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Parish	Business name	Total project cost	FiPL grant awarded	Project start date	Project end date	Description
Alfriston	The Rails Farm	£27,960.24	£23,569.28	26/04/2023	01/02/2024	This project comprises two objectives/outputs: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The installation of new grazing infrastructure, comprising stock fencing/sheep netting, field gates and water trough, with associated pipework, to facilitate improved conservation grazing on an area of chalk grassland (part of France & Short Bottom Local Wildlife Site (LWS)). • The restoration of a historic dew pond, with the installation of a post and rail perimeter fence.
Bignor	The Bignor Roman Villa Charitable Trust	£75,735.02	£59,823.32	06/02/2023	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.
Bramber	Upper Maudlyn Farm Trust	£10,150.00	£1,850.00	31/01/2024	28/03/2024	Purchase of a (John Deere) Greenstar receiver and G5 display which is capable of running section control and variable rate application on a fertiliser spreader.



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Bramdean and Hinton Ampner Parish	National Trust	£17,314.60	£17,314.60	01/10/2023	04/03/2024	<p>The National Trust (NT) took the farm at Hinton Ampner back in-hand in September 2022. Formerly a conventional arable unit, the farm is now in transition to a regenerative mixed farming system including the creation of wood pasture and species rich grassland. The introduction of cattle grazing, including native breeds, is key to this process.</p> <p>Since resuming control, the NT have undertaken extensive habitat, species and soil surveys. Results have shown that the soils are depleted of nutrients and have poor structure. As part of the regenerative system, herbal leys will be introduced alongside mob grazing to help to increase organic matter and build better soil structure. Some areas of arable land will be permanently reverted to wood pasture and species rich grassland, both of which will require sympathetic grazing as part of their on-going management.</p> <p>There is currently no water infrastructure across the farm, so bowsers are used to water livestock. To provide a more effective and reliable solution, this project will install a 5,000m pipe network across the holding along with 5 new water troughs.</p>
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Burpham	G D & E E Field	£84,003.82	£36,091.53	05/05/2023	31/03/2025	<p>This project comprises two objectives/outputs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To provide a small scale tourist accommodation offer, through the provision of a traditional shepherd's hut, adjacent to the working farmyard. • The establishment of a milk vending facility within the farmyard to enable Splash Farm to sell their milk to the both the local community and visitors to the popular South Downs village of Burpham. This will be in addition to the provision of a takeaway coffee & cake stop. The farmyard is located adjacent to a well-used public footpath and village road. For this element of the project the following pieces of equipment are required (some of which to meet food safety standards and provide cleaning facilities): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Milk vending machine. • Bottle vending machine & bottle set-up equipment. • Pasteurizer. • Cooling tank. <p>In addition to the development of a website for Splash Farm, interpretation will also be developed/displayed in the farm building where the milk vending machine is to be located, to educate the public about the story of UK dairy farming as well as the history, passion, knowledge and human story of the Field family.</p>
Clanfield	Old Farm Partnership	£2,000.00	£1,600.00	11/12/2023	25/01/2024	Clearance of bramble and scrub on species rich chalk grassland, using a robotic scrub clearing machine, on various field parcels across farm.
Clanfield	Old Farm Partnership	£1,000.00	£800.00	02/01/2024	25/01/2024	Clearance of bramble and scrub on species rich chalk grassland, using a robotic scrub clearing machine, on various field parcels across farm.
Cocking	R and P Marks - Manor Farm Cocking	£14,866.95	£14,866.95	08/09/2021	31/03/2024	Maintenance / enhancement of an arable reversion field of 13.29ha, started in the 1990's, which has become an area of species rich chalk grassland and has now achieved priority habitat listing.



