

Farming in Protected Landscapes

Transparency of Funding

The following is a list of all Exmoor's approved Farming in Protected Landscapes (FiPL) grants awarded in Year 3 of the programme 2023-2024.

		FiPL grant	Total project	Project	Project end
Business Name	Town	awarded	Cost	start date	date
Exmoor Hill	Cutcombe	£9,060.00	£9,060.00	17/04/2023	31/03/2024
Farming Network					

EX110: EHFN applied for a small selection of pooled equipment to facilitate farmers to carry out nature friendly farming practices. With the network overseeing the equipment usage. This is especially helpful for young farmers and holdings with small acreage that are unable to apply for some of the DEFRA equipment funds. FiPL funded a pipe layer, EID readers, soil sampling kits and electronic plate meters to measure dry matter in grasslands.

Business Name	Town	FiPL grant awarded	Total project Cost	Project start date	Project end date
Butterfly		£16,250.00	£16,250.00	27/04/2023	31/03/2024
Conservation					

EX111: FiPL has funded the preparation of a partnership management plan for the Wootton common- Grabbist Hill Ridge to guide the co-ordinated management of the ridge for the next 10 years. It will support efforts to restore the condition of Dunster Park and Heathlands SSSI and support the long term sustainability of the threatened Heath Fritillary butterflies.

FiPL grant Total project **Project start Project end Business Name** awarded Cost date date Town S & M Colwill Exford £12,332.30 23/05/2023 31/03/2025 £21,290.74 **EX112:** FiPL has provided funding to improve the facilities at Coombe Farm for educational access. This includes adding a new, disabled toilet and handwashing facilities. A small learning space will also be created for the visiting groups to use as required.

		FiPL grant	Total project	Project	Project end
Business Name	Town	awarded	Cost	start date	date
W J Burge & Son	Oare	£11,008.00	£18,030.00	05/07/2023	31/05/2024

EX113: FiPL has partially funded a full GPS soil sampling and biology test of the entire holding. This will include bacteria : fungal ratios and soil conductivity, as well as bulk density samples. A full carbon audit will also be carried out, as well as farm modelling. The findings will inform an on farm knowledge transfer event with guest speakers and other farmers and landowners, facilitated by the EHFN.

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Exmoor National	Dulverton	£1,422.22	£1422.22	22/06/2023	31/03/2024
Park Authority					

EX114: FiPL funded 2 transportable 3D models of Exmoor National Park, one for use in the Ranger engagement trailer and pop up events, the other at Lynmouth National Park Centre. This will allow greater engagement with land managers and the public, depending on the event.

		FiPL grant	Total project	Project	Project end
Business Name	Town	awarded	Cost	start date	date
May Bros Ltd	Lynton	£3991.29	£7,216.29	30/05/2023	31/03/2024

EX115: This project was designed to provide a more sustainable and constant supply of drinking water for livestock at a remote location. Previously the applicant had issues with a petrol powered generator leading to inconsistency of supply, affecting animal welfare and time spent fixing problems. FiPL has helped to fund a solar powered pump and fencing.

Business		FiPL grant	Total project	Project	Project
Name	Town	awarded	Cost	start date	end date
A D Dunn	Kentisbury	£2,190.00	£5,475.00	31/07/2023	31/03/2024

EX119: FiPL has helped to fund a grassland aerator to help reduce soil compaction. Aerating compacted soil will help grasslands develop better root structure and hold water more effectively.

		FiPL grant	Total project	Project	Project
Business Name	Town	awarded	Cost	start date	end date
Mr S Evans	Challacombe	£2,720.40	£2,720.40	16/08/2023	31/03/2024

EX124: FiPL helped fund a fence to protect a newly planted hedge (funded by the Woodland Trust) from livestock.

		FiPL grant	Total project	Project	Project
Business Name	Town	awarded	Cost	start date	end date
West Ilkerton	Barbrook	£4,890.47	£4,890.47	04/09/2023	31/03/2024
Farm					

EX123: This finding has supported better grazing management of a County Wildlife Site by erecting a fence to split an acid grassland and wetland area. FiPL is also funding wildlife boxes.

