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Application number	Farm / site name	Applicant type	Ward	Context	Amount requested	Total project value	Start date	End date
DOR23-455	Middlebere Farm	Farmer tenant	Multiple sites	<p>Farming, food and environment education provision at Middlebere Farm and the wider Purbeck NNR</p> <p>Continuation of successful FiPL supported education programme providing high quality education sessions both on-farm and in-school.</p> <p>Will offer 15 funded on-farm education visits for groups not covered by the current CSS ED1 funding – this currently only covers school groups up to the age of 18. Groups may be youth groups, family groups, adult interest groups, further education and universities. Toilets and handwashing facilities, and accessible passenger trailer, all funded previously by FiPL would be utilised.</p> <p>Also offer 15 in-school sessions to schools who, for one reason or another, cannot get out to the farm and this would allow us to carry on with our education provision in the winter months when it is too cold to get students out on-farm (these are not eligible for Stewardship Agreement funding).</p>	£7,341	£11,229	01/04/2025	31/03/2026
DOR23-454	Stoke Abbott Farm	Farmer owner	Marshwood Vale	Stoke Knapp Farm is a 71ha beef, sheep, diversification and forestry holding in the Marshwood Vale. The applicant has recently laid hedges on two parcels of land, and installed natural flood management on one parcel, which is also ASNW which has recently been restored with infill planting of native species. Works now need protecting from livestock and so application is for support for fencing.	£7,173	£7,173	01/06/2025	31/12/2025
DOR23-461	Tamarisk Farm	Business	Chesil Bank Ward	The Agroecological Way is a course offering a foundation in the ecological processes, methods and social justice issues at the heart of agroecology. It seeks to inspire new entrants into farming, equipping them with the tools for practice agriculture in a way which supports, restores and harnesses ecosystem function.	£1,997	£6,582	13/06/2025	16/06/2025



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DOR23-451	Magdalen Farm	NGO	Marshwood Vale	Magdalen Farm offer high-quality educational visits at their farm and residential centre near Chard. FiPL have supported them historically on a number of projects that encompass the people element of the FiPL programme, via supporting residential visits for hard-to-reach audiences as well as restoring nature at their farm. FiPL funding will enable 220 vulnerable, disabled and disadvantaged people to improve their wellbeing through increased connection to natural world.	£18,630	£23,028	01/07/2025	13/03/2026
DOR23-356	The Gardeners Orchard	Farmer owner	Marshwood Vale	The Gardeners Orchard was planted 20 years ago and has been producing traditional cider in an environmentally friendly way on a small scale for the past 10 years, helped by friends and local volunteers. They also produce traditional fudge and cider cakes that sold locally. The cider barn is based at the orchard, so volunteers can connect their product with the environment in which it is produced. This application is to fund 4 events including 3 free skills days and 1 community apple day, plus planting 10 cider apple trees in gaps in the orchard	£3,559	£3,559	01/07/2025	28/02/2026
DOR23-440	Uploders (Crutchley land)	Farmer tenant	Eggardon	The establishment of a diversified market garden, producing vegetables, fruit and poultry. Arable farmland will be converted to minimal tillage beds, an agroforestry system and an orchard. Project will increase biodiversity of two arable fields, decrease soil erosion, protect the River Asker, reduce risk of flooding, and support new nature-friendly horticultural enterprise.	£15,596	£27,681	15/08/2025	28/02/2026
DOR23-391	Peasant Evolution Producers Co-operative	Social enterprise	Marshwood Vale	Facilitating Landskills Hub at Fivepenny Farm Fivepenny Farm, a 6ha organic farm in West Dorset, has long been a space for promoting ecological living, organic farming, and food processing. The farm hosts facilities for the Peasant Evolution Producers Cooperative – a non-profit organisation of local producers dedicated to organic production, local food and education about an ecological food and farming system. FiPL funding will be used to deliver a regenerative farming skills residential training course for young people from diverse backgrounds at the newly established Landskills Hub.	£14,050	£22,113	01/07/2025	31/03/2026