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Coldwaltham	Amy Dallyn	£7,470.00	£7,470.00	11/10/2023	02/02/2024	1000m of stock fencing to facilitate the effective conservation grazing of parcels of wet grassland, enabling sward heights to be established at the most beneficial height for breeding waders, specifically lapwings.
Cuckmere	R & W Brown	£27,142.80	£27,142.80	23/10/2023	28/02/2025	<p>This project aims to restore and repair habitats and associated features in the Cuckmere Valley, which forms part of the Seaford to Beachy Head Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI). This comprises:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Riverbank footpath repair: Sections of riverbank which have been eroded by people and livestock will be repaired on both sides of the River Cuckmere. Under a previous FiPL project, bramble and thorn bushes, which had impeded access had been cleared. Through this subsequent project, any regrowth will be sprayed and low points on the path will be filled by flint topped with a little chalk and topsoil. This material will all be sourced from adjacent farmland. • Scrub clearance: Scrub will be removed and herbicide treatment undertaken on two steep escarpments; the far section of Cradle Hill Valley and River Cliff, both areas of chalk grassland habitat. Scrub and bramble will be removed mechanically, by hand and using a robotic flail as appropriate and in conjunction with the National Trust and the South Downs National Park Authority (SDNPA). • Ditch restoration: A 360 digger will clear reeds and other vegetation from the ditch network to re-create an open water habitat for invertebrates and also to act as wet-fences for cattle and sheep (which also use the ditches for their water). Ditches will be cleared from one side and the spoil will be smeared >1m from the ditch top so that grass grows up through. Work will be undertaken in consultation with Natural England.



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Easebourne	Cowdray Home Farm	£55,350.00	£44,280.00	07/06/2023	18/03/2024	<p>This project is a joint purchase between two farm businesses, Cowdray Home Farm and G Chandler Farming Ltd, covering c.2,500ha, to use a compost turner to make better use of farmyard manure (FYM) to build better soil health. As both farm businesses transition to regenerative agriculture, organic inputs and compost will play a key role in reducing the use of synthetic inputs, building improved soil structure and reducing environmental impact. Better use of FYM has already dramatically reduced the amount of synthetic fertilisers used and the farms now want to introduce even more organic material. Using a compost turner will enable them to maximise the benefits of this important resource in the following ways:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Composting will transform FYM to make it less leachable. It will also build better soil structure, allowing the soil to absorb, store and filter more water more effectively. This will be of significant benefit in the Rother catchment, where the farms are located, which is one of the most erodible in the UK. • Composting will reduce the volume of material by approximately seven times, meaning less travelling when spreading, resulting in reduced ground compaction and less fuel burnt. • Compost is a soil conditioner which builds soil structure and increases worm numbers, making it less likely to erode during heavy rain events. • Aerobic conditions and heat kill most weed seeds and pathogens, further reducing the need for chemicals.
Easebourne	Cowdray Home Farm	£8,045.00	£7,066.00	04/01/2024	14/03/2025	



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East Chiltington	The Hermitage/Allington Farm	£17,233.60	£16,483.60	22/09/2022	31/03/2024	<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>
East Chiltington	Andrew Gattiker	£5,872.50	£5,872.50	26/02/2024	31/03/2025	<p>This project comprises three objectives/outputs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The installation of 360m of sheep fencing and one field gate to bring site back into active grazing management to improve grassland sward structure and biodiversity. • 170m hedgelaying. • <u>Protecting 100 newly planted trees with mesh guards.</u>
East Chiltington	The East Chiltington Trust	£9,666.15	£9,666.15	24/01/2024	31/03/2024	<p>This project comprises two objectives/outputs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The installation of 905m of sheep fencing and two field gates to bring site back into active grazing management to improve grassland sward structure and biodiversity. • The installation of 6 pedestrian gates to facilitate public access.



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East Marden	Manor Farm East Marden	£4,969.08	£4,969.08	14/02/2023	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 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.
East Marden	Manor Farm East Marden	£5,000.00	£5,000.00	21/12/2023	28/03/2024	Use of a robotic flail mower, with a forestry mulcher attachment, to help control large/dense scrub vegetation on four chalk grassland (priority habitat) sites across the farm (Chilgrove Down, Stripes Hill, Hillbarn Down and Reclaimed Field).
Eastbourne	Eastbourne Borough Council	£3,062.70	£3,062.70	23/01/2024	28/03/2024	Fencing to facilitate grazing of chalk grassland priority habitat.
Elsted and Treyford	Candia Solutions Ltd	£6,551.19	£6,551.19	01/01/2024	28/03/2024	877m of stock fencing to facilitate sheep/cattle grazing alongside haymaking to improve a sward that has the potential to become priority grassland.



