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Parish	Business name	Total project cost	FiPL grant awarded	Project start date	Project end date	Description
Fittleworth	S. Woodley Crop Services	£9,600.00	£7,725.00	02/06/2025	14/07/2025	The undertaking of dung beetle surveys across 5 farms within the South Downs National Park, comprising trap installation and collection, species identification, landowner consultation and production of final reports for each farm.
Hassocks	Ivy Farm Sussex	£9,981.70	£9,981.70	01/09/2025	01/02/2026	Planting of 350m of mixed native farm hedge and 260m of fencing to protect the hedgerows from grazing. The hedge mix will be approximately; 70% Hawthorn, 5% Dog and Field Rose, 10% Beech, 5% Holly, 5% Spindle and 5% Wayfarer.
Selbourne	The Farming and Wildlife Advisory Group South-East	£3,380.00	£3,380.00	14/04/2025	31/07/2025	Monitoring lapwing nesting success to inform effective habitat creation and management to restore a population at a landscape scale.
East Dean	Muddy Adventures (CE Holt & Partners)	£5,445.00	£5,445.00	14/05/2025	20/12/2025	Delivery of 15 CEVAS accredited educational visits to an organic dairy farm to enable children to learn about the production of milk, where their food comes from, the importance of good animal husbandry and the overall importance of farming.
Wiston	Wiston Estate	£5,000.00	£4,000.00	19/05/2025	31/03/2026	To undertake intensive invertebrate survey between May and July 2025 across eight conservation headland areas on the Wiston Estate.

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Owslebury	AJ Rigg	£9,783.78	£9,519.87	01/06/2025	31/12/2025	Working with the farm's home education communities, (including 14 home educated junior conservationists) the care of two new permissive access woodlands, connected by a public footpath and part of a new five mile guided trail through and around Hill View Farm. The trail will provide breathtaking views of the multi-functional farming landscape, where walkers can stop, look, listen and learn about conservation work and the farming landscape through the siting of QR codes along the trail's route. The two new woodlands, each approximately 200 trees, were recently planted by the home educated children. The same children now wish to form the 'Ranger Cadet Force', to care for the young trees and undertake comprehensive habitat improvement within both woods (including pond management, and establishment of log piles, decomposition stumps, slow worm hibernarium and bat & bird boxes).
Stoughton	AA Stilwell	£11,081.00	£9,313.00	01/06/2025	31/10/2025	This project aims to provide access for school children to learn in a woodland setting, engaging in crafts and rural pursuits that will help bring them closer to nature and help their own pastoral development. The development of the woodland education site is to include the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clearance of existing hardstanding area. • Re-surfacing of existing track and parking area with new plannings. • 300m of fencing to separate children from grazing livestock. • Provision of a field shelter to provide a covered area for children.
Boxgrove	The Goodwood Education Trust	£9,945.00	£9,945.00	01/06/2025	31/03/2026	The provision of 15 school visits, comprising of classes of children from primary and secondary schools with high numbers of children eligible for means-tested free school meals or those with Special Educational Needs.

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Lewes	Jamie's Farm	£703,936.00	£209,717.72	01/08/2025	31/03/2026	Through the development of a Welcome Barn Complex, extra accommodation facilities for residential visits and refurbishment of the historic farmhouse, the project aims to provide outstanding engagement and learning opportunities for disadvantaged young people who visit Jamie's Farm's, Lewes. It will also provide the Allington Farm site with an agricultural visitor facility for the general public.
Ebernoe	The Leconfield Estates	£164,788.51	£98,873.10	01/09/2025	31/03/2026	The provision of a new deer larder and processing facility on the Leconfield Estate to facilitate deer management (which can be particularly destructive within woodlands and farmland and, for this reason and for the health of the animals themselves, culling is required) and allow local venison markets to be developed.
Sutton and Barlavington	The Barlavington Estate	£40,000.00	£32,000.00	01/07/2025	31/12/2025	This project aims to improve visitor access to Lord's Piece along with reducing the visitor impact and heathland restoration, through the redevelopment of the existing northern public car park and permanent closure of the southern public car park, with its restoration back to heathland. This will consolidate parking into a single, more suitable location that will reduce habitat disturbance, improve the landscape and enhance links to the public rights of way (PRoW) network
Wiston	BW Carr Farms	£40,023.46	£40,023.46	01/09/2025	31/03/2026	Installation of infrastructure, comprising fencing (sheep netting), field gates, water pipework and livestock troughs to facilitate a new regenerative grazing regime/approach, allowing the restoration of chalk grassland priority habitat.



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Wealden	Messrs R & W Brown	£37,500.00	£30,000.00	01/08/2025	30/11/2025	<p>Clapham Barn is a Grade II listed Sussex flint barn built in the 17th Century. The barn, and the adjoining yard surrounded by a flint wall, is used to house cattle in the winter as part of an active farmyard. The repair of the Grade II listed barn will comprise:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • carpentry repairs to roof structure and one pillar; • repainting of supporting steel frame; • repairs to roof 'slates'; • replacement and extension of guttering for rainwater harvesting; • installation of new drainage in main entrance to reduce water 'puddling' and; • reinstatement of oak double doors.
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Multiple	The Farming and Wildlife Advisory Group South-East	£12,400.00	£9,920.00	01/07/2025	28/11/2025	Many permanent grassland areas on farms across the South Downs National Park are either incorrectly marked on the Government's Priority Habitat Inventory or have not been surveyed at all. With the recent significant increases in Countryside Stewardship Scheme payments for ecologically important grassland and against the decline in BPS income and ongoing pressures facing livestock farming, it is vital that farmers secure the full payments that could be available to them for managing these areas, which in turn will support nature recovery. This project would allow FWAG South-East to offer grassland surveys to farmers, assess the value of their grassland, prepare a simple management plan to ensure this value is retained or enhanced and help signpost which revenue payments and supplements would be appropriate. The survey results and photos would also be submitted to Natural England so that the Priority Habitats Inventory can be updated, allowing farmers to apply for higher paying options at a later date. In addition, across the National Park there are often a wide range of uncommon arable flowers growing within environmental options on farms but have been overlooked. Survey would also be offered to arable farmers where the farm has a high potential for arable flowers. It is intended for between 10 and 20 farms to be surveyed.
Buriton	Hampshire & Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust	£4,221.53	£4,221.53	01/08/2025	28/11/2025	The installation of boundary infrastructure (fencing and access gate) on a recently acquired area of arable land and set aside that provides a 3.5ha extension to the Trust's SSSI-designated nature reserve at Coulters Dean. This will allow for the introduction of low-intensity native-breeds grazing to encourage the restoration of chalk grassland habitats and expansion of chalk grassland species across the newly acquired area.



