

Farming in Protected Landscapes, End of Year Report 2025 to 2026

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Federation of Cumbria Commoners	Produce the Lakeland Shepherds' Guide to celebrate and share local farming heritage.	£32,335.60	£27,843.86	01/04/2025	31/03/2026
Low Nest Farm	Upgrade the footpath to Castlerigg Stone Circle with drainage and 225m of traditional hedgerow.	£11,762.05	£6,586.30	05/11/2025	31/12/2025



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Bennethead Farm	Restore Maiden Castle Farm for Herdwick farming, new footpaths, an orchard/vineyard, and visitor shepherd huts.	£115,854.79	£57,724.26	01/12/2025	15/03/2026
Stonethwaite Farm	Install safe drinking water and handwashing facilities to improve visitor engagement and business resilience.	£96,361.71	£54,527.75	04/08/2025	31/03/2026
Lake District National Park Authority	Commission feasibility studies from conservation architects for priority historic farm buildings.	£150,000.00	£150,000.00	03/07/2025	28/02/2026



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Tullithwaite Hall	Install an interpretation panel at Henry's Castle explaining its history and recent repairs.	£2,740.00	£2,740.00	01/12/2025	10/03/2026
Cumbria Wildlife Trust	Create site management plans and run nature-friendly farming workshops to restore species-rich meadows.	£9,822.16	£9,822.16	01/07/2025	01/03/2026
Howside Farm	Plant hedgerows, add cold storage for native beef, trial rotational grazing, and control bracken for nature recovery.	£27,154.84	£20,776.71	01/10/2025	31/03/2026



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Strudda Bank Farm	Run school farm visits and add wildlife cameras and information boards on farming and the environment.	£9,066.55	£9,066.55	01/09/2025	31/03/2026
Fell Pony Heritage Trust	Fund the Fell Pony Heritage Trust Support Officer to coordinate events, research, and educational resources.	£12,158.55	£12,158.55	01/05/2025	31/12/2025
National Sheep Association (NSA)	Grazing for Good - Deliver independent research and stakeholder workshops on future agri-environment options for the uplands.	£86,230.00	£56,630.00	19/11/2025	31/03/2026



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Miller Farming	Convert a farm building to expand the community farm shop and create space for demonstrations and tours.	£22,434.17	£14,180.50	01/06/2025	28/02/2026
Foulsyke Farm	Create three habitat ponds in a wet area to boost wetland biodiversity.	£22,154.16	£18,141.36	01/08/2025	31/12/2025
Rowling End Ltd	Create wildlife ponds and wood-pasture habitat, restore hedgerows, control invasives, and use conservation grazing.	£43,926.32	£24,565.94	15/07/2025	31/03/2026



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Cragg House Farm	Fund 20 school visits (focused on disadvantaged areas) using previously funded farm kit and facilities.	£8,712.00	£7,260.00	01/06/2025	15/03/2025
Rusland Farm Cluster	Set up a mink monitoring and trapping network across 14 holdings to support Water Vole recovery.	£34,129.58	£18,981.43	01/08/2025	03/03/2026
Gen-I – Nicola MacPhail	Feasibility study on integrating small local butchery units to build new local supply chains.	£6,855.00	£5,484.00	01/10/2025	15/12/2025



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Woodland Grove	Restore a historic dam wall and island to create wetland habitat, with planting, bird boxes, and interpretation boards.	£13,766.71	£9,959.79	01/09/2025	31/03/2026
Melbreak Curlew Recovery (MCR)	Map priority habitats and species with partners to target nature-recovery action.	£26,330.68	£21,333.70	01/09/2025	15/03/2026
Low Skelgill Farm	Install solar water pumps and electric fencing for cell grazing, plus habitat boxes and plug planting.	£6,856.23	£5,716.23	10/06/2025	30/09/2025



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Rough Fell Sheep Breeders Association	Buy branded kit to celebrate the Association's centenary and raise the breed's profile.	£19,561.19	£16,709.99	01/10/2025	31/03/2026
Racy Ghyll Farm	Create safe cattle-interaction facilities for schools, trial regenerative grazing with virtual collars, and add classroom cameras.	£17,952.00	£11,304.80	27/08/2025	31/03/2026
Pasture for Life	Continue Pasture & Profit North to support sustainable farming networks in and around the Lake District.	£27,843.86	£27,843.86	01/08/2025	31/03/2026