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Falmer	P W Taylor & Partners	£6,530.77	£5,255.20	25/07/2023	26/01/2024	This project involves the facilitation of grazing on chalk grassland priority habitat through the provision of a permanent water supply. This will be achieved through extending the mains water supply with above ground pipe to a holding tank and solar powered submersible pump (which will be installed at a greater altitude than mains supply).
Froxfield	Fawley Farm	£318,760.00	£129,304.00	13/10/2023	31/03/2025	The conversion of a disused/dilapidated milking parlour building into the following uses: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • in addition to the expansion of the farm's animal feed business, the establishment of a farm shop, selling local produce from neighbouring farms/businesses; and • the establishment of a café and community space/hub to enable Fawley Farm to become a destination point whereby local residents and visitors can access this part of the SDNP
Graffham	Slow Grown Farm	£4,339.97	£1,018.00	09/08/2023	15/12/2023	Purchase of a livestock crush for native-breed beef herd, used for the purposes of food production and as a tool in the restoration of species-rich grassland and wood pasture habitats.
Iford	J&H Robinson (Iford Farms) Ltd	£38,540.08	£38,540.08	25/11/2021	31/03/2024	The purchase of 130 Nofence grazing collars to facilitate conservation grazing on the Iford Estate, including Iford Hill and Lewes Brooks SSSIs and Castle Hill NNR. Subsequent annual subscription fee until 31 March 2024.
Kingston, Lewes	T E Rea	£29,944.00	£29,944.00	20/10/2022	31/03/2024	The repair of 205m of flint wall (including the farm pound), restoring a historic farm feature within the Kingston Village Conservation Area.



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Kirdford	Brownings Farm	£59,485.07	£29,177.57	17/05/2023	28/03/2024	<p>This project comprises two objectives/outputs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The creation of new wildflower areas. These areas will be hand-sown with a traditional wildflower seed mixture. The installation of new fencing and gates will also be required to facilitate conservation grazing. • The improvement of visitor facilities on the farm. For this element of the project, it is intended for the following to be carried out: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The installation of an additional toilet/washing facilities, suitable for disabled use. • The laying of a new floor in an existing barn that doubles as a classroom. • The purchase of three (mobile) shepherd's huts, for use as 'day huts' for visitors and to include a restricted number of overnight stays. • The construction of a modular oak framed structure to provide an all year round outdoor learning space (which would also serve as a teaching model/resource for the building of timber framed structures).
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Landscape project / multiple parishes	Arun to Adur Farmers Group	£54,800.00	£49,270.00	07/12/2021	31/03/2024	<p>This project comprises two objectives/outputs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To undertake a landscape scale mapping project including all Arun to Adur (A2A) members. The project will utilise The Land App, an on-line platform designed for farmers and landowners to manage and share data and projects from a single place. Detailed Land App maps will be created for each A2A member, recording existing environmental features, priority habitat details/layers, current agri-environment options, and habitat/natural capital potential. Individual holding maps will then be amalgamated to create an on-line master map of the Group, allowing all members and partners to assess and plan current and future delivery at a landscape scale. • To deliver a landscape scale farmland bird feeding project. This feeding project will co-ordinate the provision of seed food for red listed farmland birds such as corn bunting, yellowhammer and linnet across the A2A area. Members will receive Perdix farmland bird feeders (300 in total distributed across the Group) and a specially designed seed food to place in them. The feeders will be placed in suitable locations across the farms and will be mapped as part of the mapping project.
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Landscape project / multiple parishes	South Downs National Park Authority	£31,476.50	£25,904.50	11/07/2022	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.
Landscape project / multiple parishes	Chalk Farm Partnership	£24,364.99	£19,491.99	26/04/2023	27/10/2023	<p>Purchase of a tractor drawn road legal people trailer with wheelchair access to enable guided farm tours. These tours will demonstrate and promote awareness and understanding of farming, food production and conservation/countryside management to children and adults from schools, colleges, community groups and charities from across the Eastbourne area.</p> <p>The trailer can also be lent out to members of the Eastern Downs Farm Cluster, when required / appropriate to do so.</p>



