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Parish	Business name	Total project cost	FiPL grant awarded	Project start date	Project end date	Description
Arundel	J J Seller and Partners	£9,409.02	£4,704.51	19/12/2022	31/03/2023	<p>This project comprises two objectives/outputs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Through the purchase and use of electric fencing equipment and water pipework, the farm's Sussex sucklers, which up to now have remained on Park Farm's permanent pasture on a set stocking basis, will be incorporated into the arable rotation. They will be moved on a daily basis, using a mobile electric fence system to back fence, throughout the arable (fodder crops), herbal ley and permanent pasture fields. The grass will be grazed about 3-4 times a year, enabling a larger biomass and photosynthetic area to be maintained. This management will promote a larger root zone, which will help with mineral and water draw up as well as infiltration and improved soil quality. A larger biomass will also promote a more stable soil temperature. As the soil and plants adjust to this new system there will be less need for artificial fertilizer. In the winter, cover crops will help maintain soil activity and feed the cattle. • The purchase and use of an Aerworx soil aerator, which will both improve drainage and aeration like a sward slitter and create soil shatter (like a subsoiler) without causing surface disturbance and flints on the surface. Initially, this will be used to correct historic compaction and will then be used correct any damage done by mob grazing, thus encouraging the root zone. A more active soil will improve nutrient use and storage and reduce any water quality issues, specifically nitrate pollution into the chalk aquifer.



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Bignor	T R Tupper (Bignor Farms)	£19,800.00	£11,880.00	01/01/2023	31/03/2023	<p>This application involves the purchase of a road legal people trailer with wheelchair access to enable guided farm tours (including Bignor Roman Villa) that will facilitate:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Greater public engagement with farming practices and conservation. • Greater reinforcement of the landscape through interpretation and education. • An increase in visitor numbers to improve the sustainability of the overall farm business. <p>T R Tupper (Bignor Farms) is a diversified farm business. The tourism enterprises (Bignor Roman Villa, campsite, sunflower maze, pick-your-own pumpkin patch and lambing open days) attract c.22,500 visitors each year plus c.100 school groups. Whilst guests are visiting the farm, it provides a fantastic opportunity to talk to them about farming, conservation and the landscape so that they can leave with a better understanding of the important role that farmers play in managing the South Downs National Park. This does already happen, but the use of a people trailer will improve this and facilitate tours that can cover a wider area of the farm.</p>
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Bignor	The Bignor Roman Villa Charitable Trust	£75,735.02	£59,823.32	14/01/2023	31/08/2023	This project involves roofing repairs to and re-thatching of historic buildings at Bignor Roman Villa to help help protect and conserve both the Roman remains/mosaics and the buildings themselves (which are rare examples of surviving Georgian thatched agricultural buildings within the landscape of the South Downs National Park). It comprises two objectives/outputs: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The replacement of the flat roof over north corridor museum building conserving roman mosaics. • The re-thatching of surviving Georgian agricultural buildings conserving roman mosaics.
Bignor	Bignor Park Estate	£16,590.00	£14,208.00	01/12/2022	31/03/2023	This project comprises two objectives/outputs: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The installation of 12 new wooden field gates (in fields that are managed through CS options) to facilitate improved conservation grazing. • The repair of a broken culvert to facilitate improved access for grazing of on areas of CS Higher Tier GSI3 (meadow restoration and encourage lapwing, invertebrates) and areas of CS Higher Tier GSI6 (to control rush infestation, thereby preventing the loss of botanically rich grassland). Repair of the culvert will also reduce water logging and poaching, protecting water quality and the surface of a nearby public footpath.
Bignor	Bignor Park Estate	£4,950.00	£4,950.00	01/12/2022	31/03/2023	Creation of early-successional grassland habitat suitable for colonisation by Field Cricket (RDB I, Section 41) to extend the available habitat for this metapopulation present within the Bignor Park Estate. This will also improve habitat for ground-nesting birds, notably Woodlark and Nightjar.



