

## **Farming in Protected Landscapes Year 4 Review 2024/25 and priorities for 2025/26**

### **1 Summary**

- 1.1 This is an update for members on Farming in Protected Landscapes in the Lake District National Park (FiPL). Year Four of FiPL has delivered 101 projects with a project expenditure of £2.1m. In addition, we have delivered 18 projects with a project expenditure of over £2m for the Historic Buildings Restoration Grants. Following confirmation of Year Five funding we have now set our local priorities.

<b>Recommendation that:</b>	<b>a Note the highlight reporting in Annex1 on the Farming in Protected Landscapes Programme in Year 4 (2024/25) and local priorities for Year 5.</b>
	<b>b Note the FiPL infographic in Annex 2</b>

### **2 Background**

- 2.1 FiPL is a DEFRA-funded programme, originally to be delivered over three years from 2021, which was extended for a fourth year in 2024/25 and has now been extended into a fifth year for 2025/26 in recognition of the performance and delivery of the overall programme to date, both locally and nationally.
- 2.2 The 2024/25 programme within LDNP had a total allocation of £4.75m. Programme expenditure was £4.59m, which represents 96.5% of the available budget. For FiPL, with a project budget of £2,110,514 we achieved a project spend of 97.2%, delivering 101 projects. We also successfully drew down an additional £2.2m delivering 18 projects for the Historic Buildings Restoration Grants (HBRG) with a final spend of 94.9%, where a 10% contingency is standard. Details of spend, including a table of all projects supported in Year Four are included in Annex 1.
- 2.3 An infographic for FiPL year four projects has been produced (Annex 2) and various case studies are available on the LDNPA website at **Farming in Protected Landscapes Blogs : Lake District National Park**.
- 2.4 FiPL has been extended for another year: DEFRA funding of £1.37m for 2025/26 is now available, along with additional Advice and Guidance funding to the Authority of £153,812 for 2026/27. Whilst FiPL is a national scheme and any application is judged against the national criteria, we have locally set priorities to help achieve the priorities of the LDNPA Management Plan that we promote to encourage applications. The local priorities for Year Five are included in Annex 1

### **3 Policy Context**

- 3.1 Links to Vision and/or Management Plan

The FiPL Programme is a key mechanism for us to contribute directly to the delivery of many of the objectives and actions for the Farming, Forestry, Nature, and Climate outcome in the Lake District National Park Partnership's Management Plan 2020-2025. These include supporting farming led nature recovery, the cultural heritage of traditional Lake District farming systems, business adaptation to the agricultural transition, and actions towards net zero

carbon in farming. The FiPL Programme is also contributing to the objectives of the Lake District for Everyone outcome through support for more opportunities for more people and more diverse audiences to explore, understand and enjoy the landscape, and engage with farming and land management.

3.2 Links to Business Plan - Our Business Plan 2024-2027 included a milestone for the FiPL Programme in Key Action 6 Agricultural Transition, under the Farming and Nature Recovery priority:

- Deliver year four of the FiPL programme, including the Historic Building Restoration Grant programme.
- Deliver the FiPL funded Farm Cluster project to support farmer collaboration to deliver landscape scale nature and climate projects.
- Develop a succession plan for FiPL, after its end in March 2025.

FiPL is a key opportunity for us to deliver on our priorities in our Organisational Strategy of our roles in supporting farming, nature recovery, climate action, landscape, culture and beauty, and a Lake District for everyone.

3.3 Links to Other Strategic Plans- FiPL also delivers on many other Strategic Plans including the LDNP Nature Recovery Delivery Plan, Local Nature Recovery Strategy, Zero Carbon Cumbria Partnership Farming and other land use emissions reduction and sequestration action plans.

## **4 Options**

4.1 This report is for information only. There are no options or decisions.

## **5 Proposals**

5.1 That members note the contents of this paper.

## **6 Stakeholder Consultation**

6.1 Not applicable.

## **7 Demonstrating Best Value**

7.1 a) Challenge –

Defra offered us the opportunity to deliver the FiPL programme. Our delivery approach provides value for money: all applications above £10,000 are presented to a Local Assessment Panel (LAP) for discussion and determination.

b) Compare –

All 44 Protected Landscapes (PLs) in England are delivering a FiPL programme in their areas. We have one of the largest FiPL funding allocations and we are performing well compared with the other PLs in terms of spend and numbers of projects. We are in regular liaison with the other PLs to share learning and benchmark. This approach allows for comparison with other projects, using benchmarks and data as appropriate.

c) Consult–

We have had very positive feedback from farmers participating in our FiPL programme. Many of our key stakeholders and partners are represented on the FiPL Local Assessment Panel and are highly supportive.

d) Compete –

We are supporting competition and value for money in our delivery of the programme through our local implementation of Defra’s national FiPL programme guidelines; each application needs three quotes for any item over £5,000, unless directly authorised by DEFRA.