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DOR23-412	Pineapple Farm Holding	Farmer owner	Eggardon	<p>Soil lab equipment for The Landscapes Lab at Pineapple Estate</p> <p>The Landscapes Lab was recently built on the Pineapple Estate to create an educational space for the local community. The carcass was donated by a member of the public and the installation has been funded by Pineapple Estate and Dorset National Landscape.</p> <p>This FiPL application enables the purchase of equipment for plant sap and soil nutrient analysis to expand the range of analysis, enabling a detailed understanding of soil health. The aim is to use this equipment to educate secondary school students, farmers, and the wider community about the importance of soil health—leading to healthier plants, increased carbon sequestration, and improved flood management. With a deeper understanding of soil health, practitioners can make informed decisions about whether fertiliser applications can be reduced.</p>	£7,091	£10,420	15/07/2025	28/02/2026
DOR23-437	Great Big Dorset Hedge	Social enterprise	Dorset wide	<p>The Great big Dorset Hedge (GBDH) project has grown in strength and in reputation since DCAN conceived of it three years ago. FiPL support will fund specialised contractors who will orchestrate the various volunteer activities across the whole county.</p>	£20,020	£20,020	01/06/2025	31/03/2026
DOR23-483	Colesmoor Farm	Farmer owner	Eggardon	<p>Over the last 4 years the applicants have taken over running of the 49ha sheep and beef farm, and are moving in a regenerative direction with soil health at the heart of their farming practices. This is third in series of FiPL projects concerning tree and hedge planting, and hedge management, as part of whole farm plan to connect priority habitats and increase biodiversity, as well as provide shade and shelter for livestock. This project will deliver hedgelaying (144m) and hedgeplanting (173m) plus 173m of fencing.</p>	£7,228	£7,228	01/11/2025	31/03/2026
DOR23-467	Down Barn Farm	Farmer owner	Beaminster	<p>Expansion of educational access and community group access at Downbarn farm with facilities to support visits</p> <p>Downbarn Farm is a 83ha dairy and beef business, which has recently been received a habitat and opportunity survey delivered by FWAG as art of the DOR23-405 Triple Axe project. The farm is looking to increase their focus on education and access. FiPL funding will be used to fund CEVAS training, educational visits and install toilet and handwashing facilities.</p>	£4,849	£5,624	01/07/2025	31/03/2026



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DOR23-498	Watcombe FFP	Farmer owner	Charminster St Mary's	<p>Duke of Burgundy Breeding Habitat</p> <p>Duke of Burgundy is the fastest declining butterfly in the UK and has been lost from over 50% of its sites, according to Butterfly Conservation. There are just six breeding colonies left in Dorset. Watcombe Farm borders one such breeding colony. Further to recommendations from the FIPL funded 2024 survey of existing sites, and habitat creation and connectivity planning at adjacent sites, this applicant wishes to move to delivery stage. This project will fund planting of 1,612m of new hedges, protected by stock fencing, and plant 60 trees within 986m of existing hedging and field margins to create some 6.5ha of new connecting corridors for the endangered Duke of Burgundy butterfly, to safeguard and expand the existing breeding colony on the neighbouring farm. In addition, 512m of stock fencing would be installed, to divide an existing arable land parcel into arable and light grazed scrub, to create new breeding habitat for Duke of Burgundy.</p>	£57,929	£57,929	01/11/2025	28/02/2026
DOR23-477	Dickley Down Farm	Farmer owner	Chalk Valleys	<p>Restoring habitat and increasing connectivity at Dickley Down Farm</p> <p>Next generation applicant recently purchased a neglected and overgrazed site at the top of the Sydling valley. It is made up of unimproved grassland, semi-mature native hedges in parts with some native and non-native standard trees. FiPL will support a programme of hedgelaying, hedgeplanting, tree planting (including orchard trees) and fencing to stock proof the existing field parcels so that grazing can be managed more closely. In addition, funds are requested so that a more detailed grazing plan can be formulated, as the fields have potential to be much more species rich (some remnant diversity already identified in one parcel). A footpath crosses the farm, so the opportunity will be taken to upgrade the two stiles to self-closing gates. High levels of farm waste, including large numbers of tyres, adjacent to footpath will be removed, and a leylandii hedge, inappropriate to this setting will be replaced with native hedge.</p>	£25,435	£31,112	01/07/2025	28/02/2026



