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Farming in Protected Landscapes programme

Kent Downs National Landscape Farming in Protected Landscapes

Approved Projects 2023-2024

Application number	Business Name	Location	Description	FiPL Grant Awarded	Total Project Cost	Start Date	End Date
KD 059 TO	Medway Valley Countryside Partnership	Halling to Trottiscliffe Escarpment SSSI	Establish and facilitate a new farm cluster across a SSSI area of the North Downs. The aim is to link local landowners and identify pockets of individual projects which can be linked together for greater enhancement and protection of the area.	£4690	£4690	21/07/2023	31/03/2024
KD 062 TO	Artysea Ltd	Woodsell Farm, Stalisfield Green	Whole Farm Ecological and Biodiversity Assessment Report	£1,500	£1,720	05/07/2023	31/03/2024
KD 063 SE	Garrett & Mannerings/Nightingale Dairy	Alkham, Dover	Creation of a micro dairy to enable direct food sales from Chilton Farm to the public using a mobile milk vending machine.	£28,206	£59,974	22/05/2023	31/03/2024
KD 064 SE	North West Kent Countryside Partnership	Wouldham	Ecological surveys and management plan for a 3ha site in Wouldham- including a year's habitat management and establishment of a volunteer group.	£5,035	£7414	01/09/2023	01/09/2024
KD 066 IS	Kent Downs National Landscape	Countywide	GeoFood, Farming and Landscape. Match funding for the National Lottery Heritage Fund project, GeoDiversity. Showcasing FiPL projects and legacy, purchase of a mobile soil lab, working with disadvantaged young people, supporting the GeoDiversity Festival.	£56,167	£286,931	01/09/2023	01/03/2025
KD 067 IS	Qunice Kara/The Quadrangle	Shoreham	Out in the Field. Series of workshops for teachers and support staff, NHS staff and carers looking at the benefits of nature, green social prescribing, 'forest bathing' and other nature connection practices within healthcare.	£142,585	£192,490	26/07/2023	01/03/2025

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KD 068 SE	Susie Simmons	Wouldham to Detling escarpment	Chalk grassland scrub clearance as part of SSSI site management with Mid Kent Downs Countryside Partnership.	£1409	£1409	14/08/2023	31/03/2025
KD 069 KS	The Bay Trust	St Margaret's at Cliffe	Landscape restoration project to enable a demonstration area to be used as an environmental educational resource for schools and visitors.	£31,055	£37,557	21/11/2023	31/03/2025
KD 070 KS	Community Micro farm ME13, Sam Spencer	Selling	Establishing a micro farm and provide educational workshops about small scale regenerative agriculture practices and offer volunteer days on the community micro farm.	£9970	£11985	8/11/2023	31/03/2025
KD 071 SE	Wye Community Farm	Wye	An education focussed project providing a year of volunteering and training opportunities with wool, coinciding with key dates from the shepherding calendar, aimed at under-represented groups from deprived areas of Kent.	£7785	£9294	20/10/2023	31/03/2025
KD 072 KS	Touchbase	Postling	Improved disabled accessibility at The Touchbase Community Farm, and development of the space to promote biodiversity. Installing wheelchair accessible planting beds and greenhouse, investing in disability adapted tools and planting to support greater insect diversity.	£24,468	£45,954	27/09/2023	31/03/2025

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KD 073 IS	White Cliffs Countryside Partnership	Dover	An educational project addressing landowner collaboration, as well as diversity, inclusion and local representation with activities based around the River Dour.	£64,305	£78,838	21/09/2023	31/03/2025
KD 074 IS	Filston Farm	Sevenoaks	Capital project providing machinery for regenerative farming and arable reversion to share across the Darent Valley Farm Cluster. Soil carbon baseline across the Cluster. Knowledge sharing events.	£44,142	£53,401	18/10/2023	31/03/2025
KD 077 TO	Kent Downs National Landscape	Kent Downs	Kent Downs Heritage Ponds Project. Training volunteers to be use historic maps and LIDAR to map dew ponds and 'soles' across the Kent Downs National Landscape. To create a pond inventory to target future Heritage Pond restoration projects. Ground truthing by the Countryside Management Partnerships.	£65,870	£84,475	27/11/2023	28/02/2025
KD 078 SE	Kent Country Parks	Brockhill Country Park, Lullingstone and Shorne Country Park	Downs on Your Doorstep. Strengthening connections between children from Saltwood Primary School and the landscape by providing educational visits through the changing seasons and providing forest school training to school staff at Brockhill Country Park. Further 55 free/subsidised visits to Kent Countryside Parks.	£41,282	£44,386	25/03/2024	31/03/2025