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The Farmer Network	Coordinate the Fell Gather public farming showcase at Grasmere Sports 2025.	£2,644.91	£2,394.91	01/07/2025	30/09/2025
Kirket Nook Farm	Fund 35 school/group visits, plus small equipment upgrades (hand-wash covers and branding).	£14,015.41	£14,015.41	01/09/2025	31/03/2026
Basecamp North Lakes	Create accessible shallow ponds and boardwalks to support nesting birds and expand community education.	£75,697.00	£64,697.00	26/11/2025	15/03/2025



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Muncaster Estate	Use electric cattle collars to enable safe conservation grazing on steep, difficult terrain.	£4,680.00	£3,517.34	01/09/2025	31/03/2026
National Trust	Install two rainwater-harvesting troughs to provide drinking water on Helsington Barrows.	£2,980.67	£2,578.11	01/07/2025	31/08/2025
Long Garth Farm	Convert an unused poultry building into a botanical soap workshop and enhance habitats (hedges, scrapes, raised beds).	£43,926.86	£21,457.03	01/09/2025	28/02/2026



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The Farmer Network	Run workshops on business planning and livestock disease monitoring to support farmer peer learning.	£13,849.00	£12,607.50	01/08/2025	31/03/2026
Beck House Farm	Develop community composting for local food growing, add a disabled toilet, and upgrade the community kitchen.	£22,985.71	£13,273.24	01/08/2025	15/12/2025
Witherslack Estate	Create an accessible nature trail and restore habitat through woodland-edge work, scrub regeneration, and coppicing.	£41,595.30	£35,395.00	01/11/2025	30/03/2026



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Deer & Dexter	Upgrade cooling equipment and buy a meat mincer to strengthen the Deer & Dexter on-farm butchery.	£9,276.00	£3,710.40	10/02/2026	31/03/2026
Keswick Red Squirrel Group	Buy thermal imagers to help volunteers control grey squirrels and protect native red squirrels.	£9,475.00	£9,475.00	01/08/2025	15/03/2026
Low Netherscales	Improve volunteer facilities and diversify the farm business to strengthen long-term sustainability.	£4,378.28	£2,103.31	10/08/2025	01/03/2026



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Cumbria Learning Farms Initiative	Strengthen the learning-farms network: train farmers, offer teacher CPD, and fund school visits from deprived areas.	£10,153.00	£6,853.00	01/09/2025	31/03/2026
Espford Farm	Expand lavender and damson orchards and develop lavender oil production to support a new farm micro-business.	£42,749.97	£19,689.18	21/08/2025	30/11/2025
Cumbria Wildlife Trust	Install and improve visitor/education infrastructure at Foulshaw Moss Nature Reserve.	£27,924.00	£25,924.00	01/10/2025	30/03/2026



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Cumbria Wildlife Trust	Restore 3.62ha of floodplain meadow, deliver skills workshops, host public events, and promote meadow conservation.	£31,685.29	£30,360.29	01/09/2025	25/02/2026
Abbot Park Farm	Host educational visits using a camping barn classroom and run traditional land-skills courses for young farmers.	£26,101.10	£24,561.46	01/09/2025	28/02/2025
John Strutt Conservation Foundation	Upgrade forest-school areas and signage and set up a tool bank for conservation volunteers at Hay Bridge.	£7,540.00	£7,540.00	01/12/2025	30/03/2026



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Over Green	Plant 30 damson trees in a priority orchard and a further 150 trees to improve habitat.	£8,269.10	£8,269.10	01/12/2025	28/02/2026
Chapel Farm	Buy FECPAK equipment for on-farm fluke and faecal egg counts to improve parasite management.	£1,762.00	£1,410.00	31/10/2025	30/11/2025
Collinfield	Restore a historic orchard by laying hedges, repairing stone walls, and replanting damson and apple trees.	£12,583.70	£9,676.17	01/10/2025	28/02/2026
Lake District National Park Authority	Provide DSC1 training for Lake District deer stalkers.	£4,020.00	£4,020.00	01/11/2025	28/02/2026