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DOR23-460	Higlands End	Farmer owner	Bridport	<p>Enhancing engagement, interaction and access at Highlands End Farm</p> <p>The farm wraps around the applicant-owned, Highlands End Holiday Park, and runs alongside several well-walked footpaths used by holiday makers and locals of Bridport alike. With this exposure, they want to use the opportunity to let all visitors experience and learn about the variety of wildlife that can make this corner of Bridport their home. Previous FIPL funding helped start staged improvements to the nature trail. The first step included creating a nature hide and restoring grassland in the neighbouring field to the nature trail, providing a food source for wildlife. FIPL funding will extend this trail and make it more accessible for families, wheelchair and mobility scooter users. Currently have a tramper route which is open to park customers and local residents.</p> <p>This application is to create an accessible path for families and tramper use to enhance the existing nature trail, and to deliver 2 educational visits (following applicant becoming CEVAS trained via previous FIPL Nature Buddies project).</p>	£16,257	£16,257	01/10/2025	31/03/2026
DOR23-492	HB & DM Coates	Farmer owner	Marshwood Vale	<p>Natural Flood Management at Chideock Estate</p> <p>There has been repeat flooding of the road and property at Sea Hill Lane at Chideock where a culvert routes a tributary of the River Winniford under the road. The works in this application will complement land management actions such as buffer strips, funded through the Sustainable Farming Incentive, to try to reduce runoff from Langdon Lane and prevent sediment reaching the culvert in the village. The work will additionally be complemented by some Highways funded work on Langdon Lane to install grips and cross drains where necessary to direct water towards the NFM measures installed through this FIPL application.</p> <p>The project is part of the Council-funded Dorset Rural Runoff Project. Vegetation will be removed on parts of 705m of ditch/stream to increase light reaching watercourses and allow access for installation of approximately 15 leaky woody dams/wood in channel structures to slow the flow from Langdon Lane to Sea hill Lane in Chideock. Digging out/installation of 2 culverts to enable water flow under gateways. Reprofiling of ditch and installation of sediment trap before 1 culvert. Vegetation removal and reinstallation of existing sediment trap.</p>	£16,416	£19,566	01/09/2025	31/03/2026



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DOR23-469	Evershot Farms	Farmer owner	Yetminster	<p>Holywell Flood Mitigation Project</p> <p>In recent years several properties within the village of Holywell have experienced internal flooding during periods of heavy rainfall on reoccurring occasions. As part of the Dorset Rural Runoff project, measures to help to protect the village of Holywell from flooding during periods of heavy rainfall will be installed including swales, bunds, cross drains, drainage ditch and hedges which aim to slow and divert the flow of water away from the road which leads into the village. The concreting will prevent diffuse sediment entering and blocking the highway drains. The new hedgerows and grass margins will generate habitat creation and establish wildlife corridors, while also slowing the flow of surface water and capturing sediment.</p>	£43,220	£47,861	15/07/2025	28/02/2026
DOR23-466	Kimmeridge Farm Partnership	Farmer tenant	South East Purbeck	<p>Purbeck Farm Composting - to improve soil health, reduce artificial fertilisers and reduce pathogens and medicine residues</p> <p>Funding to assist purchase of mobile compost turner for use on farm and to share with neighbouring farmers. This is to help encourage and understand the benefits of composting manures to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •increase soil biological activity, •be used as a main source of crop nutrient supply as can be applied to growing crops and thereby reduce use of artificial fertilisers which helps to reduce nutrient losses to the environment and lower carbon emissions from producing and transporting artificial fertilisers •reduce transmission of pathogens and increase breakdown of medicines including Ivermectin wormers <p>This is part of a project that includes hosting on-farm demonstrations in 2026 to local farmers and those from further afield to foster knowledge sharing on these and other benefits of composting. Grant application includes a steam pressure washer to minimise risk of disease transmission and temperature data loggers and veterinary expertise to support project monitoring.</p>	£40,652	£50,432	01/08/2025	31/03/2026