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Bignor	The Bignor Roman Villa Charitable Trust	£12,888.00	£9,666.00	27/05/2025	31/10/2025	One of two current cabins used to facilitate educational groups is now in need of replacement. Its age and condition has now rendered it unusable by the 100 groups that Bignor Roman Villa and Bignor Farms welcomes every season. It is intended to replace the cabin, like for like in size, layout and location.
Fernhurst	GH Goff & Partners	£34,632.94	£30,102.94	01/09/2025	31/03/2026	<p>'Ponder' is an ambitious project at Lower Lodge Farm that seeks to combine the essential works required to improve biodiversity and tackle the climate crisis alongside community education and awareness, and a public wild swimming amenity. This first phase of the project, focuses on reinstating a functioning wetland system. This will involve:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sensitive clearance of scrub and trees that are currently choking the ditch network. • Restoration of 2095m of field ditches. • Creation of a 0.77ha wetland area • Restoring a silted pond. • Reinstating a dilapidated historic brick culvert.
Rowlands Castle	Lodge Farm	£18,149.00	£9,074.50	01/08/2025	30/10/2025	Conversion of part of a barn into a small kitchen to accommodate the needs of children visiting the care farm.
Marden	Broadham Farming	£6,086.56	£6,086.56	01/10/2025	31/12/2025	Planting of 260m of mixed native farm hedge plus 6 hedgerow trees. The hedge mix will be 70% hawthorn, 5% dog and field Rose, 10% beech, 5% holly, 5% spindle and 5% wayfarer. The hedgerow trees to be 3 beech and 3 rowan.



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Rogate	Rogate Woods	£16,604.00	£8,384.00	01/09/2025	31/03/2026	The development of products to ensure the maximisation of the whole of harvested eucalyptus trees, the minimisation of waste and the long-term sequestration of carbon. This will involve the harvesting of approximately 100 tons of eucalyptus timber (40 to 50 trees). The main timber will be processed to enter the supply chain for innovative board material being manufactured in the United Kingdom (UK). The “waste” will be processed through pyrolysis to create bio char and the foliage will be harvested to replace material currently imported from South Africa and Australia into the supply chain for the floristry industry.
Rottingdean	BW Carr Farms	£9,935.10	£9,935.10	01/09/2025	31/03/2026	Installation of infrastructure, comprising fencing (sheep netting) to facilitate a new regenerative grazing regime/approach, allowing the restoration of chalk grassland priority habitat.
Hassocks	Ivy Farm Sussex	£12,000.00	£9,600.00	01/12/2025	31/03/2026	The creation of a pond to increase biodiversity on the farm, which also contributes to a wider network of ponds in the local area.
Upper Beeding	B D Harris Farm Trust	£9,950.00	£4,975.00	20/09/2025	20/10/2025	The farm business has invested (with previous FiPL support) in converting a redundant barn into a classroom and retreat space on top of Truleigh Hill. In addition to the current offer that the Centre provides, including educational visits, it is intended to make use of the paddock to the north of the barn to offer additional events including: health and wellbeing, farmer engagement, business team building/away day and more immersive experiences (e.g. pop-up camping under the stars). To effectively and safely extend the range of events that the Centre can offer, it is intended to install a simple toilet block and hand washing station.
Harting	National Trust	£9,180.00	£7,344.00	03/11/2025	31/03/2026	Management of scrub and grassland for a range of butterflies, through scrub clearance, mowing and seeding for key Lepidoptera food plants.



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East Meon	J Atkinson (East Meon) Ltd	£1,490.00	£894.00	11/11/2025	31/03/2026	The use of FecPak allows for quick and easy fecal egg counting to identify whether a mob of sheep require worming. This will support the reduction of wormer use on the farm's areas of chalk grassland priority habitat, thus benefitting the grass sward.
Coombes	Passmore Coombes	£16,013.10	£6,405.24	04/02/2026	31/03/2026	Increasing capacity to sell produce directly from the farm gate through the provision of an on-farm meat vending machine.
Washington	Wiston Estate	£7,095.00	£5,676.00	02/02/2026	31/03/2026	This project comprises two elements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Management of encroaching scrub on chalk grassland at Chanctonbury Hill SSSI, removing Bramble and Sycamore, and treating stumps. • Purchase of a water tank to facilitate livestock grazing on chalk grassland priority habitat.
Swanmore	J E Stokes	£17,775.05	£10,659.28	15/02/2026	31/03/2026	The restoration and enhancement of two key habitats on land in Upper Swanmore: chalk downland pasture and a remnant Ancient Semi-Natural Woodland, through urgent (diseased) tree removal and fencing, to facilitate a structured grazing regime.