**8 Finance Considerations**

8.1 Guided by the FiPL Project Board, we have put in place the appropriate financial management arrangements for budgeting and managing the FiPL funding we are receiving from Defra. These include financial management, monitoring, and reporting, internally and to Defra, following Defra’s and our own financial requirements.

**9 Risk**

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	<b>Risk</b>	<b>Consequence</b>	<b>Controls required</b>
R1	Underspend from our 2025/2026 project spend allocation by March 2026	Some of our funding allocation is unused resulting in less benefit to the National Park	We are working with farmers, partners, and our own teams to develop high quality FiPL proposals that are realistic to deliver by the end of January 2026
R2	Fixed Term contract FiPL staff leaving role before end of programme	Lack of knowledgeable team capacity to successfully close down programme	Extension of Fixed Term. Contracts to match recent DEFRA announcement of extension to funding arrangements

**10 Legal Considerations**

10.1 The Authority is responsible for ensuring that all financial, procurement and contract management controls are maintained in line with Defra’s funding conditions and the Authority’s processes. Our funding claim(s) must meet the criteria and conditions in line with the terms of the award and any associated funding agreement.

10.2 Agreements are in place for all funding grants issued to applicants.

10.3 A DEFRA Change Control Notice for extended funding has been signed by both parties.

## 11 Human Resources

- 11.1 We have assembled a cross-organisational FiPL delivery team, which we continue to manage flexibly in order to match capacity and skills to Programme delivery needs.
- 11.2 Delivery of the FiPL programme has utilised dedicated personnel on fixed term contracts for the Project Manager, Monitoring Officer and Assistant Farming Officer, and currently also funds the Farming Officer, two Area Rangers (part time) and the strategic advisors (part time).

## 12 Diversity Implications

- 12.1 The FiPL programme supports diversity by enabling access and engagement for diverse audiences in line with our Lake District for Everyone aspirations; assisting with the agricultural transition.

## 13 Sustainability

- 13.1 The Farming in Protected Landscapes Programme makes an important contribution to our ability to support the environmental, social and economic sustainability of the National Park.
- 13.2 Environmental: many of the FiPL projects deliver for Nature, Climate and the environment, including funding for wetland creation and restoration and the recovery of threatened species.
- 13.3 Social: People and Place projects include farm clusters, access improvements, educational projects and resilient farm businesses.
- 13.4 Economic: a recent economic assessment of the programme to date has shown that 31% of projects are involved in farm efficiency or diversification, and a further 11% in farmer networking, leading to access to funding opportunities, better business resilience and local employment. We are also implementing recommendations by the consultant to further demonstrate economic impact going forwards.

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## **Annex 1: Farming in Protected Landscapes – Report on Year 4 (April 2024 to March 2025)**

### **Background**

1. Defra published initial details of the Farming in Protected Landscapes (FiPL) Programme in its Agricultural Transition Plan 2021-2024 (ATP) in November 2020. In July 2021, FiPL was the first of the Government's programmes and schemes in the ATP to start to be delivered. Other ATP programmes and schemes are now being rolled out or are in development and are planned to be implemented. The Environmental Land Management schemes (ELMS) are being rolled out: Sustainable Farming Incentive (SFI- currently closed to new applications), Countryside Stewardship (CS- Capital Grants currently closed), and Landscape Recovery (LR). At the same time, the Basic Payment Scheme is being phased out by 2028, with a minimum 50% reduction by 2024- this has now been accelerated and capped in 2025. This is a period of momentous change for farming and land management in the UK, with hugely significant implications for farming communities and businesses in the Lake District National Park, the potential for delivery of the Vision for the National Park, and the World Heritage site, and the delivery of the National Park Partnership's Plan. There are significant challenges, but also potential opportunities.
2. FiPL is supporting farmers and land managers so they can work with Protected Landscapes to deliver environmental outcomes, lay the groundwork for future Environmental Land Management schemes, and contribute towards the delivery of recommendations in the Glover Review of National Landscapes (2019). The programme is delivering funding through the Protected Landscapes bodies (National Park Authorities and National Landscape bodies) to support farmers, particularly upland farmers (75% of whom live and work in Protected Landscapes), to make improvements to the natural environment, cultural heritage, and public access on their land, delivering projects under the themes of People, Place, Climate and Nature.
3. The FiPL programme is time limited and is operating from July 2021 to March 2026 (recent further one year extension). The funding for this programme comes from Defra's Farming and Countryside Programme. The FiPL programme is focussing on the key challenges facing farmers, land managers and communities in Protected Landscapes - helping to address the climate and biodiversity crisis, improve people's engagement with the landscape, and support sustainable farm businesses and communities.