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DOR23-430	DWG Smith Ltd	Farmer owner	Swanage	<p>Reinstating Belle Vue Farm conservation grazing cattle unit</p> <p>Belle Vue Farm on the Priest Way just outside Swanage was bought in 2024 by the Smith family. The 12 blocks of low input grassland with drystone walls has been a sheep farm for over 20 years, and contains a SSSI in the form of a quarry containing Greater Horseshoe bats. The aim is to restore Belle Vue farm to a mixed farming enterprise, reintegrating cattle for the benefit of the local landscape/grassland and animal health benefits (for both sheep and cattle) as well as facilitating the “Belties” delivering conservation grazing services more widely on Purbeck. In addition, aim to restore and preserve key environmental features of the landscape (the quarry, the orchard and the walls) and to preserve the low input grassland across the site. FiPL funding will support:</p> <p>Refurbishing buildings for handling/housing of Belted Galloway cattle including calving cows.</p> <p>Constructing a yard to hold fixed handling facility for use with cattle.</p> <p>Re-fencing established fruit orchard and planting up gaps in orchard.</p> <p>Adding additional wildlife features (bat and owl boxes)</p> <p>Delivering an educational package, including setting up facilities for demonstrating worm counts etc.</p>	£20,705	£47,119	01/07/2025	31/03/2026
DOR23-470	Land and Wave	Business	Swanage	<p>The Big Purbeck Campout</p> <p>As part of Purbeck Nature Network (co-ordinated by National Trust), FiPL funding enables Land and Wave to offer school children in the Purbecks on free school meals to get in touch with nature, on a nature based one night residential at Purbeck Valley Farm - the Big Purbeck Campout - near Corfe Castle in September 2025.</p>	£9,362	£39,864	01/09/2025	31/03/2026



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DOR23-491	Dorset National Landscape	NGO	Multiple sites	<p>Farm Knowledge Exchange</p> <p>This project help bring together the farm clusters and groups operating in the Dorset National Landscape, to share learning and expand the knowledge base on management that conserves and enhances the natural beauty of the Protected Landscape whilst producing high-quality, nutritious food.</p> <p>Dorset NL want to maximise support to farmers across the NL and convene a joined up offer for farmers, through working with existing clusters (both Defra facilitated and independent) to maximise opportunity to widen participation in events, host discussion groups and deliver a series of events.</p>	£19,121	£19,121	01/07/2025	31/03/2026
DOR23-462	Sydling and Cerne Valleys	Farmer cluster	Multiple sites	<p>Dorset Downs Duke of Burgundy critical site management</p> <p>An action plan group has formed, made up of representatives from Butterfly Conservation, Dorset Wildlife Trust, High Stoy Conservation Cluster, Local BC surveyors, Dorset Downs cluster co-ordinator, Natural England, Dorset Council and Dorset National Landscape. Richard Thornbury at Hilfield offered to manage this application on behalf of the group.</p> <p>The project aims to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Increase the area of suitable breeding habitat by removing encroaching scrub and small trees •Prevent further loss of species-rich downland by removing scrub on selected sites •Help reconnect sites by managing intervening land and planting cowslips (the main food plant of Dorset Dukes of Burgundy) in appropriate habitats where they are absent •Share experience and knowledge of key stakeholders working to protect Duke of Burgundy within Dorset National Landscape through a training event (with national experts attending) •Increase awareness of local farmers and land managers within Dorset National Landscape of the management requirements for Duke of Burgundy through a training event. 	£15,500	£17,078	01/09/2025	31/03/2026



