

Farming in Protected Landscapes programme



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We have 10 National Parks and 34 Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) - covering nearly 25% of land in England, which:

- provide a range of habitats for an array of wildlife
- support rural communities – attracting 260 million visitors per year
- play an important role in our health and wellbeing

The programme opened in July 2021 and runs until March 2025

It will fund projects that:

- Support nature recovery
- Mitigate the impacts of climate change
- Provide opportunities for people to discover, enjoy and understand the landscape and its cultural heritage
- Support nature-friendly, sustainable farm businesses

Who can apply

The programme is open to all farmers and land managers within an AONB or National Park in England, or the Broads.

It could also support activity on other land, where a project will benefit a Protected Landscape or its body's objectives or partnership initiatives. You must manage all land in the application and have control of the activities you're proposing (or written consent).

The four themes

- **Climate:** Including reduced flood risk and more carbon stored / sequestered
- **Nature:** Including greater habitat connectivity and biodiversity
- **People:** Including greater public engagement in land management
- **Place:** Including conserving historic structures

Your project must also support the priorities of your protected landscape.



Funding

If you won't make commercial gain from the project, you could get up to 100% of the costs – otherwise, a proportion of the costs.

You can be in other schemes but won't be paid twice for the same work. If your project is the same as a Countryside Stewardship (CS) activity, you will be paid the same as the CS rate. e.g. fencing.

If not, you'll be offered funding on the estimated costs.

Projects under £5K will normally be assessed by a senior AONB officer.

Projects over £5K will go to a local panel which will meet once every 6-8 weeks.

**Minimum
grant
£2K**

Example projects:

- promoting connectivity between habitats
- replacing stiles with gates on public footpaths
- conserving historic features on a farm
- supporting a locally branded food initiative that promotes the links between the product and the landscape in which it is produced
- action to reduce carbon emissions on a farm
- Whole farm planning for conservation, energy efficiency and economic resilience, including in farmer clusters

How to apply

1. Read the FiPL information on our website
2. Any queries get in touch
3. Submit an initial enquiry form
4. We will contact you to discuss your project idea and possibly arrange a site visit

What will happen then

- The FiPL Officer will visit you at the project site to offer advice and help.
- Submit your application as soon as it's ready.
- Multi-year awards are possible but all projects must be delivered and claimed for by March 2025.

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