodland.
There is greater connectivity between habitats.	Add native wildflower species to meadows to increase plant diversity.
Existing habitat is better managed for biodiversity.	Restore and plant networks of hedgerows. Plant in-field trees to create shade and increase biodiversity.
There is an increase in biodiversity.	Create a network of scrapes and wet areas to benefit breeding waders.

Due to being ineligible for Countryside Stewardship Higher Tier, **Andrea Meanwell – who farms in Cumbria** – felt she was unable to achieve her ambitions for nature on the farm. The Farming in Protected Landscapes programme has enabled her to accomplish her goals. She said "We have been able to create new wildlife corridors, and these have subdivided large parcels of land to enable us to rotationally graze with our sheep and cattle. The staff at the National Park Authority have been very helpful. I would say get in touch and talk about your ideas".

The Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority administers the Farming in Protected Landscapes programme here in the Yorkshire Dales National Park and we are looking for new projects to allocate budget towards, so get involved!

So far, Farming in Protected Landscapes grants have contributed towards funding for professional advice, new kit, a farm carbon audit, farm tours, building work, permissive footpaths, meadow restoration, pasture management, natural flood management, and more. But it's not just limited to these.

All you need to get started is a good idea and we can help you work up the idea into a proposal. So get in touch today.

The Farming in Protected Landscapes programme will offer grants to projects which can achieve one or more of the following four themes: climate, nature, people or place.

Here are just a few examples of the actions you could undertake on your farm to achieve the desired outcomes under each theme.

Farming in Protected Landscapes

Supporting farm businesses for the future

We know that farmers in the Dales want to farm in a way that works with nature and run resilient businesses. The Farming in Protected Landscapes programme is here to assist you do both.

If no ideas immediately spring to mind, don't worry. Give the team a call, they will be happy to help with ideas and advice.

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Climate

AIM: Delivering net zero with climate and nature-based solutions to help communities adapt to the unavoidable effects of climate change.

Outcomes	Actions
More carbon is stored and/or sequestered.	Produce a farm carbon audit and action plan. Carry out peat restoration works. Install electric fencing to enable paddock or regenerative grazing.
Flood risk has been reduced.	Undertake a network of natural flood management actions on the farm (or across farms).
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.	Use farm carbon audit to bring in specialists for farmer events. Promote carbon farming to the public.
The landscape is more resilient to climate change.	Work together as a group of farms on a nature recovery action plan for your area.

People

AIM: Providing a natural health service that will improve the nation's public health and wellbeing through increased access to nature across all parts of society, as part of our green recovery.

Outcomes	Actions
There are more opportunities for people to explore, enjoy and understand the landscape.	Develop a new accessible permissive footpath.
There are increased opportunities for more diverse audiences to explore, enjoy and understand the landscape.	Provide on-farm facilities to encourage school visits.
There is greater public engagement in land management – for example, through volunteering.	Partner up with Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority to develop volunteer opportunities on farm or estate.

At Crow Trees Farm in Gunnerside, Farming in Protected Landscapes grants have enabled a wide range of actions from peatland restoration and tree planting, to the conversion of a traditional stone barn for accommodation, supporting local demand for large groups of visitors, particularly young people, and with carefully considered interpretation to help groups better understand the links between farming, nature and climate.

Place

AIM: Creating centres of excellence and green innovation that are flourishing places to live and work, each with a strong identity and cultural heritage, and high recognition as attractive visitor destinations.

Outcomes	Actions
The quality and character of the landscape is reinforced or enhanced.	Restore and maintain the pattern of field boundaries.
Historic structures and features are conserved, enhanced or interpreted more effectively.	Maintain barns. Restore lime kilns. Install an interpretation panel along a footpath.
There is an increase in the resilience of nature friendly sustainable farm businesses, which in turn contributes to a more thriving local economy.	Implement a paddock grazing and herbal ley system to reduce input costs.

Dianne Halliday, who farms in Mallerstang, said: "Under the programme we've been able to plant 70 trees in the permanent pasture, 390m of hedges and fence, 150 trees by the Eden and fence, and been able to do up a field barn which looks amazing now. The application process was very easy with Helen helping with the form filling. The whole scheme is very flexible".

Are you a Dales farmer looking to strengthen your business?

Do you have an idea that links to climate, nature, people and place?

We have been granted a generous budget to award to farm businesses before March 2026.

We are experiencing significant changes in the agricultural sector and now is the time to look at ways in which your farming business could be more sustainable.

That is why the Government introduced this four-year grant programme specifically for farmers in protected landscapes in England. The programme is set to end in March 2026, so get in touch today to discuss your ideas!