Business Name	Town	FiPL grant awarded	Total project Cost	Project start date	Project end date
Westcott Farm	Luxborough	£7,350.00	£9,850.00	11/09/2023	31/03/2024
Partnership					

EX109: Construction of a new sluice attached to an existing weir at the head of an established pond. This will help to reduce slow of water downstream and provide habitat.

		FiPL grant	Total project	Project	Project
Business Name	Town	awarded	Cost	start date	end date
Chibbet Farm	Exford	£4,485.00	£4,485.00	11/09/2023	31/03/2024

EX107: Cut and lay hedge, restore bank and fence to protect from livestock.

D	-	FiPL grant			Project end date
Business Name	Town	awarded	Cost	date	
Singer	Roadwater	£2,614.50	£3,325.00	16/08/2023	31/03/2024
Instruments					

EX126: Replace 350m fencing to enable Exmoor Ponies to graze before reseeding the land to create a wildflower meadow. The advice for this meadow restoration was provided by the sowing the Seeds project. The fence will allow grazing management to maintain the meadow.

		FiPL grant	Total project	Project	Project end date
Business Name	Town	awarded	Cost	start date	
SR, TJ & RJ	Molland	£4,780.00	£11,950.00	20/09/2023	31/03/2024
Langdon					

EX127: Purchase of a mower to assist in management of Molinia and bracken on both Molland Moor and Long Holcombe.

		FiPL grant	Total project	Project	Project
Business Name	Town	awarded	Cost	start date	end date
Exmoor	Dulverton	£78,932.90	£104,126.9	25/10/2023	31/03/2025
National Park					
Authority					

EX129: A continuation of the Sowing the Seeds meadow restoration project for 2024-2025. This includes funding for a cut and collect mower to be used with the landowners involved with the project, create a further 300ha of meadow as well as run events for stakeholders, farmers and landowners to encourage new meadow sites to be created.

		FiPL grant	Total project	Project	Project
Business Name	Town	awarded	Cost	start date	end date
D & P Harkin	Barbrook	£7,484.40	£7,484.40	13/11/2023	31/03/2024

EX131: Restoration and creation of new hedges alongside a Public right of way using biodegradable wool tree guards.

		FiPL grant	Total project	Project start	Project end
Business Name	Town	awarded	Cost	date	date
Exmoor	Dulverton	£60,467.25	£120,934.50	01/11/2023	31/03/2025
National Park					
Authority					

EX120: Great Bradley Bridge. This is a collaborative project with the local landowners and Exmoor National Park to improve access across the River Barle along a very popular footpath and bridleway. This will also reduce damage to the river banks and improve water and habitat quality as the landowners will be able to cross the bridge, rather than ford the river to get to land on the other side.

		FiPL grant	Total project	Project start	Project end
Business Name	Town	awarded	Cost	date	date
Exmoor Forest	Simonsbath	£65,405.52	£70,863.72	01/11/2023	31/03/2025
Farms					

EX121: FiPL has contributed to nearly 10km of redundant fence removal across the farm, enhancing landscape character of this farmland within the historic Royal Forest of Exmoor. Stone wall restoration of Knight era stone walls marking field boundaries, with a small amount of sympathetic tree planting in combes to maintain landscape character.

		FiPL grant	Total project	Project start	Project end
Business Name	Town	awarded	Cost	date	date
MR & SK	Porlock	£44,715.28	£44,715.28	07/12/2023	31/03/2025
Westcott & Son					

EX125: Hedge laying and fencing on overstood hedge bank bordering Horner Wood, part of the north Exmoor SSSI. This will be beneficial to a number of bat and lichen species found in the woodland.