### **Year 4 (2024/25) Review**

#### **Progress**

4. April 2024 to March 2025 was the fourth (extended) year of FiPL funding, with DEFRA announcing an extension for a fifth year towards the end of the year. We achieved a 97.2% spend of our allocated budget from DEFRA of £2,110,513, with 101 projects delivered. FiPL projects included the following: 9,642m of access improvements, 26 farm clusters supported, 11 projects supporting traditional breeds, 41 wildlife boxes installed, 21 agricultural soil health projects, 53 projects supporting resilient & nature-friendly farm businesses, involving 87 farmers participating in the programme, 2,834 trees planted, £118.5k funding for

wetland creation & restoration projects, £114.95k funding for educational projects and £180.78k spent helping the recovery of threatened species.

## Funding

- Defra's FiPL funding allocation to us is divided into five discreet financial years. Unspent allocations are not transferable from one year to the next. For the financial year 2024/25 our total allocation was £2,346,458 including £2,110,513.22 for Project Spend, and the remainder for our delivery costs. Project spend included additional funds drawn down from available central funds, as detailed in Table 1 below: -

**Table 1 – DEFRA project expenditure allocations**

<b>Total Y4 FiPL project expenditure from DEFRA</b>	
Original allocation	£1,893,863.00
Access Stage 1	£44,224.00
Access Stage 2	£53,521.00
Access Stage 3	£72,273.22
Central Pot 1	£21,000.47
Central Pot 2	£9,500.53
Central Pot 3	£16,131.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£2,110,513.22</b>

- The financial allocations include: Project Spend, through capital and revenue funding agreements with farmers and land managers; Advice and Guidance, for our FiPL delivery staff capacity; and Administration, for our support staff costs. The overall financial allocation and the three elements are all determined by Defra's national funding formula. Table 2 shows our confirmed allocations for all years to date: -

**Table 2 – Financial allocations from Defra for the LDNP FiPL Programme**

	<b>Approved Projects Expenditure</b>	<b>Approved Advice &amp; Guidance</b>	<b>Approved Admin</b>	<b>Approved Total</b>
<b>Year 1</b>	580,000	79,668	44,260	703,928
<b>Year 2</b>	1,044,969	96,169	60,060	1,201,198
<b>Year 3</b>	1,135,563	153,812	82,132	1,371,507
<b>Year 4</b>	2,110,514	153,812	82,132	2,346,458
<b>Year 5</b>	1,135,563	153,812	82,132	1,371,507
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>6,006,609</b>	<b>637,273</b>	<b>350,716</b>	<b>6,994,598</b>

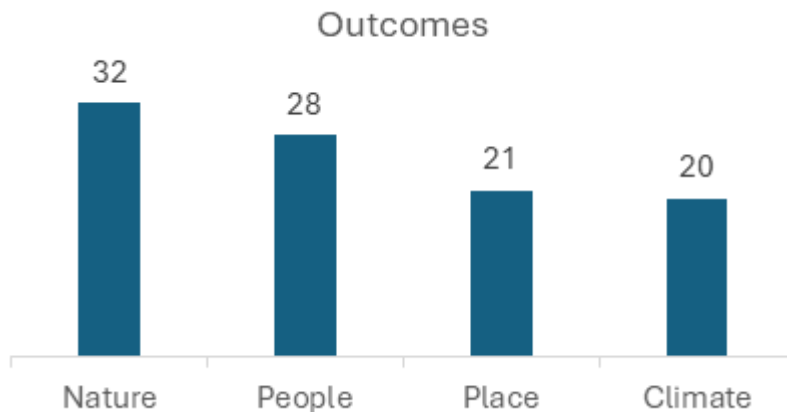
## Staffing

- We have used our Advice and Guidance and Administration allocations to fund a number of new fixed term posts for the period of FiPL: Assistant Farming Officer; Project Manager; Project Coordinator, now Monitoring Officer; plus, additional ranger and specialist capacity.