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Bramdean and Hinton Ampner	CH & HE Flindt	£4,998.00	£4,998.00	01/02/2023	31/03/2023	1020m of livestock fencing on arable reversion land to facilitate conservation management.
Cocking	R and P Marks - Manor Farm Cocking	£4,967.55	£4,967.55	01/03/2023	31/03/2023	The installation of 665m of new and replacement fencing to facilitate/continue the reintroduction of sheep grazing to the farm's arable cropping rotation system (on an area of approx. 7.52ha), through the establishment of herbal-rich leys. In addition to grazing, an occasional hay cut will be taken. The herbal leys will help reduce soil erosion, protect water resources and reduce the need for artificial fertilisers. Their establishment will also led to an increase of biodiversity on the farm and connect to important habitats, including ancient woodland
Coldwaltham	Amy Dallyn	£7,350.00	£7,350.00	05/09/2022	01/12/2022	The installation of 1,500m of stock-proof fencing to facilitate a new grazing system by British White cattle and Soay sheep (both native, rare breeds) on the farm's wet grassland area (a priority habitat). This area of the farm is allowed to naturally flood and therefore has limited farming potential apart from grazing at certain times of year. The Sussex Wildlife Trust has visited the farm and confirmed the presence of and potential habitat improvements for breeding waders, including lapwings on this area. In addition to improving the wet grassland habitat for biodiversity and breeding waders, this application will also assist the sustainability of the farming business through enabling the expansion of livestock numbers on the farm.



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Duncton	DH Tupper Farms	£69,603.00	£29,120.00	24/11/2022	31/03/2023	<p>This project comprises two objectives/outputs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The restoration (tiled roof, guttering and floor) of a traditional flint barn, adjacent to the South Downs Way National Trail, to create a free amenity space that can be used by the public and educational facility (Duke of Edinburgh and educational groups). • The design and installation of interpretation to promote farming and land management within the South Downs National Park, to be displayed within an outer alcove of the flint barn.
East Chilington	The Hermitage/ Allington Farm	£17,233.60	£16,483.60	30/10/2022	15/08/2023	<p>This application is centred on habitat creation and improvement. To deliver this, the application comprises the following objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To establish a new 685m native species hedgerow along with 1124m of fencing to protect it from grazing livestock and two wooden field gates for access. The new hedge will link existing scrub and woodland on the farm. • To use green hay from an adjacent good quality semi-improved meadow to enhance species diversity over a 2ha grass field. • To demonstrate habitat management techniques to visitors to the farm and provide a pilot for future habitat improvements across the holding. <p>Allington Farm is leased to Jamie's Farm, a charity that provides farm based therapy to young people. Working primarily with disadvantaged young people, they combine farming, family and therapy through residential courses, giving children space and time to reflect. The farm environment provides a key part of this and the proposed newly hedged meadow site will create a tranquil area that can be used by guests. In addition, it will also provide an opportunity to explain the importance of habitat restoration/management and the farming practices that are needed to maintain it.</p>



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Findon	Gale Estates (Findon) Ltd	£31,193.25	£25,449.00	21/12/2022	15/03/2023	<p>This project comprises two objectives/outputs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The creation of a new 20m wide dew pond, to help increase biodiversity on the farm and create a stepping stone habitat between other dew ponds located on the adjacent farming Estates. The creation of the dew pond is also part of a wider project to reduce the amount of water running down a public right of way (PRoW) into Findon village to help prevent flooding. The dew pond will also be visible to the public from the PRoW. • The design and installation of an interpretation panel next to a PRoW, providing information to the public about farming, conservation and the wider work of the Arun to Adur Farmers Group.
Hassocks	RJ Turner & Son	£5,600.00	£4,600.00	22/09/2022	15/11/2022	<p>The replcement of an aged footbridge to a higher specification to facilitate greater user-friendly access within the local and well-used rights of way and permissive path network. The banks at either end will be re-profiled to prevent erosion into rare chalk stream habitat.</p>
Kingston Near Lewes	T E Rea	£29,944.00	£29,944.00	10/10/2022	15/03/2024	<p>The repair of 205m of flint wall (including the farm pound), restoring a historic farm feature within the Kingston Village Conservation Area.</p>



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Landscape project / multiple parishes	South Downs National Park Authority	£31,476.50	£25,904.50	08/07/2022	31/03/2024	<p>This project comprises two objectives/outputs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Landscape scale environmental planning. The development of a shared Land App map (an on-line platform designed for farmers and landowners to manage and share data and projects from a single place) to help each farm become better prepared to access future funding streams. The maps and additional data gathered will be used to co-ordinate activity across the WDC, compliment options or habitats on neighbouring farms, and plan future landscape scale projects that can be delivered through Environmental Land Management or promoted to attract third party private funding. • 'Meet the Farmer' videos. The creation of four short videos showing individual farmer members explaining what they do on their farms (food production, environmental delivery, diversification, etc.). The videos, hosted on YouTube, will be available for members of the public to view via NFC/QR technology on plaques placed along key footpaths and bridleways through their land.
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Marden	Manor Farm East Marden	£4,969.08	£4,969.08	13/02/2023	29/03/2024	<p>This project comprises three objectives/outputs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The purchase of 14 metal bird feeders to be installed at various locations around the farm to help deliver and provide additionality to the goals set out under AB12 (supplementary winter feeding for farmland birds) within the farm's Countryside Stewardship agreement. • The purchase of 6 squirrel traps to be installed at various locations within the farm's areas of woodland to reduce the number of grey squirrels that are damaging existing trees, prevent them from damaging new trees (that will be planted in areas that have been effected by ash die-back) which in turn, will help support the increase of farmland bird populations. The traps will moved/ re-located as required and will be used in strict accordance with the Spring Traps Approval (England) Order 2018. • The use of a robotic flail mower at Chilgrove Hill, which comprises comprises chalk grassland priority habitat. The mower will be used in areas that have become overgrown with brambles and scrub vegetation to help restore these areas back to species-rich grassland. Once cleared, grazing with cattle (Belted Galloways) and sheep, at appropriate times of year, will prevent re-growth.
Milland	North End Farm	£4,673.20	£4,673.20	03/01/2023	15/03/2023	Laying of 163m of established / overgrown hedgerow and planting of 223m of mixed native hedge.