		FiPL grant	Total project	Project start	Project end
Business Name	Town	awarded	Cost	date	date
Exmoor	Dulverton	£50,861.50	£64,095.50	01/04/2024	31/03/2025
National Park					
Authority					

EX132: Exmoor Non Native Invasive Species programme. FiPL has funded another year of the programme, focussing on working with landowners and volunteers to reduce and remove non natives on Exmoor including Japanese Knotweed and Skunk cabbage. The projects aims to develop a legacy for the programme in the final year of FiPL, to build on the good work done over the last few years.

		FiPL grant	Total project	Project start	Project end
Business Name	Town	awarded	Cost	date	date
C M Yiend	Wheddon	£9,600.00	£9,600.00	27/11/2023	31/03/2024
	Cross				

EX133: To clear an 2ha area of Rhododendron within a local wildlife site above the popular Snowdrop Valley.

		FiPL grant	Total project	Project start	Project end
Business Name	Town	awarded	Cost	date	date
S & M Colwill	Exford	£16,450.00	£16,4500.00	04/12/2023	31/03/2024

EX134: FiPL has funded a bridleway repair on a popular track out of Exford up to Dunkery Beacon, which is well used by walkers and horse riders.

		FiPL grant	Total project	Project start	Project end
Business Name	Town	awarded	Cost	date	date
S & M Colwill	Exford	£4,950.00	£4,950.00	04/12/2023	31/03/2024

EX135: FiPL has helped fund additional educational access visits for this farm, and also funded transport to allow schools from Taunton to experience a day on an Exmoor farm.

		FiPL grant	Total project	Project start	Project end
Business Name	Town	awarded	Cost	date	date
Sustainable	Shepton	£10,330.00	£83,600.00	04/12/2023	31/03/2025
food Somerset	Mallet				

EX130: This collaborative project has been led by the Mendip Hills National Landscape, with the applicants applying to Mendips, Exmoor and the Quantock Hills National Landscape for contribution to the first Sustainable Food Somerset Conference. This will connect primary food producers with others, businesses and consumers and is to be held at th Bath & West Showground in Autumn 2024.

		FiPL grant	Total project	Project start	Project end
Business Name	Town	awarded	Cost	date	date
National Trust	Holnicote	£21,244.11	£21,244.11	24/01/2024	31/03/2025

EX136: FiPL are supporting the National Trust to reinstate two orchards on the Holnicote estate using traditional fruit varieties. The orchards will be a focus for volunteer groups to learn orchard skills, including planting and pruning the trees, and in time creating products from the fruits as well as creating a community network of volunteer run orchards.

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Business Name	Town	awarded	Cost	date	date
Exmoor Horn		£4,863.00	£4,863.00	06/12/2023	31/03/2024
Sheep Breeders					
Society					

EX137: FiPL are supporting the Exmoor Horns Sheep Breeders Society to promote the attributes of their breed for the Exmoor geography and climate it evolved for. Show boards for breeders to use at shows and sales will encourage the general public to learn more about the special qualities of the Exmoor horn breed and help secure its future.

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Business Name	Town	awarded	Cost	date	date
Root Project	Oare	£3,790.15	£4,421.50	13/12/2023	31/03/2024

EX139: The installation of water infrastructure and a high powered pump at the Root Project is allowing for water to be provided to cattle grazing at the top of Clanel Combe. This is a SSSI and grazing is encouraged to help manage the site for biodiversity. The lack of water infrastructure had previously made this area difficult to manage well with grazing.

Business Name	Town	FiPL grant awarded	Total project Cost	Project start date	Project end date
League Against	Dulverton	£1432.00	£3,580.00	13/12/2023	31/03/2024
Cruel Sports					

EX140: FiPL has helped support a small mobile saw mill for habitat works across LACS sites. This will help utilise felled timber on site, to create wildlife boxes leaky dams and other items, allowing a sustainable supply of timber for the site.

