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Parish	Business name	Total project cost	FiPL grant awarded	Project start date	Project end date	Description
Bignor	Bignor Park Estate	£43,505.00	£43,505.00	04/04/2024	28/03/2025	Enhancement of a rare chalk stream habitat through the removal of two culverts, to be replaced by bridges, and associated habitat management works including clearing fallen trees, deadwood, overhanging branches and small standing timber to improve water flow in the chalk stream corridor.
Upper Beeding	B D Harris Farm Trust	£185,621.25	£95,914.50	01/04/2024	14/03/2025	The repurposing of a lean-to of an existing under utilised barn, to create: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a good sized learning space; • a small meeting/consultation room; • basic kitchen and toilet facilities (including accessible toilet and shower) and; • a hardstanding parking area (to south of barn) and paddock area (to north of barn) to support the use and associated activities of the learning space. The space is to be fully equipped to a simple specification, ready to host education, engagement & business bookings.
Falmer	P W Taylor & Partners	£89,798.50	£36,813.40	01/04/2024	01/08/2024	This project comprises two objectives/outputs: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The replacement of a redundant farm building to provide a fitness, well-being and community studio/hub. • The creation of circular walking/running routes across the farm, with information about farming, food production and environmental management.
Clanfield	Old Farm Partnership	£1,000.00	£800.00	08/01/2024	12/01/2024	Clearance of bramble and scrub on species rich chalk grassland, using a robotic scrub clearing machine, on various field parcels across farm.



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East Chiltington	Andrew Gattiker	£5,872.50	£5,872.50	01/02/2024	01/03/2025	This project comprises three objectives/outputs: <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. • Protecting 100 newly planted trees with mesh guards.
East Chiltington	The East Chiltington Trust	£9,666.15	£9,666.15	01/02/2024	31/03/2024	This project comprises two objectives/outputs: <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.
Cocking	R and P Marks - Manor Farm Cocking	£8,585.34	£8,585.34	01/04/2024	31/03/2025	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.
Hassocks	RJ Turner & Son	£9,061.50	£9,061.50	01/05/2024	28/03/2025	Enhancement of rare chalk stream habitat and restoration of two ponds to create enhanced wildlife habitat and additional flood water storage capacity to reduce the potential of flooding issues downstream in the village of Hassocks.
St John (Without)	The Hermitage/Allington Farm	£709.05	£709.05	01/09/2024	28/02/2025	Three hexagonal tree pens, 8m in diameter will be laid out in a grassland field, fenced with stock fencing and planted with native trees. They will provide habitat stepping stones between a hedged pond and nearby hedges and woodland.



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Itchen Valley	Wessex Rivers Trust	£6,306.30	£6,306.30	01/04/2024	31/03/2025	<p>This project comprises undertaking INNS surveys and control based actions along the River Itchen SAC contained within the boundary of the South Downs National Park (SDNP). Actions include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Undertake an INNS survey over the 30km reach of the Itchen SAC within the SDNP. • Carry out x4 management events, including support from volunteers, covering a minimum of 2km of the river. • Re-survey priority areas post management works. • Integrate data and update catchment INNS strategy. • Engage with wider stakeholders, including plant nurseries and garden centres to ensure INNS plant sales/awareness is managed to reduce the threat to native flora and fauna in the catchment.
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Hampshire & West Sussex	FWAG South-East	£12,320.00	£9,856.00	02/04/2024	31/01/2025	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. It is intended for between 15 and 20 farms to be surveyed.
Owslebury	AJ Rigg	£9,911.66	£9,590.66	02/04/2024	31/03/2025	To provide unique farming, food and landscape opportunities and experiences for home educating families through outdoor farm sessions, a 5-week classroom learning course and an online resource.



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Stoughton	AJ, RA and AJF Elms t/a Lordington Farm	£24,150.00	£9,800.00	13/05/2024	26/07/2024	Purchase of a fertiliser spreader with technology to allow the precise application of Nitrogen (N) Phosphorus (P) and Potash (K). The new spreader will have GPS headland management, overlap management and variable rate technology, which will enable nutrients to be applied with greater precision, thereby reducing the quantity applied to arable land. By applying only what is needed by the crop/plant, it will reduce the potential for excess nutrients finding their way into the farm's watercourses in and around the River Ems and ultimately Chichester Harbour.
Bignor	The Bignor Roman Villa Charitable Trust	£131,154.00	£104,923.20	03/06/2024	28/03/2025	This project comprises the re-thatching of five surviving Georgian agricultural buildings (Venus Room, Ganymede Room, Geometric Room, Dolphin & Winter Rooms) conserving internationally important roman mosaics at Bignor Roman Villa.
Stoughton	R C Langmead Ltd	£25,230.00	£17,230.00	20/05/2024	28/03/2025	This project comprises the restoration of two historic dew ponds, which appear on historic mapping records (using puddled clay) to provide enhanced habitats and biodiversity on the farm and which also contribute to a wider network of ponds in the local area.