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DOR23-445	Babers Farm	NGO	Marshwood Vale	<p>Farm track and fencing construction to enable better land management at Baber's Farm</p> <p>This project would connect adjacent farmland at Harmshay with the installation of a farm track (130m in length), giving better access to six fields totalling 12.96ha and providing opportunity for wildflower meadow enhancement projects. Two culverts will be installed to divert water under the track into the adjoining ditch. Also install a fence (79m in length) to mark the boundary of a field parcel and the division from neighbouring land.</p>	£7,144	£7,144	01/07/2025	28/02/2026
DOR23-499	Manor Farm	Farmer owner	Chalk Valleys	<p>Manor Farm: Duke of Burgundy satellite site habitat creation</p> <p>This project will transform a subtle east-west valley on Manor Farm into high quality Duke of Burgundy (and, in places, Marsh Fritillary) habitat and enable management of this area favourably for wildlife. The project implements some of the urgent recommendations in the recent FIPL funded grant by Cath Shelswell (Dorset Downs Duke of Burgundy Landscape Connectivity) by creating new habitat in an area highlighted by Butterfly Conservation. Manor Farm sits close to occupied Duke of Burgundy habitat patches themselves being targeted for FIPL-supported habitat restoration. Although there is no guarantee that Duke of Burgundy will colonise Manor Farm, the kind of habitat creation proposed is critical if the fragile metapopulation is to be secured and expanded to a more self-sustaining level and structure. This is the third in a series of projects (see also DOR23-498 Watcombe Farm and DOR23-462 DoB Critical Sites).</p>	£6,897	£6,897	01/09/2025	15/02/2026
DOR23-487	Eggardon Farm	Farmer owner	Eggardon	<p>West Compton flood prevention at Eggardon Hill farm</p> <p>Properties in West Compton have flooded in the past during periods of high rainfall, causing property damage. These two parcels at Eggardon Hill farm are on the flow pathway that flood water takes during high rainfall events, therefore they are essential locations for natural flood management measures to be implemented to reduce flood risk.</p>	£5,244	£5,644	01/09/2025	15/03/2026



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DOR23-517	Lyons Gate Farm	Farmer owner	Chalk Valleys	<p>Facilitation of enhanced grazing on Lyons Gate Farm SNCI</p> <p>The proposed project is to improve the ability to ensure that the SNCI grassland can be grazed effectively and managed along with other biodiversity enhancements on the site. A corral will be built, a water trough installed and fencing to protect planted trees added to allow future sheep grazing of planted areas.</p>	£6,138	£7,244	01/09/2025	30/11/2025
DOR23-465	North Eggardon Farm	Farmer owner	Eggardon	<p>Hillway Circular Walk and Orchard</p> <p>Mappercombe Estate are finalising plans for a EWCO scheme (Dorset NL have been consulted) and this FiPL application is for some complementary works that lies outside of those plans. They will plant a new orchard, install 3 accessible gates, and create 5 ha of wood pasture.</p>	£20,810	£20,810	01/09/2025	01/03/2026
DOR23-494	Aymer Estates LLP	Farmer owner	Yetminster	<p>Higher Langdon Farm Hedgerow Creation for Rural Run-off and Habitat Connectivity</p> <p>Planting 1138 m of native hedgerow to connect existing hedgerow habitats across the farm and intercept overland flow pathways, with the aim of reducing rural run-off and improving habitat connectivity. The village of Toller Whelme and the B3163 regularly experience flooding issues. The village was identified by FWAGSW as a medium priority site for support from the Dorset Rural Run-off Project. FWAGSW advisers have identified several opportunities for cross-contour hedgerow planting with the aim of reducing rural run-off, along with additional planting to improve habitat connectivity.</p>	£34,139	£34,139	01/11/2025	28/02/2026



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DOR23-395	Lake Farm Dorset	Farmer owner	Yetminster	<p>Lake Farm Carr Woodland Mult-benefit Project</p> <p>The hamlet of Toller Whelme and the B3163 regularly experience flooding issues. The hamlet was identified by FWAGSW are a medium priority site for support from the Dorset Rural Run-off Project. FWAGSW advisers have identified several opportunities within the catchment, for cross-contour hedgerow planting with the aim of reducing rural run-off, along with additional tree planting at Lake Farm.</p> <p>The project will plant 376 native Purple osier (<i>Salix purpurea</i>) in an area of wet ground, to intercept overland flow pathways, with the aim of reducing rural run-off and improving habitat connectivity.</p>	£5,085	£6,135	01/11/2025	28/02/2026
DOR23-422	Liberty Farm	Farmer owner	Yetminster	<p>Improving the Landscape, Business, and Community Outreach at Liberty Farm</p> <p>Liberty Farm runs a dairy and beef business on a small family farm. The farm has been run on organic principles since 1999, in order to support biodiversity and build the health of the soil.</p> <p>Liberty Farm currently milks 30 cows daily (150 to 200 litres of milk a day) and doorstep deliver to 200 households, and supply local farm shops and campsites.</p>	£9,964	£17,459	02/10/2025	28/03/2026



