

Farming in Protected Landscapes

Working in partnership with farmers and land managers to look after our landscapes together



North York Moors
National Park



Local knowledge and contacts were absolutely vital in this process and much appreciated.”

Funding from the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra) is available for projects in the North York Moors National Park through the Farming in Protected Landscapes programme.

Farming in Protected Landscapes has been rolled out across all the National Parks and Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty in England and is open to applicants until March 2024. Decisions are made locally and the team at the North York Moors National Park Authority are here to help you through the process.

The programme is open to farmers and land managers within the North York Moors National Park. Farmers and land managers with land outside this boundary are eligible if it is clear the project will benefit the National Park, or it addresses the key priorities of the North York Moors National Park Management Plan.

Applicants must manage all the land included in the application and have control of all the activities they would like to undertake or have written consent from all parties who have this management and control. Applications on common land are also eligible.

Other organisations and individuals can apply if it is in collaboration with a farmer or land manager or supports a farmer or group of farmers.

The Farming in Protected Landscapes programme can help farmers and land managers prepare themselves to take advantage of the new Environmental Land Management schemes.

Projects will be eligible if they reflect at least one of the four Farming in Protected Landscapes themes:



Support **NATURE** recovery



Mitigate the impacts of **CLIMATE CHANGE**



Provide opportunities for **PEOPLE** to discover, enjoy and understand the landscape and its cultural heritage



Protect or improve the quality and character of the **PLACE**

Projects will also need to help deliver key priorities outlined in the North York Moors National Park Management Plan.

To apply for a Farming in Protected Landscapes grant or for more details on the programme, please contact:

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northyorkmoors.org.uk/farminginprotectedlandscapes



Farming in Protected Landscapes programme

Achievements so far..

Facts based on work carried out during the first nine months of the programme



816 metres of hedgerows planted



Projects with positive benefits



24

Nature

21

Climate

12

People

21

Place



950 ha of positive management on SSSIs



62 projects approved

7 projects with positive outcomes for water quality improvement



33 projects completed with grants paid out

1290 ha of habitat improvement and increased connectivity



Over **£364,800**

paid out to farmers during the first nine months of the programme.

A further **£500,000** committed to projects already this financial year.



CASE STUDIES

Awarded
£950

Long Causeway



This project has helped the farmer move towards regenerative farming practices.

The Farming in Protected Landscapes programme has contributed towards a portable water trough and pipework, along with rabbit netting. Belted Galloway cattle have recently been introduced to the holding, replacing the free-range pigs which were once farmed here. The cattle are moved twice a day and they now have access to water wherever they are set to graze. A herbal ley has been introduced, which is protected by rabbit netting – earlier attempts were decimated by the local rabbit population. This approach enables the farmer to manage the land without using artificial fertilisers. Soil health and structure are also now improving, aiding surface drainage and benefitting wildlife.





Liberty Hall Farm



Farming in Protected Landscapes funds have contributed towards a survey of a section of the Murk Esk River, which is badly eroded and the training of volunteers in dry stone walling.

The river survey will help to bring about new habitats for wildlife and help to reduce bankside erosion. Watercourse stabilisation work will help prevent the river silting up and secure the land near to a railway line and bridleway. A further gain will be a reduction in the risk of localised flooding.

The farmer was also keen to reinstate a number of dry stone walls on the farm. A team of National Park volunteers have been trained by a local contractor in the art of dry stone wall restoration. Their newly acquired skills will be used to good effect elsewhere around the National Park.

Awarded
£7,876

Green End Farm



The project at Green End Farm has greatly improved a footpath and bridleway, which were boggy and difficult to use in winter.

The resurfacing and drainage works should ensure year-round access on these popular walking routes.

A further element of the Farming in Protected Landscapes funding has helped to establish an area of wood pasture on the farm with traditional broadleaved trees and tussocky grassland. This area of new habitat will help provide food and shelter for future generations of wildlife.

Awarded
£29,159



Awarded
£30,842



Wildslack Farm



This varied project benefits the farm and local area in many ways.

The livestock feeding area, once open to the elements, is now covered preventing dirty water from entering nearby watercourses. Rather than causing problems, the rainfall is now collected in the collection tank fed by the new roof, reducing the farm's reliance on mains water.

In a nearby field a new hedge has been planted to create a wildlife corridor between two existing habitats. An innovative frozen food vending machine means that local people and visitors using the farm campsite can buy local produce at a time convenient to them.



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