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Aldingbourne	Aldingbourne Trust	£28,439.28	£22,751.42	01/06/2024	31/03/2025	<p>This project aims to create innovative, stimulating and immersive experiences for pre-school and primary school age children. Promoting awareness and understanding of farming and the natural environment and encouraging children to make the connection between the food they eat and how it is produced. To deliver this, funding at the Aldingbourne Country Centre is sought for capital items to help the development of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A sensory adventure trail and role play areas. This comprises an adventure trail to include bug hunting, hedgerow hunting and pond dipping activities, educational equipment and creative role play areas, and information boards located across the Open Farm. • Educational farm workshops. Workshop activities are to include; Guess the Animal, Food Chain Game, Grow and Make Your Own Lunch, Hedgerow Habitats & Woodland Wildlife (involving plant spotting, bug hunts and pond dipping activities).
Eastbourne	Chalk Farm Partnership	£20,350.00	£20,350.00	03/06/2024	28/03/2025	<p>The Eastbourne Downland is characterised as an area of wide open downs close to the sea, with extensive views. Historically used for grazing livestock, the area has/had a wealth of old flint structures, built to provide shelter and help with stock management. However, many of these structures have either fallen into disrepair or completely disappeared. This project concerns the restoration of one of these stock yards and its associated structures, comprising an adjoining outbuilding, two flint feeding troughs and a flint well-head</p>



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East Meon	Wilson Atkinson Farms	£37,601.17	£23,948.70	29/07/2024	31/03/2025	The introduction of beavers to the Oxenbourne Stream to both manage habitat and support the reduction of flood risk along the River Meon and in East Meon village. This will be achieved through the creation of a 2.19ha enclosure for the beavers comprising the Oxenbourne Stream running through its centre, a derelict duck pond and a mix of poplar, dense scrub and grassland habitats.
Lyminster and Crossbush	David Harriot Partnership	£17,000.00	£8,500.00	04/06/2024	31/03/2025	The purchase and use of a Logic Contact 2000 6m tractor mounted weed wiper to enable controlled management of weeds across arable and pastoral land with reduced chemical use and carbon emissions. The machine will be used over the 2000ha farmed by the David Harriott Partnership, plus made available to the wider Arun to Adur (A2A) Farmers Group.
Bignor	The Bignor Roman Villa Charitable Trust	£11,850.00	£9,480.00	07/05/2024	30/08/2024	One of two currents cabins used to facilitate educational groups was severely damaged in the recent storm Kathleen resulting in it becoming unusable by the 100 groups that Bignor Roman Villa and Bignor Farms welcomes every season. The damaged cabin is unrepairable and poses a big health and safety issue if left in its current state. It is intended to replace the damaged cabin, like for like in size, layout and location.

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Harting	Olphert Farm Partnership	£280,118.00	£140,059.00	15/07/2024	28/02/2025	Through the conversion of farm buildings (a former stable yard) at Marden Farm, East Harting, this project aims to create an education centre for providing transformational wellbeing interventions for children, young people and their parents, in the landscape of a working livestock farm, within the South Downs National Park (SDNP). The project would also enable community, school and Third Sector outreach to share the benefits of these facilities and the knowledge and expertise of the Olphert family in Green Care delivery, to educate and inspire through learning about food, farming and the vibrant, living, working farmed landscape of the SDNP.
Ditchling	The Macs Farm	£47,412.93	£37,654.93	01/08/2024	31/03/2025	This project comprises two objectives/outputs: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The development of a community garden and associated infrastructure. • The installation of windows and provision of a heating source to facilitate year-round use of the Nest Box Barn (a community venue/space).
Worldham	Pookles Farm	£111,042.00	£40,000.00	01/08/2024	01/03/2025	Provision of a rural crafts barn to host outreach, rural crafts and wellbeing classes for visitors to Pookles Farm.



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Houghton	M. J. Lock & Partners	£33,475.00	£17,087.50	01/11/2024	15/01/2025	The South Downs Bunkhouse can accommodate approximately 20 people. At present, the toilet and kitchen facilities are linked to the sleeping accommodation, which is used by paying guests. Due to safeguarding issues, this currently makes hosting school groups difficult. This project proposes to build kitchen and (a disabled) toilet facilities and a classroom within the existing function room to cater for visiting school groups. This would be both for day groups and, when used in conjunction with the Bunkhouse, for residential groups. Using CEVAS (Countryside Educational Visits Accreditation Scheme) trained staff, the South Downs Bunkhouse and Houghton Farm have hosted educational visits in the past, with great success and feedback. Farming is now part of Key Stages 1 and 2 within the National Curriculum, so the enhanced facilities will enable a greater number of visits to be safely delivered. As part of the project, the farm will work with LEAF (Linking Farming and Environment) to connect with more schools in the area and expand their educational visit offer.
Harting	Buriton Estates	£17,747.50	£17,747.50	01/08/2024	31/03/2025	Torberry Hill is a Scheduled Monument (SM) at South Harting, comprising an extensive area of lowland calcareous (chalk) grassland and Iron Age Hillfort. Due to a dilapidated fence network that is not able to retain stock, the chalk grassland is currently under-grazed. Erecting a new 1,550m fence line would facilitate improved grazing management of the site, benefitting and enhancing the floristic diversity of the chalk grassland and maintaining the site's archaeological features.