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DOR23-530	White Horse Hill SSSI	Farmer owner	Multiple SSSI locations	<p>Enhanced grazing on White Horse Hill SSSI</p> <p>The project aims to improve facilities for managing cattle on and around the SSSI by purchasing a mobile coral and installing a cattle handling facility.</p> <p>Tim Bowden is an established conservation grazier (annual licences) of various wildlife reserves and sites of special scientific interest (SSSI), including Whitehorse Hill SSSI, Lodmoor and Radipole RSPB SSSIs and Lorton Meadows SSSI nature reserve. Registered organic producer, 100% grass fed, The main enterprise is the rearing of store cattle, mostly dairy heifers. Plans to add a small herd (25-30) of suckler cows to allow the applicant to keep and breed heritage native cattle that are well suited to the more challenging areas of the reserves/SSSIs. There are currently no cattle handling facilities or shelter on or near the White Horse Hill SSSI which is a major deterrent to would be graziers of the land. Recent relaxed grazing has led to increased gorse scrub and reduced horse vetch plus dominance of tor-grass.</p>	£4,482	£8,442	01/10/2025	31/12/2025
DOR23-510	Triple Axe Project	Farm Advisor	Multiple protected landscapes	<p>The Triple Axe Project: Round 5</p> <p>This project will build upon the valuable farmer engagement from Round 4 of the Triple Axe. Within this round, the project will:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Form a specialist P farmer cluster 2. Provide specialist advice and specialist data capture 3. Data analysis and write-up of case study 4. Deliver 2 cluster meetings 5. Carry out 1 on farm trial 6. Test the Phosphate Loss Tool 7. Provide specialist advice for capturing P balance/loading and soil risks for a further 10 farms <p>The main driver for this work is the ambition by the Environment Agency in the catchment to help and encourage farms to achieve and move beyond compliance of relevant rules and regulations (SSAFO, Farming rules for Water). This in turn is driven by concerns over river quality in the catchment, and the declining condition of the River Axe SSSI/SAC, which is being affected detrimentally by levels of suspended sediment and phosphorus in river water flowing down the catchment.</p>	£6,000	£24,500	30/10/2025	31/03/2026



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DOR23-439	Flowerdew Farm	Farmer owner	Chesil Bank	<p>Flowerdew Farm delivery of care and social farming for young people</p> <p>Flowerdew Farm is a low-impact sustainable working alpaca and goat smallholding, care and social farm; mini mobile farm; camping and glamping site. It supports community, sustainability, play, creativity, and wellness through farm-based practices; time in nature, and with animals.</p> <p>A gap in provision has been identified for people that lose mental health support when they transition between teenage and adulthood. The applicant has been working with Shine and DHS Start mental health teams, and private families and carers to offer inclusion days, and is seeking FiPL funding to extend this offer with 10 farm based sessions focussed on creating a Secret Sensory Garden Grow Area with new hedge and planting, growing organic veg, salads and flowers to support health and learn where food comes from (with awareness of low income status of many participants).</p> <p>This will continue to create a calming nature space that promotes biodiversity along with wellbeing. Particular focus on Neurodiverse participants, that need to have sensory aware spaces that suit their needs.</p>	£9,957	£15,335	09/09/2025	31/03/2026
DOR23-507	Dairy House Farm	Farmer owner	Yetminster	<p>Habitat restoration & water quality improvement at Dairy House Farm</p> <p>Dairy House Farm is moving towards a nature focussed business model whilst still producing silage and hay (no livestock of their own). They are positioned at a critical location for protecting water quality at the top of the catchment. Installing a leaky dam, restoring a pond, gapping up hedgerows and planting hedgerow trees are proposed to deliver nature and climate benefits.</p>	£7,523	£7,523	01/11/2025	01/03/2026



