

Farming in Protected Landscapes Programme Year 4, 2024/25

	Location	Business name	Total project cost	FiPL grant awarded	Project start date	Project end date	Description
1	Norfolk Coast Protected Landscape	Norfolk Fire & Rescue Service	£1,820.20	£1,456.64	29/04/24	07/05/24	Using drones to enable quicker identification of fire spread enabling the efficient identification of trigger points of fire development and windows of opportunity for fire attacks to mitigate damage to Farmland, Property and Biodiversity from wildfires.
2	Wells-next-the-Sea	Holkham Nature Reserve Ltd	£13,451.00	£9,000.00	01/05/24	31/12/24	Quantifying a baseline measure of biodiversity for 77ha at Northgate Hall Farm using the rePLANET and Mozaic Earth approach, in line with the Wallacea Methodology. The project will trial a lower cost alternative to traditional in-field ecological assessments for biodiversity quantification.
3	Burnham Norton	Norfolk Saffron	£10,138.01	£8,110.41	01/10/24	31/03/25	This project involved re-roofing a traditional barn using original pantiles and ridge tiles, the installation of sparrow nest boxes.
4	Brancaster	Lyle Consulting Ltd	£11,835.45	£9,333.36	01/08/24	30/11/24	Purchasing equipment for monitoring and managing the deer numbers across 700ha of landscape where deer numbers are impacting on farmland and habitat such as woodland & hedgerows. The project follows

							best practice guidance, a deer management plan and a monitoring programme.
5	Old Hunstanton	le Strange Estate Surrendered Fund	£7,000.00	£5,600.00	01/09/24	31/03/25	A continuation of sea buckthorn control along the dunes, based on the great success of last year's work which has already demonstrated how a diverse ground flora can re colonise the dune slacks, including marsh orchids. The project also reduces fire risk, erosion and improves access for visitors.
6	Cley	Norfolk Wildlife Trust	£121,425.00	£72,855.00	01/01/25	31/03/25	A grant towards a very specialist amphibious cutting machine for management of reed, fen and dyke vegetation at Cley nature reserve. These habitats require managing in winter and outside of the nesting bird period. As a result of increasingly wet winters access around the site can become limited, and without the sympathetic management at the optimal time of year, niche habitats can be lost to natural succession. This machine will make access possible over a wide area of these important coastal marshes and can potentially be used on other nature reserves as well.
7	West Beckham	Felbeck Trust	£6,815.90	£4,310.23	01/10/24	30/11/24	Purchase of a power scythe and battery powered mower for use by volunteers when managing grassland areas and paths on sites that they manage. Warmer wetter growing seasons have let to faster growth and make grassland management by volunteers with scythes alone unmanageable.

8	Sedgeford	Sedgeford Historical & Archaeological Research Project	£75,563.36	£60,450.00	01/11/24	31/03/25	This project is to support a long-term archaeological site and charity to become more sustainable and less reliant on hiring in diesel generators and chemical toilets for their residential summer camps. Purchase of solar panels and compost toilets will free up money each year that can be spent on supporting & training volunteers and buying archaeological surveying equipment.
9	Wells-next-the-Sea	Peddars Way and Norfolk Coast Path National Trail Partnership, hosted by Norfolk County Council	£65,832.35	£52,665.88	13/01/25	28/03/25	A new wider 260m boardwalk will be built using a glass/recycled plastic framework that will last around 80years. It will make access easier for all visitors from the parking area and facilities. It is the only fully accessible route to the beach for several miles in either east or west directions. Enhancing this path also keeps visitors to the defined National trail, reducing the desire to find alternative routes through the dunes or pine woods, which can disturb habitats and wildlife in this protected landscape.
10	Thornham	Drove Orchards Limited	£5,148.81	£4,126.25	01/11/24	31/12/24	Planting of a new 250 tree organic, community accessible orchard on Thornham Jubilee Meadow. The orchard will comprise of apple varieties for eating and cooking, grafted onto varying rootstocks and planted informally to replicate a traditional older orchard with many biodiversity benefits. This habitat has declined greatly over the last century and is particularly important for invertebrates, birds, small mammals and wildflowers.

11	Northrepps	Forest Park	£164,000.00	£75,000.00	02/04/24	01/03/25	Enhanced and new access & Interpretation at Forest Park. To utilise trust land to develop a planned walk that will be some 3.91 kilometres. Starting in Overstand and passing through trust lands in some of the region's historic landmarks. The planned walk will embrace accessibility, create a historical walk along the Repton Landscape and take users on an interpretive walk that highlights nature, history, flora and fauna.
12	Warham	O Vaughan Jones	£30,000.00	£21,700.00	17/12/24	31/03/25	Establishing 30ha of a higher quality handpicked local provenance wildflower seed mix to increase the flora and biodiversity in the area. This project is situated directly on the North Norfolk coastline and next to the protected saltmarsh habitat that contains many rare and protected species.
13	Holt	Thornage Hall Independent Living	£4,970.70	£3,976.56	01/01/25	31/03/25	Purchase of three bee hives and equipment. To allow the service to keep bees which will enhance the learning opportunities and activity for the people with Learning Disabilities who live learn and work at Thornage Hall. Management for bees will also enhance biodiversity on the land.
14	Stanhoe	Muckleton Farm	£9,185.80	£7,349.00	01/03/25	31/03/25	This project involves restoring 2 ponds on the farm. This is a landscape with little or no surface water storage and the well here is 220 ft deep. The ponds will be monitored and surveyed throughout the year, and the project information will be shared with the NNCG from inception to completion.

15	Salthouse	Manor House Farm	£5,717.80	£4,574.24	01/03/25	31/03/25	The project is to create a new pond designed to meet turtle dove requirements, on a grazing meadow close to Salthouse Heath. The pond is fed by rainwater from a barn roof.
				*This column refers to the amount of FiPL grant offered to the project. The grant amount claimed by the project on completion may be less than this figure.			