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Sompting	The Sompting Settlement Trust	£12,420.00	£12,420.00	10/07/2024	31/08/2024	Sompting Downs Barn is a centre for environmental education, visitor experience and farm conservation management on the Sompting Estate. The flint wall surrounding the barn, part of which formed the end wall of a threshing barn, with the remainder enclosing the barnyard from the surrounding field, was already in existence by 1830. Over time, the wall has degraded to a point where it is now beginning to crumble and fall down. This project aims to undertake essential repair work including re-pointing, re-capping and in smaller areas re-building, to ensure the wall will be in place for many years to come.
Hawkey	Hatchmoor Farm	£9,979.16	£9,979.16	01/08/2024	31/03/2025	Installation of 1,574 metres of new fencing to facilitate the expansion of Hatchmoor Farm's regenerative grazing regime.
Hambledon	Hampshire Market Garden Community Interest Company (CiC)	£13,333.25	£5,333.30	27/01/2025	17/02/2025	To purchase and install a new polytunnel (and associated items) on the CiC's agroecological market garden site. This will provide a community education space, additional growing space (to grow existing ties with local food banks and night shelters) and winter volunteer opportunities (supporting local nutritional, physical & mental health).
Worldham	FWAG South-East	£7,659.09	£7,659.09	02/01/2025	31/03/2025	This project comprises two objectives/outputs: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Electric fencing the perimeter of 4 lapwing plots (each 1ha in size) to protect nesting birds from ground predators. • Monitoring of the plots and sharing information with the wider cluster group.



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Washington	FWAG South-East	£6,639.07	£6,639.07	02/01/2025	31/03/2025	This project comprises two objectives/outputs: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Electric fencing the perimeter of 4 lapwing plots (each 1ha in size) to protect nesting birds from ground predators. • A training day for farmers/farm workers with GWCT to learn about best practice for wildlife management of the plots.
Arundel	Arun to Adur Farmers Group	£9,849.60	£8,912.38	15/11/2024	28/02/2025	This project comprises two objectives/outputs: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Providing Arun to Adur Farmers Group members training and the tools to measure soil compaction issues on farm in order to remedy them. • Providing four tonnes of supplementary bird food across the Arun to Adur Farmers Group to be distributed through the 300 farmland bird feeders sited as part of SDNP_21-22_33.
Twyford	Twyford Fishing Club	£9,984.50	£9,984.50	01/12/2024	28/02/2025	Laying of an overgrown 425m hedge between Twyford Parish Council's Berry Meadow and Bishopstoke Fishing Club's 'wilded' paddock.
Hawkey	Hatchmoor Farm	£9,763.60	£9,763.60	15/11/2024	31/03/2025	Installation of 1,540 metres of new fencing to facilitate the expansion of Hatchmoor Farm's regenerative grazing regime.
Westhampnett	Benson Farms	£3,272.55	£3,272.55	01/01/2025	31/03/2025	Creation of a 0.3ha woodland copse with a variety of native trees within a field corner.
Droxford	D. A. Bower	£9,827.00	£9,827.00	15/02/2025	31/03/2025	Installation of 1550 metres of new post and wire fencing alongside the River Meon to protect water quality and create a wider wildlife corridor.



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West Dean	South Downs National Park Authority	£34,512.94	£34,512.94	25/02/2025	31/03/2025	This project is part of the development of a shared-use path for non-motorised users that spans approximately five kilometres, connecting the village of West Dean to the South Downs Way National Trail at Cocking Hill. The path will extend from the existing Centurion Way, which currently runs from Chichester to West Dean. The alignment of the new route will again predominantly follow the former Chichester to Midhurst railway line and green field margin areas, while carefully avoiding the three designated/protected tunnels at West Dean, Singleton and Cocking Hill.
Stoughton	Lodge Farm	£9,877.10	£9,877.10	20/02/2025	31/03/2025	Planting of 430m of mixed native farm hedg. The hedge mix will be 70% hawthorn with at least 5 other native hedging species.
Tillington	Leconfield Farms Ltd	£28,305.00	£9,999.00	21/03/2025	31/03/2025	Rebuilding 20 metres length by 2.4 metres high of historic stone boundary wall (utilising salvaged stone and bedded and pointed in natural hydraulic lime mortar to match existing pointing).