## Delivery and Outputs

8. FiPL supports initiatives that contribute to nature recovery, climate change mitigation, public access and understanding of the landscape and its cultural heritage, as well as promoting nature-friendly and sustainable farm businesses. The distribution of programme outcomes in Year 4 is shown in Figure 1 below:

Figure 1: Outcomes



9. As well as the measurable outputs some of the other benefits that have been achieved to date include:
  - Developing integrated cross service working in our Strategy and Rangers Service;
  - Enhancing our reputation with Lake District farmers and land managers, and with Defra, and partners, for effective delivery of a new programme; and
  - Developing more integrated working with the family of Protected Landscapes nationally, across Northern England, and in Cumbria.
10. Table 3 shows a summary of the 101 projects that were delivered in Year 4. Defra require all PLs to make these FiPL project lists publicly viewable on Protected Landscapes websites. We have published the Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3 lists on our website, and we will publish this Year 4 list on our website shortly.
11. In addition to FiPL funding, in 2024/25 18 projects received funding through the Historic Building Restoration Grant (HBRG) scheme, which supports the restoration and conservation of traditional agricultural buildings in Protected Landscapes, delivered through FiPL. A total of £2.2 million was awarded, covering 80% of the cost of each project. The projects are tabulated in Table 4.

## Communication

12. Throughout Year Four we have communicated the opportunities of FiPL to farmers and other land managers in the Lake District through printed material, media releases, targeted features and social media posts. We have created a FiPL page on the National Park website and developed a suite of films, photographs, and written case studies for our Year Four case studies. These provide a clear and concise introduction to FiPL and communicate how straightforward the process is. An overarching FiPL video introduce members of the FiPL team, highlights the key themes and invites farmers to get in touch. We will promote all these assets through our communication channels to ensure a

drip feed of FiPL success stories over the coming months.

### 13. Key Messages from Year 4

- With our support, farmers in the LDNP have rapidly and successfully delivered projects across all four FiPL themes of Climate, Nature, People, and Place
- Most projects have delivered across multiple themes and outcomes
- Many farmers getting involved in FiPL have not engaged with agri-environment schemes or with us previously
- We are benefitting from great support and commitment from partners and members of our Local Assessment Panel
- FiPL is providing additional investment into the LDNP to enable farmers to work in partnership with us to deliver more and better outcomes for the environment, for people, and for the place.

### Year 5 Priorities

14. We have reviewed and focussed what were our Year Three and Four priorities for FiPL projects under each of the four themes, embedding their delivery of the Partnership Plan Farming, Forestry, Nature, and Climate actions. As we move into Year 5, we particularly want to see applications coming forward from farm clusters and new farmer applicants, as well as previous applicants continuing to develop and evolve existing projects (funding limits apply).

15. Areas of priority for the National Park this year include:

#### ***Nature***

- Projects in the priority catchments of Windermere, Coniston, Bassenthwaite, Derwentwater, and Ullswater that inform, and/or take forward, delivery of on-farm water quality improvement and water slowing and storing interventions to reduce run off. complimenting existing advice and grants available.
- Habitat surveys for farms.
- Management of habitats for invertebrates, birds or other priority species highlighted in the Lake District's Nature Recovery Delivery Plan (page 12), such as red squirrel and otters.
- Small scale projects to enhance, restore and create habitat that are of priority in the National Park – see Annex 1 of the Lake District's Nature Recovery Delivery Plan - for example ponds and scrapes, species rich hay meadows, woodland edge and regenerative scrub and creation of wildlife refuges e.g. Sandmartin holes.

#### ***Climate***

- Delivery of climate resilience initiatives, for example rainwater harvesting, restoration of natural processes on rivers and watercourses, or creating features to slow the flow of flood waters such as leaky barriers, buffer strips and bunds.

### ***People***

- Initiatives to secure the long-term future of the farming and commoning communities' traditions and skills, including farming shows and shepherd's meets.
- Work to develop local food networks and opportunities for farms to access diverse markets for their products, including supporting infrastructure and skills needed.
- Projects to deliver access improvements that help more and different groups to access the countryside. These could include replacing stiles with gates on rights of way, creating new paths or upgrading paths to make them more accessible for disabled people.
- Projects to deliver educational and engagement activities on farm to raise awareness of Lake District farming and encourage responsible enjoyment of the countryside, with a focus on the identified key audiences outlined in Action 1 Outcome 4 of the Lake District National Park Partnership Plan. These could include school or group visits or information, signs, material and activities for ad hoc or organised visitors.

### ***Place***

- Restoration of agro-pastoral heritage features such as lime kilns, or boundary features that fall outside the scope of Countryside Stewardship capital grants.
- Interpretation of heritage or landscape features, particularly if it contributes to delivering the WHS Interpretation Strategy.
- Projects building Lake District hill farming business resilience, especially where diversification is a focus.