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KD 079 TO	FWAG SE	Postling	East Stour Farm Cluster habitat quality reporting and monitoring. Targeted planning for landscape scale environmental health.	£9920	£21,935	27/11/2023	28/02/2025
KD 080 IS	Commonwork Trust	Bore Place, Sevenoaks	Initiate a farm cluster in the Low Weald area of Kent with a key focus on developing a collaborative approach to farming and nature at landscape scale. Aims to enhance and connect natural habitats; increase collective understanding, action and embed improved farming practices; and inspire our local community to regenerate nature and live sustainability.	£114,802	£159,696	22/11/2023	31/03/2025
KD 081 TO	Kent Wildlife Trust	Darent Valley	Deployment and management of anti-invasive species technology enhancing the survival of native species, such as water voles, ground nesting birds, kingfishers, amphibians, crayfish and fish.	£12,880	£12,880	01/04/2023	28/02/2025
KD 082 SE	Brookwood Farm	Brook, Wye	Re-establish old field boundaries and hedgerows at Brookwood Farm. 541m hedging and protection.	£34,120	£34,120	11/01/2024	31/03/2024
KD 083 SE	North Downs Land and Forestry Ltd	Boxley	To plant 230m of hedgerow on fields just west of Park Wood and north of Hocket's Shaw on land belonging to Boxley Shoot. The 230m hedgerow will be planted in 3 rows and will include 1600 whips of mixed deciduous native hedgerow species.	£5,283	£5,283	23/11/2023	31/03/2024

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KD 084 TO	WorldWild CIC	Petham	Forager in Residence. Bi-weekly foraging workshops, involving nature contact time, exploring the site in search of edible, medicinal, fibrous and other useful plants and fungi, teaching children from skills towards identification and harvesting.	£9,400	£9,400	13/03/2024	28/02/2025
KD 085 SE	Hawarden Farming	Barham Downs	To contribute towards 246 metres of new stock fencing on previously unfenced arable land, now part of the Barham Downs wildflower grassland plain to develop the sward and contribute towards the aim of bringing the entire 100ha plain into an extensively grazed chalk grassland plain.	£1,838	£1,838	11/01/2024	31/03/2024
KD 086 IS	Kent Downs National Landscape	Kent Downs National Landscape	Putting Down Routes- a partnership project that aims to get people with mobility needs into the countryside, and to highlight the challenges people face when trying to access the countryside. Creating an Equality, Diversity and Inclusion training module and training ambassadors to provide them with the skills and knowledge to welcome more diverse groups to the landscape. This project is also funded by the Heritage Lottery Fund.	£96,432	£257,768	29/01/2024	15/03/2025
KD 087 SE	Newgate Farm Belly Up Production Ltd	Brook	Planting and fencing 276m of hedgerow and the replacement of two old styles with kissing gates.	£9997	£10,488	15/01/2024	31/03/2024

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KD 089 KS	Silverhand Estate	Cobham/Shorne	Biodiversity project to improve habitat and monitor dormouse and reptilian numbers.	£11,494	£11,494	14/02/2024	28/02/2025
KD 091 IS	NWKCP	Sevenoaks	Layered Landscape. To develop and deliver a series of community engagement events throughout the Kent Downs National Landscape. Events are themed around the geology and natural heritage of the area and include collaborations with local artists.	£15,205	£17,380	29/01/2024	31/03/2025
KD 092 IS	SES Water	Bough Beech, Redhill	Nature based services and landscape enhancement at Bough Beech delivered in partnership with the local community. Restoration of facilities and areas to support education and nature-based learning, citizen science and community volunteer groups. Improvements to public rights way across the site, provision of educational signage, enhancing biodiversity and providing nature based solutions to mitigate risks to water quality.	£47,737	£86,991	29/01/2024	31/03/2025
KD 093 IS	WCCP	Dover	Training in Protected Landscapes. A year-long training placement, allowing a trainee to gain practical experience and qualifications working on the chalk downland of the Kent Downs National Landscape. Aiming to attract a diverse range of applicants.	£30,412	£41,956	01/03/2024	31/03/2025
KD 097 SE	Tree of Life Veganics	Boughton-under-Blean	Pond creation and 24 educational visits with Selling Primary School.	£8323	£8323	31/01/2024	31/03/2025

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KD 099 KS	Hawarden Farming	Barham Downs	500 metres of new stock fencing on previously unfenced arable land, now part of the Barham Downs wildflower grassland plain to develop the sward. This will establish the entire 100ha parcel into an extensively grazed chalk grassland plain.	£3,735	£3,735	14/02/2024	31/03/2024
KD 105 IS	ShivaNova Ltd	Postling	Community farming project delivering educational workshops, developing a comprehensive education pack and erecting an educational shelter for the Nepalese community.	£22,504	£31,555	13/03/2024	20/03/2025