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Lake District National Park Authority	Develop a Lake District World Heritage brand for wild venison, with marketing and monitoring strategy.	£25,000.00	£25,000.00	01/11/2025	20/03/2026
Bannerigg Farm	Restore a wetland to capture road runoff, filter pollutants before Windermere, and provide natural flood management.	£9,975.90	£9,975.90	06/10/2025	31/01/2026
Ewelock Bank Farm	Install 104m of livestock fencing to protect and extend a native species hedgerow.	£1,266.78	£1,266.78	01/11/2025	28/02/2026
Pict Hall	Install a new bridge on Greenholme Beck to prevent bank damage.	£4,848.00	£3,878.00	15/11/2025	28/02/2026



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Low Borrowbridge Farm	Buy 18 virtual fencing collars to monitor cattle health and control grazing to protect wet areas and nesting birds.	£4,530.00	£3,624.00	01/11/2025	31/03/2026
Howe Farm	Buy FECPAK equipment for on-farm fluke and faecal egg counts to support sustainable parasite control.	£1,632.50	£1,306.00	01/03/2026	28/03/2026
Cumbria Wildlife Trust	Work to increase red squirrel survival across the Ambleside–Grasmere project area.	£15,445.05	£9,995.05	01/11/2025	31/03/2026



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Millom and Broughton Agricultural Society Ltd	Buy tables, benches, hurdles, and gazebos to improve hygiene, safety, and visitor experience at agricultural shows.	£23,055.51	£18,444.41	30/11/2025	31/01/2026
West Lakeland Farmer Led Nature Recovery CiC	Provide shared equipment (bracken bruiser, post driver, sheep dip trailer) to support hedge work, bracken control, and sheep welfare.	£6,855.00	£4,846.00	12/12/2025	30/03/2026
Ernest Cook Trust farms	Buy 10 virtual fencing collars to manage grazing on overgrown fields, improve habitat, and avoid nesting birds.	£2,700.00	£2,160.00	01/12/2025	31/03/2026



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Ullswater CiC	Buy equipment to monitor curlew nests, map territories, and protect nests to improve chick fledging in Watermillock.	£4,556.74	£4,556.74	30/01/2026	31/03/2026
How Cottage	Provide mobile livestock dipping equipment to help remote hill farms manage ticks and sheep scab safely.	£18,093.60	£14,474.88	01/02/2026	31/03/2026
Gilbrow Farm	Buy FECPAK equipment for on-farm faecal egg counts to support sustainable sheep parasite management.	£1,248.33	£998.67	01/02/2026	28/02/2026



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Howside Farm	Buy 20 virtual fencing collars to graze yearling cattle on fell land and support habitat management.	£4,690.00	£3,752.00	16/03/2026	31/03/2026
Cockermouth & District Agricultural Society	Replace gazebos and buy portable handwash stations to meet biosecurity rules at Cockermouth Show and other events.	£3,040.55	£3,040.55	11/02/2026	31/03/2026
High Borrans Farm	Install lambing-shed cameras plus wildlife cameras and nest boxes to monitor livestock and local fauna.	£3,112.84	£2,249.64	13/02/2026	20/03/2026



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Dalemain Estates	Buy binoculars and thermal sights to improve deer census accuracy and guide annual herd management.	£6,306.30	£6,306.30	04/03/2026	31/03/2026
Mosedale End Farm	Buy FECPAK equipment for on-farm faecal egg counts to support effective sheep parasite management.	£1,632.50	£1,306.00	27/02/2026	31/03/2026
Fell Dales Association	Upgrade biosecurity kit (hurdles, handling trailer, gazebos, tables) for the Eskdale Show and Shepherds' Meet.	£9,260.78	£9,260.78	15/03/2026	31/03/2026



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Wood Hall Farm	Buy FECPAK equipment for on-farm fluke and faecal egg counts to improve sheep health management.	£1,632.50	£1,306.00	27/02/2026	15/03/2026
Widewath Farm	Restore a traditional field barn at Lowther Valley.	£91,288.00	£80,470.40	29/08/2025	31/03/2026
Hodge Hill Farm	Secure a 1904 barn for agriculture and develop it as a resource centre for education and regenerative farming.	£33,039.00	£22,016.60	30/08/2025	15/12/2025



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Honeywell Partnership	Install two interpretation boards on a footpath to share the story of Stott Heights Woods.	£4,975	£4,975	01/09/2025	01/12/2025