**Table 3: Year 4 projects**

Project ID	Business name	Project Summary	Total Project Value	Grant Awarded
FiPL30084	LDNPA, Murley Moss, Oxenholme	CEVAS training sessions for farmers within the Lake District National Park and funding for educational school visits and transport.	£57,110.00	£57,110.00
FiPL30027	West Cumbria Rivers Trust	A series of farmer meetings, carbon audits and habitat condition surveys to support farmers during the agricultural transition.	£143,140.30	£133,276.30
FiPL30069	R Wilkinson & R Tennant, Gatesgarth Farm, Buttermere	Improving facilities at Gatesgarth for campers and public and creating riparian buffer strips.	£15,000.00	£9,953.59
FiPL30064	Cragg House Farm	Resources for educational workshops and 12 x Free School visits	£7,923.15	£7,848.16
FiPL30167	Lake District Foundation	Workshops under Love Windermere – Phase 1 to involve farmers in conservation activities.	£18,435.89	£9,998.39
FiPL30042	Jamie and Elizabeth Chaplin-Brice, Yew Tree Farm	Sawmill upgrade to increase timber length capacity.	£34,319.20	£19,991.52
FiPL40075	A E Cornthwaite trading as Ashness Farm, Borrowdale	Install 12 educational signs and a handwashing station to support school visits	£4,558.00	£4,558.00
FiPL30120	Greenclose Farm Partnership	Custom livestock watering system established at Greenclose Farm to support stock management.	£9,975.50	£7,980.40
FiPL40007	West Lakeland Farmer Led Nature Recovery C.I.C.	Farmer-led agricultural hub	£84,521.50	£85,491.38
FiPL40049	Yew Tree Farm, Coniston	Improvements to education and access facilities for visitors at Yew Tree Farm.	£15,908.01	£12,726.41
FiPL30103	Town End Farm	Creation and management of wetland habitat	£13,270.50	£13,270.50
FiPL10038	Ashbank Farm, Gamblesby	Production of a practical guide for shepherds	£86,510.00	£72,175.00

FiPL40087	Curlew Recovery South Lakes	Thermal drone acquired to support CRSL with nest detection and curlew brood monitoring.	£13,762.11	£13,762.11
FiPL20148	Alan Berman	Habitat Restoration	£11,000.00	£9,857.56
FiPL30096	Spring Hag Wood, Burneside	Rejuvenation of woodlands and purchasing of equipment for volunteer groups.	£1,268.00	£1,014.40
FiPL40022	Gowbarrow Hall, Ullswater	Support for traditional leather production using local materials in the Lake District.	£24,220.00	£20,583.74
FiPL30143	Racy Ghyll Farm, Matterdale	Educational project focused on soil health and sustainable grazing practices.	£2,972.46	£2,617.78
FiPL40042	M and G M Fox, Crosbythwaite	Sheep pen restoration and Snack Shed business expansion	£13,177.22	£5,797.98
FiPL40047	Hollows Farm, Borrowdale	Educational website created for Hollows Farm, linking to an interactive map that connects to QR codes on information boards located on access routes around the farm.	£9,559.60	£7,859.60
FiPL40076	C&S Dickinson, Bandrake Head	Second round of dry stone walling and coppicing training courses for young farmers.	£4,940.00	£4,940.00
FiPL40025	West Lakeland Farmer Led Nature Recovery C.I.C.	Establishment of a local tree repository for community planting and landscape restoration.	£21,188.55	£21,583.38
FiPL40048	Espford Farm, Crosthwaite	Development of a sustainable damson orchard and lavender crop as part of a second pilot project in Westmorland.	£10,801.47	£10,036.83
FiPL40029	The Country Trust	Provision of residential nature-based experiences for children from disadvantaged backgrounds.	£8,123.10	£8,123.10
FiPL40063	Foulsyke Farm	Restore a historic pond as part of a larger wetland enhancement plan	£9,120.00	£7,700.00
FiPL20069	The Natural Charcoal Company	Installation of an off-grid solar power system, charcoal production facility, and compost toilet.	£39,779.11	£21,461.44
FiPL40046	C.J. Fearon, Nook Farm, Borrowdale	Implementation of managed grazing with no-fence collars to enhance biodiversity and soil health at Buttermere Fells.	£2,265.00	£1,726.20
FiPL40084	Melbreak Curlew Recovery (MCR)	Procurement of additional monitoring and management equipment for environmental projects.	£9,999.93	£9,999.93