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Landscape project / multiple parishes	Pasture-Fed Livestock Association CIC t/a Pasture for Life	£192,148.00	£192,148.00	17/05/2023	31/03/2025	<p>This project involves the delivery of a livestock grazing knowledge exchange and support programme for 136 farmers in the South Downs National Park (SDNP). The project has the following objectives/outputs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recruitment of 136 farmers onto the overall project. This will be achieved through Pasture for Life (PfL) and South Downs National Park Authority (SDNPA) officers and farmer cluster networks. Each joining farmer will receive PfL membership for the duration of the project, giving them access to a wide range of learning and wider PfL opportunities. • Establishment of a cohort of 12 farmer mentors. Mentors, recruited from PfL, SDNPA and farm cluster networks, will undergo mentor training. Depending upon project needs, this may also include more specific training such as carbon accounting and soil testing. • Identification of a cohort of 36 farmers who are ready and willing to receive peer-to-peer mentoring. These farmers will be selected from the 136 initially recruited and will be allocated to a farmer mentor. • Organisation and delivery of 40 events. These events will include on-farm events/visits, webinars and study groups. • Development of a series of legacy educational resources for farmers in the SDNP. This will be aggregated with learning from the other Pasture and Profit in Protected Landscapes projects across England and with particular relevance to the SDNP will include grazing management of chalk grassland.
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Landscape project / multiple parishes	Butterfly Conservation	£4,146.14	£4,146.14	18/04/2023	31/03/2024	This project is centred on the support/improvement of conservation grazing at Magdalen Hill Down, an important area of chalk grassland, to the east of Winchester. This will be achieved through the installation of new infrastructure (fencing, field gates, livestock water troughs and pipework associated with livestock water troughs) to facilitate improved grazing. The project will allow a greater area of rare chalk grassland habitat to be managed and prevent it from deteriorating and being lost from lack of grazing. It will benefit chalk grassland species such as Grizzled Skipper, Small Blue, Chalkhill Blue and Brown Argus butterflies.
Landscape project / multiple parishes	Chichester National Farmers Union (NFU)	£18,310.00	£18,310.00	16/08/2023	22/01/2024	Purchase of a tractor drawn road legal people trailer with wheelchair access to enable guided farm tours (initially for the development/expansion of the Branch's 'Schools Engagement Project', where branch members offer their local primary school(s) the opportunity to visit their farm). These tours will demonstrate and promote awareness and understanding of farming, food production and conservation/countryside management to children and adults from schools, colleges, community groups and charities from across the Chichester area.
Landscape project / multiple parishes	LEAF (Linking Environment and Farming) Education	£19,116.00	£19,116.00	29/06/2023	28/03/2024	This is a farmer training project to train 12 farmers to deliver farm educational visits for local primary schools through CEVAS (Countryside Educational Visits Accreditation Scheme) training, with follow-up advice and assistance from LEAF Education to assist farmers with planning and running their first educational visit.
Landscape project / multiple parishes	The Hospital of St Cross & Almshouse of Noble Poverty	£1,350.00	£1,350.00	04/09/2023	31/03/2024	Production of a 2-3 min video explaining the importance of this historic landscape and how it is managed/farmed. The video will be accessed by a QR code, located on a plaque, on the busy public footpath that crosses the site.



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Newtimber	Camilla and Roly	£2,917.72	£1,458.86	22/11/2023	14/01/2024	The purchase of a solar panel water pump to help fill a header tank in a remote location which will supply water to assist the farm's regenerative grazing practices.
Petworth	G Chandler Farming Ltd	£52,948.67	£49,304.75	11/05/2023	28/03/2024	<p>This project involves the establishment of a new 6.66 hectare public recreation site at Hampers Green, Petworth. Although there is currently no public access over the land, it is used regularly by residents and is seen as an extremely important resource to them. Given its importance to the local community and the associated problems of livestock farming in areas with a high volume of public access, this project aims to manage the site as a community recreation area. This involves the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The installation of a perimeter stock fence, with a single entry point from the main road, • 335 metres of native hedgerow planting along the site's southern boundary to complete a continuous boundary feature. • 681 metres of ditch restoration. • The planting of 20 young native trees to enhance the grassland area and create a 'park-like' surrounding. • The creation of a 1,095m circular pathway around the site's boundary to allow for all weather and disabled access. • The creation of two small wildlife ponds utilising existing low-lying areas that currently lie very wet. • The creation of a 'viewing spot' with bench to allow for quiet reflection and relaxation. • The design and installation of two interpretation panels that will explain the farm's regenerative farming practices and what is happening within the surrounding landscape in terms of food production, carbon capture, biodiversity gains and the countryside code. <p>This project will provide better access to the countryside for residents and an</p>