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Milland	Hollycombe Farms Ltd	£10,589.99	£4,236.00	20/12/2022	01/03/2023	Purchase and installation of a fire cage, woodfired oven, refrigeration equipment to ensure the continuation and viability of a pop-up farm feast events. Through this, the project comprises four objectives/outputs: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To reconnect people to the origins of the food they eat. • To highlight the wide variety of farmers and producers and their products in the South Downs National Park. • To teach people how to cook parts of the animal and foraged ingredients which are no longer available in supermarkets. • To increase the viability of the farm's sheep enterprise by creating a new market for the lamb and an opportunity to promote the farm's direct to consumer lamb boxes.
Parkwide	West Sussex National Farmers' Union	£3,600.00	£3,600.00	01/02/2023	24/02/2023	This is a farmer training project to train 12 farmers to deliver farm educational visits for local primary schools, through CEVAS training.
Singleton	Charles Allison	£2,860.00	£2,860.00	01/10/2022	31/12/2022	Planting of 242m of mixed native farm hedge and 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 will be 3 rowan and 3 whitebeam.



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Sompting	David Harriot Partnership	£15,925.00	£6,370.00	14/07/2022	31/10/2022	This project involves the creation of a farm brand (for Lychpole Farm), website and social media following to inform the public about the farm's general farming activities and with particular regard to it's pumpkin diversification event to drive forward farm diversification and public engegement. It comprises four outputs: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Branding for the farm and pumpkin business to increase visibility and presence. • A website for the farm and pumpkin business, including a blog, to provide information and updates. • Promotional materials for the pumpkin patch (leaflets, signage etc). • A social media presence, linked to the website, to provide another route to share information and updates.
South Heighton	The Trustees of the Glynde Endowment Settlement t/a Glynde Estates	£11,440.00	£11,440.00	15/09/2022	15/03/2022	The installation of new infrastructure (comprising 1,500m stock-proof fencing, 4x wooden field gate, 2x bridleway gate and 1x livestock (water) trough) at Stump Bottom (part of Denton Hill Downs Local Wildlife Site (LWS)) to facilitate conservation grazing to help conserve and expand this area of chalk grassland habitat.
Stoughton	GW & MW Gradidge	£4,988.00	£4,988.00	15/11/2022	01/03/2023	Planting of 430m of mixed native hedge.



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Tillington	The Leconfield Estates	£18,707.69	£18,118.15	03/01/2023	31/03/2024	<p>This project comprises five objectives/outputs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The repair of three sluices to facilitate improved water level management. • The creation of 13 new wader scrapes totalling 700m². • The clearance of 1000m of ditches to improve habitat and water level management. • The removal of 125 diseased alder trees along the Western Rother and replanting to maintain tree cover and shade. • The lowering of the flood bank along the Western Rother in three places to reconnect the river with the floodplain.
Treyford	A B Mitchell	£3,627.00	£3,627.00	12/09/2022	31/03/2023	<p>Purchase of water bowser to be used on five chalk grassland sites where water supply is difficult to install due to site sensitivity and topography.</p>
Wiston	Findon Park Farm Ltd	£4,429.71	£4,429.71	01/03/2023	31/03/2023	<p>Erection of 593m of sheep fencing to facilitate conservation grazing around Chanctonbury Ring. The fencing will be used to manage livestock (sheep and cattle) grazing around this iconic site. It will enable targeted grazing of areas of chalk grassland, ensuring that grazing is timely and focussed in the correct areas for the time of year. The project will build upon the benefits delivered in SDNP_21-22_40 where water pipes and troughs were installed for grazing livestock. Now that the water supply is in place, this new fencing will enable improved and more appropriate management of grazing livestock.</p>