FiPL30128	Ozawa Wildlife	Establishment of a volunteer project to monitor peatland restoration, training of contractors in peatland restoration techniques.	£30,902.36	£30,899.78
FiPL20040	Abbots Reading	Acquisition of a trailer for a utility vehicle to facilitate educational visits and web content development.	£5,940.00	£2,792.00
FiPL20047	R L	Enabling Evaluation of Environmental Improvements Resulting from a Journey to Net Zero.	£2,950.00	£2,950.00
FiPL20116	K G & L M Park	Traditional building emergency works	£138,401.50	£138,401.50
FiPL20125	Honeywell Meats Ltd	Firewood processing machinery	£54,277.80	£25,123.40
FiPL30008	JS & JM Wilkinson	Infrastructural improvements and habitat creation at Hutton Land.	£16,097.33	£7,948.70
FiPL30015	Lake District National Park Authority	Farm Cluster Developer	£41,180.00	£41,180.00
FiPL30016	Sockbridge and Tirril Parshi Council	Improvements to a circular community walk near Sockbridge to enhance accessibility and experience.	£5,257.80	£5,257.80
FiPL30023	P & M.R. Carruthers, Rawfoot Farm, Bampton	Implementation of regenerative farming practices focused on soil health and net zero ambitions.	£8,315.00	£6,802.00
FiPL30031	C&S Dickinson, Bandrake Head	Restoration of species-rich grasslands in partnership with Cumbria Wildlife Trust.	£6,132.83	£9,107.39
FiPL30034	Lynster Farmers Group, Lyth Valley	Setting up a CIC to support farmers in Lyth and Winster for nature recovery	£11,130.00	£9,905.70
FiPL30041	Ravenglass and Eskdale Railway	Feasibility study proposed for a new footbridge crossing at Whillan Deck, Dalegarth Station.	£4,895.00	£4,895.00
FiPL30051	Nibthwaite Grange Farm, Coniston	Lake District Tweed: Phase 3	£50,198.00	£50,198.00
FiPL30054	Claybottom Farm, Cauldbeck	Repair of traditional barn doors, and restoration of species rich meadows.	£8,711.95	£8,711.95
FiPL30061	The Dorothy Redman Discretionary Trust, Rusland	Restoration of Fish House and installation of restoration board	£8,731.52	£7,983.59

FiPL30074	LDNPA, Murley Moss, Oxenholme	Caldbeck Commons HLS exclosure project	£56,603.90	£39,864.42
FiPL30079	Lowther Farming Partnership	140 no fence collars and demonstration day	£44,290.00	£35,544.00
FiPL30095	GE & MG Dixon, Sawrey	Establishment of on-farm educational experiences linked to visitor tours at Hill Top.	£4,355.00	£5,281.40
FiPL30104	Ullswater Catchment Management CIC	Research and monitoring of curlew presence in Matterdale	£29,087.96	£29,087.96
FiPL30107	Jackson Ground	Installation of two timber bunds to support peatland restoration and water management.	£1,754.50	£1,754.50
FiPL30113	Swinside Farm	Installation of a traditional stone plinth interpretation board to highlight the historic stone circle.	£8,415.79	£6,396.00
FiPL30117	D C Thompson, Bampton	Farmer-led collaboration to purchase a post knocker.	£10,750.00	£8,600.00
FiPL30118	Cumbria Chamber of Commerce & Industry Ltd	Establishment of a skills development service focused on land management and nature conservation in Cumbria.	£124,806.00	£52,418.52
FiPL30121	The Horned Beef Company Ltd	Installation of livestock watering points to support grazing management on the species-rich limestone grasslands of Sizergh Fell.	£6,944.00	£6,184.00
FiPL30123	Lake District National Park Authority	Upgrading of an existing path to establish a bridleway connection between Setmabanning Farm and Newsham Road.	£27,973.15	£27,973.15
FiPL30125	LDNPA	Restoration of fencing along the Shard and Brathay areas, including training support for the Field Team and National Trust staff.	£90,277.60	£79,498.00
FiPL30129	Lake District National Park Authority	Creation of a new upgraded 112m Boardwalk at Scarness to enhance public access and safety.	£39,608.28	£39,608.28
FiPL30137	National Trust	Acquisition of two thermal drones to support deer population surveys and ecological monitoring across the National Park.	£9,678.00	£9,056.23
FiPL30154	Collinfield	Restoration of traditional bee boles in stone walls, revitalisation of an ancient	£9,949.16	£9,949.16