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Business Name	Town	awarded	Cost	date	date
Great Nurcott	Winsford	£14,509.23	£14,509.23	23/01/2024	31/03/2024
Farm					

EX141: A programme of works to include planting over 200 trees across the holding in cactus guards as wood pasture, in small clumps avoiding historic catchwater leats still visible on the landscape. The restoration of a working leat and associated bank restoration.

Business Name	Town	FiPL grant awarded	Total project Cost	Project start date	Project end date
R Campbell	Bentwitchen	£1,799.83	£1,871.59	21/12/2023	31/03/2024
Johnston					

EX142: Diverse tree planting on a small holding to improve food and shelter opportunities for a wide range of birds, invertebrates, amphibians, and small mammals.

		FiPL grant	Total project	Project start	Project end
Business Name	Town	awarded	Cost	date	date
Explore Exmoor	Roadwater	£4,858.92	£6,660.08	07/02/2024	31/03/2025

EX143: FiPL is supporting hedgerow tree planting alongside fencing to protect newly planted trees as well as a water tank for harvesting rainwater and partial support for some raised beds.

		FiPL grant	Total project	Project start	Project end
Business Name	Town	awarded	Cost	date	date
J H Brewer	Roadwater	£9,870.00	£9,870.00	07/02/2024	31/03/2024

EX144: Creation of an edible food forest on the site on previous orchards at Wood Advent Farm. The trees planted will be more expansive than traditional orchards, and will include fig, peach, cherry alder and field maple. These orchards will replicate a semi mature woodland and will link with other areas of woodland already established to create wildlife corridors.

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C M Yiend	Wheddon Cross	£13,270.22	£13,270.22	22/01/2024	31/03/2024

EX145: FiPL has helped support new orchard planting, 2 new hedge lines and the establishment of a willow copse which once established will be pollarded to provide firewood.

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Business Name	Town	awarded	Cost	date	date
National Trust	Holnicote	£3,196.00	£3,995.00	09/01/2024	31/03/2024

EX146: A bespoke piece of firefighting equipment, which sits in the back of an ATV, for reacting to emergency fires on the estate and on neighbouring land. Holnicote is approx. 5000ha, including areas very popular with the public such as Dunkery. This equipment will not only be able to allow rangers to react quickly to small fires in the summer and help with swaling in the winter, but its presence will help with public awareness of the dangers of fires to the Exmoor moors and heaths.

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JE & ME	Holnicote	£9,850.00	£9,850.00	09/01/2024	31/03/2024
Pugsley & Son					

EX147: Following advice from ENPA woodlands team, this project has allowed for sensitive siding up and delimbing of mature beech trees. The beech tree limbs were in places reaching out over 40m into the field, and at times tearing off the trees leading to damage to these mature standards. FiPL funding has supported these trees to be more resilient and hopefully longer lived.

Business Name	Town	FiPL grant awarded	Total project Cost	Project start date	Project end date
The Molland	Molland	£8,000.37	£8,000.37	07/02/2024	31/03/2024
Estate					

EX150: Replacement of a fence separating Molland Moor with adjacent in bye land alongside Danes Brook.

Business Name	Town	FiPL grant awarded	Total project Cost	Project start date	Project end date
The Molland Estate	Molland	£12,555.40	£12,555.40	12/02/2024	31/03/2024

EX151: FiPL has supported the casting up of small banks alongside the road across Molland moor. The banks will prevent vehicles pulling off the road, except in designated spots, to reduce damage to the SSSI.

		FiPL grant	Total project	Project start	Project end
Business Name	Town	awarded	Cost	date	date
Great Nurcott	Winsford	£2,514.00	£3,142.50	13/02/2024	31/03/2024
Farm					

EX154: A range of structural and ecological surveys on a listed building were supported by FiPL to understand the current condition of the barn. This is phase one of a Historic Buildings Restoration Grant.

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Business Name	Town	awarded	Cost	date	date
Horner Farm	Horner	£9,682.55	£9,682.55	27/02/2024	31/03/2025

EX156: Additional fruit tree planting, meadow restoration and educational access for school and community visits in 2025.