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Rodmell	DC Robinson	£22,690.02	£22,690.02	01/04/2022	31/12/2023	As the current Organic Higher Level Stewardship (OHLS) agreements for St Mary's Farm cannot be amended, the intention is to use the Farming in Protected Landscapes (FiPL) programme to deliver three Countryside Stewardship (CS) management options across both farm. The implementation of new options will complement existing management options already in place through OHLS. This will be until such a time (January 2024) the farm can be entered into a new agri-environment agreement where all options delivered through OHLS and FiPL can be combined into either CS or the new Environmental Land Management (ELM) schemes. The three CS management options that are being applied for are: Flower-rich margins and plots (CS option AB8), Winter bird food (CS option AB9) and Nesting plots for stone curlew and lapwing (CS option AB5).
Selbourne	Gilbert White's House & Gardens	£8,879.68	£7,103.74	19/07/2023	31/03/2024	This project involves the maintenance/improvement of the traditional wildflower meadow at the Gilbert White's House & Gardens and other small meadows within the Selborne Landscape Partnership area through the purchase and use of small scale haymaking equipment to produce small bales that can be easily handled and distributed in the local area.
St. Ann (Without) Parish	C J Rea & Partners	£57,649.00	£13,059.60	26/04/2023	29/03/2024	The use of a min-till cultivator will significantly reduce cultivation depth across the farm's arable land, compared to the current plough system. This will result in reduced soil disturbance, and over time, an improved soil profile. The mini-seeder will enable catch and cover crops to be sown during cultivations and also incorporated before the next cash crop in one pass of the field. This will help to improve soil condition, increase soil organic matter and reduce the need for artificial inputs.
Steep	Little Ashford Farm	£4,975.20	£4,975.20	05/04/2023	28/04/2024	Planting of 200m of mixed native farm hedge and 20 hedgerow trees. The hedge mix will be 70% hawthorn with at least 5 other native hedging species. Hedgerow trees to include cherry, crab apple, field maple, oak and rowan.



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Stoughton	AJ, RA and AJF Elms t/a Lordington Farm	£7,300.00	£4,964.00	03/04/2023	31/05/2023	<p>Purchase of a Bomford rotary mower with adjustable rear roller to help establish and maintain herb and wild-flower rich meadows. The aim is to increase the hectareage of such grassland on the farm which will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improve bio-diversity, through increasing flora and fauna (by providing food and habitat for birds, butterflies and pollinators). • Increase carbon capture (well managed grassland can assist in climate change sequestration). • Improve soil structure and reduce nutrient run off. • Improve local landscape character. <p>In addition, flower rich field margins will also be maintained through use of the machinery.</p>
Stoughton	Lodge Farm	£9,801.29	£9,801.29	31/10/2023	01/03/2025	<p>This project comprises two objectives/outputs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Funding to facilitate 21 educational visits (ahead of a CS application including the same starting in January 2025), along with the installation of 100m of Equifencing to allow visiting children to safely get close to farm animals. • The installation of 243m of sheep fencing to protect a newly planted hedge.
Tillington	The Leconfield Estates	£18,707.69	£18,118.15	30/01/2023	31/03/2023	<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.



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Upham	M R Dunford & Son	£10,920.00	£4,077.00	08/01/2024	28/03/2024	Purchase of a weed wiper, flail topper and ATV GPS guidance equipment to facilitate improved environmental management of sensitive habitats (including species rich chalk grassland, water meadows and CSS areas) through targeted weed control, resulting in increased biodiversity.
Willingdon & Jevington	S&F Carr and Daughters	£5,973.00	£5,973.00	18/10/2021	31/03/2024	Continued provision of a permissive access (footpath) route, 1340m in length, in Willingdon parish. The route is well used by members of the public providing access between the settlements of Wannock, Jevington and Folkington. Access has already been improved (Year 1) through the replacement of three aged bridle gates with kiss gates and, to clearly direct the public, the installation of eight waymarkers.
Worldham	Pookles Farm	£17,687.05	£7,074.82	26/09/2023	28/03/2024	Provision and installation of a water ram-pump and water storage/tank to assist with water management on the farm, both for edible wildflower production and grazing livestock.