		orchard, and ecological survey of yellow ant hill grassland habitats.		
FiPL30159	Hall Farm, Rusland	Implementation of a rotational grazing system to support sustainable pasture management and soil health.	£12,590.50	£8,890.55
FiPL30163	Old Hall Farm	Conservation works carried out on a historic farm building to preserve its structure and heritage value.	£63,232.99	£63,232.99
FiPL30165	Ullswater Association	Promoting people and place through meaningful and responsible tourism in the Ullswater Valley	£5,272.00	£5,272.00
FiPL30168	Windermere Farm Engagement, Lake District Foundation	Small-scale project linked to FiPL30167, delivering complementary activities under the £10k funding threshold.	£84,875.24	£77,081.24
FiPL40002	A Robinson, Staveley	Procurement of a lime spreader to support soil health improvement under the Kentmere Carbon initiative.	£16,500.00	£15,840.00
FiPL40003	T/A John Graham	Repair of the historic barn floor at Grade II-listed Whasdyke Farm in Windermere.	£8,930.00	£7,144.00
FiPL40005	Lynster Farmers Group (LFG), Lyth Valley	Aquatic survey of River Winster and development and piloting of Habitat Improvement Plan template.	£9,149.35	£9,149.35
FiPL40008	Pasture for Life	Pasture and Profit in Protected Landscapes (Lake District)	£63,744.81	£60,344.81
FiPL40013	Nibthwaite Grange Farm	Equipment and training for British wool knitwear initiative	£47,250.00	£37,800.00
FiPL40017	D A Murray	Development of a wildness index for native equine breeds across 158 herds within and around ten English National Parks.	£11,025.00	£8,820.00
FiPL40021	Herdwick Sheep Breeders' Association Ltd	Establishment of a genetic resource bank to conserve Herdwick sheep breed diversity.	£27,695.25	£27,695.25
FiPL40031	Foundation for Common Land in collaboration with Kinniside Graziers	Delivery of soil carbon monitoring activities and training for common land managers.	£6,895.20	£4,963.00
FiPL40032	LDNPA, Murley Moss, Oxenholme	Organisation of a demonstration day linked to project FiPL30158, showcasing sustainable farming practices.	£2,144.93	£2,144.93

FiPL40035	Cragg House Farm	Installation of toilet and handwashing facilities to support educational access visits.	£9,855.44	£9,855.44
FiPL40038	The Farmer Network LTD	Organisation of a farming and UNESCO heritage showcase event at Grasmere Sports.	£2,247.27	£2,250.20
FiPL40058	Lake District National Park Authority	Improving access on Rusland Moss	£31,600.00	£31,600.00
FiPL40064	Messrs Chaplin, Finsthwaite	Tractor-mounted flail machine to improve bracken control on her Higher Tier Countryside Stewardship fell.	£2,650.00	£1,060.00
FiPL40067	Torpen How	Washing and toilet facilities, equipment and planning required for Educational farm visits	£14,587.80	£9,377.98
FiPL40068	TM Lindsay Ltd	Regenerative grazing and soil repair using mechanical intervention	£7,096.00	£2,838.40
FiPL40070	Racy Ghyll Farm, Matterdale	Regenerative grazing and soil repair using mechanical intervention	£3,925.00	£3,140.00
FiPL40072	Beck House Farm	Creation of Beck House Farm community kitchen and meeting space	£16,463.94	£9,999.65
FiPL40073	Treescaping Consultancy Ltd	Woodland opportunity mapping for wood pasture in the Lake District	£8,690.00	£8,690.00
FiPL40074	Ashlack Hall	Acquisition of a bracken cutter to support vegetation management and habitat restoration.	£40,000.00	£32,196.02
FiPL40077	R L	Execution of peatland restoration activities through rewetting, drain blocking, and in-filling operations.	£6,477.40	£6,477.40
FiPL40078	Green-up Borrowdale Community Group	Propagation of genetically pure Wild Apple ( <i>Malus sylvestris</i> ) in Upper Borrowdale	£2,210.34	£2,210.34
FiPL40082	EM Standing, Witherslack	Hosting educational visits for schools, nurseries, and community groups during lambing season	£4,635.69	£4,635.69
FiPL40083	Torpen How	Creation of classroom and learning area for school visits and regenerative farming courses	£53,400.00	£42,720.00
FiPL40085	C P Earthworks	Purchasing of wide tracks to aid Peatland Restoration work.	£5,100.00	£2,040.00
FiPL40086	Lake District Foundation	Love Windermere Farmer Engagement – Phase Three:	£4,550.71	£4,550.71