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DOR23-502	MJ Pengelly Ltd	Farmer owner	Chesil Bank	<p>Gorwell Farm tree planting for landscape enhancement</p> <p>This project will complement DOR22-021 to strengthen connections between people, nature, and historic landscapes and enhance biodiversity along the existing rights of way that pass between the South Dorset Ridgeway and Tennant's Hill.</p> <p>This small application is for the creation of wood pasture/parkland with oak, sycamore, beech and lime, adjacent to and within the sightlines of public rights of way. The planting of 18 new trees will ensure that the character of the landscape is maintained beyond the death of these mature ash trees. The planting area is intersected by a range of well used and popular public footpaths and bridleways (including S28/12).</p>	£2,004	£2,004	01/11/2025	31/03/2026
DOR23-489	Buckland Newton Parish access	Volunteers	Chalk Valleys	<p>Buckland Newton Footpath Improvement Scheme – Phase 4</p> <p>Previous FiPL funding was a real boost to the Buckland Newton Footpath Improvement Scheme (BNFIS). It enabled the volunteers who run the scheme to work with local landowners to gain their permission to replace a total of 19 stiles with galvanised steel self-closing gates, that mark the entrances/exits to footpaths that connect the communities of Buckland Newton, Henley, Duntish and Brockhampton. These gates were in addition to 12 up-graded by using funds raised from local crowd funding, the Village Fete and Buckland Newton United Charities, so the total network is now 31.</p> <p>This project will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • improve accessibility to local footpaths that link the community for residents to local amenities such as the shop, school, pub and Parish Field. • to encourage public access to local footpaths that mean they do not have to use local roads, none of which have public footpaths adjacent to them. • To support tourism and the local economy, making Buckland Newton a safer place to visit, walk around and access businesses such as the village shop and pub. 	£9,312	£9,312	02/01/2026	31/03/2026



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DOR23-442	Dorset Deer Services	Business	Yetminster	<p>Deer larder and processing facility to allow increase in deer management capacity within the protected landscape</p> <p>Installation of new larder facility to allow increased management activity, associated butchery to add value to carcasses and to allow visitors to be educated in better deer management practices with teaching Deer Stalking Certificate Level 2</p> <p>The two Dorset NL sites have not been managed prior to this project, and so act as a reservoir for deer populations with cull number at zero. Applicant anticipates processing 250 carcasses per annum within 18 months to meet food chain demand.</p>	£6,043	£15,092	01/09/2025	31/01/2026
DOR23-537	Home Farm	Farmer owner	Marshwood Vale	<p>Pond Restoration within Synderford Copse</p> <p>To restore a 15m x 15m on-line pond area at the south west end of Synderford Copse for flood alleviation, water quality and biodiversity. This area does not show on maps as a pond but natural pooling and retention of water occurs due to the topography within the woodland that creates a natural barrier to the stream in high flow events. Due to this slowing of water over the years nutrient rich silt has been deposited resulting in a less interesting and not diverse ground flora of nettles and bramble. Removing the silt to create more permanent water will be a biodiversity gain for the SNCI woodland (Synderford Copse SNCI ST30/022).</p>	£4,775	£4,775	30/10/2025	10/11/2025



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DOR23-532	Durnovaria Deer Management	Business	Charminster St Mary's	<p>Habitat and Biodiversity Improvement through Sustainable Deer Management across Hog Cliff and Dorset Chalk Downland</p> <p>Supply and installation of a purpose-built larder facility, including a chiller with capacity for up to six deer, to enable greater cull figures, thereby reducing browsing pressure and preventing further habitat damage to Dorset chalk downlands, Hog Cliff National Nature Reserve, and associated sensitive habitats.</p> <p>The current bottleneck in culling activity is a domestic fridge with capacity for only one sika or two roe deer, which restricts cull numbers and requires frequent 20–23 mile round trips to an external larder facility. Cull data and rationale by applicant at end of this Summary. Dorset chalk downlands, Hog Cliff NNR, and surrounding sensitive habitats.</p> <p>There is a proven and increasing need for effective deer management in Dorset, particularly with the rising sika population. Without intervention, overgrazing and browsing cause significant damage to chalk grassland flora, natural regeneration of woodland, and the ecological integrity of chalk streams. The Hog Cliff NNR and surrounding farmland are particularly vulnerable to continued deer pressure, and effective control measures are urgently required to safeguard biodiversity.</p>	£1,887	£4,295	10/10/2025	30/01/2026
DOR23-533	Farm Wood	Farmer owner	South East Purbeck	<p>Farm Wood – research facilities and woodland management</p> <p>Applicant has recently purchased this parcel of woodland within a network of priority habitat woodlands near Langton Matravers, Purbeck. It has been neglected but offers an opportunity for woodland restoration to increase biodiversity. A Woodland Management Plan has been prepared with Forestry Commission.</p> <p>Applicant has established relationship with Bournemouth University to support Masters and PhD programmes, and to offer a site for ongoing research.</p> <p>This application to FiPL is for both activities to enable the restoration of the woodland (perimeter deer fencing, plus some hedge laying) and to install facilities for research groups to visit (including provision for limited overnight stays eg to study bats, bird behaviour).</p>	£20,233	£21,512	01/11/2025	28/02/2026