		Understanding funding for nature-based solutions		
FiPL40092	Amphibian and Reptile Conservation Trust	Trial project to apply acoustic monitoring methods for the conservation of natterjack toads.	£9,688.90	£4,844.45
FiPL40093	Derwent Commoners	Derwent Commoners collaborating to purchase a mobile dipping tub	£9,889.00	£9,889.00
FiPL40095	The Royal Society for the Protection of Birds	Purchase of high-resolution drone with thermal camera and LiDAR sensor for deer monitoring	£29,133.66	£9,999.00
FiPL40096	Beck House Farm, Grayrigg	Phase 2 - purchase equipment to improve visits to Beck House Farm	£6,753.13	£5,402.50
FiPL40097	Mr K C Smith, Lyth Valley	Bale trailer to assist conservation grazing with hardy native cattle in the Lyth Valley	£2,772.00	£2,217.60
FiPL40024	Greenholme	Administrative and logistical support provided for farming shows	£7,779.67	£7,779.67
FiPL40094	Herdwick Sheep Breeders' Association Limited	Purchase of equipment, particularly card payment facilities, to improve accessibility to farming shows	£3,682.32	£3,682.32
FiPL40066	Farms associated with Great Langdale, Little Langdale, Grasmere (East and West) and Loughrigg Commons.	Carbon audits for farms to establish baselines and support biodiversity net gain	£15,109.40	£15,109.40
FiPL30100	Curlew Recovery South Lakes	Working with farmers to help breeding curlew improve fledging success	£140,684.42	£140,684.42
FiPL30162	Henry's Castle, Tullithwaite Hall	Henry's Castle, Tullithwaite Hall – emergency listing and conservation efforts	£180,271.20	£169,454.92
FiPL30169	LDNPA, Murley Moss, Oxenholme	Green Careers and Skills Day	£12,878.79	£7,878.79
FiPL30161	Greenbank Farm	Stickle Cruck Barn, Greenbank Farm – conservation of Grade II Listed Barn	£266,757.42	£250,000.00
FiPL20096	Jackson Ground, Lickle Valley	Restoration of traditional shard boundaries for stock and land	£46,230.00	£37,161.90

		management at Jackson Ground		
FiPL40059	Low netherscales farm, Cockermouth	Projects to diversify farm business, allow volunteer/public access, and manage flood risk	£14,897.20	£6,554.77
FiPL30124	Ullswater Catchment Management CIC	Lakeshore restoration to protect important SSSI habitat, public footpath and Miles without Stiles route.	£22,299.44	£22,299.44
FiPL30136	Melbreak Curlew Recovery (MCR)	Research and monitoring of curlew presence in the Lorton Valley	£32,313.06	£32,313.06

**Table 4: HBRG Projects**

<b>ID</b>	<b>Site name and address</b>	<b>Brief Description</b>	<b>Total Project Cost £</b>	<b>80% Grant Awarded £</b>	<b>Amount Claimed £</b>	<b>Percentage Complete</b>
FiPL41000	Walthwaite Hogg House	Isolated field barn	120,689.30	96,551.44	96,538.42	100%
FiPL41001	Walthwaite Courtyard	Courtyard on farmstead	438,955.00	351,164.00	323,472.79	92%
FiPL41003	Cote Farm, Howtown	Roadside field barn	123,229.00	98,583.20	70,449.62	100%
FiPL41005	Yew Tree Farm	Bank Barn on farmstead	322,461.20	257,968.92	231,740.08	90%
FiPL41006	Gate Ghyll	Bank Barn on farmstead	226,549.61	181,239.68	140,213.92	100%
FiPL41007	Low Nest	Isolated field barn	67,735.20	54,188.16	45,438.32	100%
FiPL41008	Chapel House Cartmel Fell	Bank barn on farmstead (listed)	99,627.29	79,701.83	61,068.52	77%
FiPL41009	Low Beckside Mungrisedale	Threshing barn on farmstead	268,844.00	215,075.20	143,142.31	67%
FiPL41010	Howe Green Hartsop	NT Isolated field barn (listed)	80,467.60	64,315.28	57,855.20	100%
FiPL41011	Taw House, Eskdale	NT Bank Barn - serious structural work	465,802.61	372,642.24	338,331.31	100%
FiPL41012	Brimmer Head, Easedale	NT Cruck Barn - partial collapse	114,290.00	91,432.00	101,066.66	95%
FiPL41013	Hall Farm, Rusland	Barn on farmstead	156,274.00	125,019.20	117,386.79	94%
FiPL41014	Robinson Place Great Langdale	NT field barn (rare wrestler ridge slates)	63,545.44	50,836.35	41,896.04	100%
FiPL41015	Wall End Great Langdale	NT Bank Barn (curtilage listed)	58,601.50	38,201.20	46,691.84	100%

FiPL41016	Holme Ground, Tilberthwaite	NT bank barn - pentice reinstatement (listed)	9,229.00	7,383.20	7,377.60	100%
FiPL41017	The Brow Little Langdale	NT 17th century threshing barn	71,689.30	57,351.44	54,876.70	85%
FiPL41018	Dale End Little Langdale	NT bank barn (listed)	94,918.30	75,934.64	74,306.64	100%
FiPL41019	Townend Bank Barn	NT bank barn (listed)	14,345.00	11,476.00	10,036.00	100%

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<b>Total HBRG Projects</b>	<b>2,797,253</b>	<b>2,229,063</b>	<b>1,961,888</b>
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**Annex 2: Infographics for FiPL Year 4**

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