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DOR23-543	Cock Crowing Farm	Farmer owner	Bridport	<p>Regenerative Climate Resilient Farming at Cock Crowing Farm</p> <p>Cock Crowing Farm has transformed two fields close to Bridport which is shifting from over 20 years of fertiliser and pesticide annual arable agriculture to low input farming where perennial and tree crops dominate. The applicant has already planted 150 fruit and nut trees and shrubs as well as 250m of new hedging and 4 acres of wildflower meadow all grown with minimal fossil fuel input. The plantings include many species and varieties that are being trialled as future food crops including Chilean guava, Asian pears, nectarines, toona, pecan, almonds, Szechaun peppercorns. They have planted a trial crop of perennial rye.</p> <p>Funding is sought to support:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Purchase of equipment, including mill to process the perennial rye •Hedgeplanting (in conjunction with Great Dorset hedge project) plus hedgerow trees. •Installation of poly tunnel and water storage system (planning permission in place) so that new trees can be propagating for other farmers in the area. 	£7,921	£10,463	10/11/2025	28/02/2026
DOR23-536	Bonscombe Farm	Farmer owner	Chesil Bank	<p>Habitat Creation and Heritage Orchard at Bonscombe Farm</p> <p>This project aims to enhance and restore traditional orchard and boundary features within the farm, improving landscape character, biodiversity, and long-term resilience. The works will take place mostly within the orchard and along its adjoining bridleway and boundary areas.</p> <p>The activities will help conserve the traditional orchard landscape, enhance biodiversity, provide much-needed shelter from prevailing winds, and protect local heritage features within the Dorset NL.</p>	£9,131	£9,131	17/11/2025	16/02/2026



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DOR23-480	Sydling Estate	Farmer owner	Chalk Valleys	<p>Duke of Burgundy Butterfly Corridor – new hedge and cowslip seed planting</p> <p>This project would fund planting of 500m of new hedges, protected by 1000m stock fencing, to connect corridor between two chalk grassland sites that are suitable for Duke of Burgundy.</p> <p>In addition, cowslip seeds harvested from Watcombe Farm in summer 2025 using the FiPL funded brush harvester would be sown by volunteers from EuCan and Butterfly Conservation in November 2025 to boost foodplant numbers on an adjacent arable margin.</p>	£19,555	£19,555	01/12/2025	28/02/2026
DOR23-540	Abavia Manor Farm	Social enterprise	Chalk Valleys	<p>Abavia Farm School Horticulture Project</p> <p>This project will enhance biodiversity, climate resilience, and outdoor learning opportunities on a working dairy farm, which also serves as an Alternative Provision SEND education setting. The farm provides young people with special educational needs the opportunity to gain hands-on experience and employability skills in land-based and rural sectors.</p> <p>Funded activities would include establishing new hedgerow and tree planting, installing a Barn Owl box, and creating an inclusive, sustainable outdoor learning and growing area.</p>	£7,336	£7,336	01/12/2025	28/02/2026
DOR23-548	Higher Coombe Farm	Farmer owner	Chesil Bank	<p>Higher Coombe Farm – Migrating Bird Habitat Creation and Tree Planting</p> <p>The project includes planting 146 metres of new hedgerow, 25 fruit trees, and 50 woodland trees with protective guards, as well as installing 216 metres of protective sheep netting and 275 metres of deer fencing, including a gate.</p>	£9,365	£9,365	18/12/2025	28/02/2026
DOR23-555	Kiddles Farm	Farmer tenant	Chalk Valleys	<p>Conservation grazing business support for equipment and educational visit infrastructure</p> <p>Phase 1: We wish to install a toilet and hand washing facilities at the farm site to enable us to host educational visits from the local schools and groups as there is a demand for educational visits of this nature.</p>	£3,496	£8,741	03/02/2026	20/03/2026