

## Part A: Multi-annual FiPL Projects - approved in Year 1 and continuing in Year 2

No.	Applicant	Project Name	Project Summary	Total project value	TOTAL FiPL Grant Awarded
COT-001	Eastleach Downs Organic Farm	Improving access for under-represented groups at Eastleach Downs Organic Farm	Eastleach Downs Organic Farm strives to farm with nature and cares about sharing what they do with the public. This project will improve access for under-represented groups on the farm, particularly those with disabilities. Visitors will be able to witness organic livestock and arable farming while remaining safely on a new 3-metre-wide path around the farm, and enjoy a stop in a custom-built welfare hub to take in the views (and refreshments).	£52,381.45	£41,981.45 (multiannual)
COT-003	Gloucestershire Raptor Monitoring Group CIO (GRMG)	North Cotswolds Owl and Kestrel Box Project	GMRG works to research, conserve and raise awareness about raptor populations in Gloucestershire. This project will increase available barn owl, little owl and kestrel nest sites by installing a total of 175 boxes on farms and estates across the North Cotswolds. These will replace natural sites in ash trees which will be lost to ash die-back, and be placed in barns currently lacking nesting sites. The project also includes annual monitoring and training for volunteers, together with habitat management advice for landowners.	£21,613.97	£16,863.87 (multiannual)
COT-005	North East Cotswold Farm Cluster CIC (NEFC)	NEFC Soil Carbon Baseline Trial	The NEFC represents farmers, growers, landowners, foresters and advisers who are working and learning together to enhance natural capital, tackle the climate emergency and build more resilient food and farming businesses. To date, the group includes 90 farms and 31,000 hectares of land. This	£96,352.75	£48,176.37 (multiannual)

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			<p>project is trialling innovative soil carbon surveying techniques in partnership with Rothamsted Research Institute across 36 farms in the cluster (c.15,000 hectares). The overarching objective is for farmers to understand their soil carbon capture and storage potential, based on sampling and analysis using some of the most highly regarded farmland soil carbon research available. Once equipped with robust baseline data, participating farms will be in a stronger position to make land use and management decisions that may support net zero targets, and consider potential income opportunities from carbon trading schemes.</p>		
COT-006	Boyd Farms	Sanfoin Centre of Regenerative Agriculture (Boyd)	<p>Whittington Lodge Farm is a well-established and award-winning mixed farm using organic and regenerative farming systems. The FiPL grant will help upgrade a large meeting space and improve farm tracks, enabling the site to act as a demonstration farm: the Sanfoin Centre. Once completed, the centre will host events, workshops, farm tours – for both farmers and the general public to explore the transition to sustainable farming systems.</p>	£151,800.00	£92,450.00 (multiannual)
COT-008	Pitt Farm	Pitt Farm Barn Field Grassland restoration	<p>Pitt Farm had a 4-hectare field of species-poor and disturbed grassland – this project aims to turn it into a species-rich wildflower meadow, improving biodiversity on the farm without taking land completely out of use for food production.</p>	£4,782.00	£4,582.00 (multiannual)

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			<p>The grant covered the cost of preparing the site and managing it for two years, after which it may be entered into another scheme for ongoing support to continue meadow establishment. The farmer worked with the CNL's <a href="#">Glorious Cotswolds Grassland</a> team to prepare the field and source seeds from local donor sites.</p>		
COT-010	Bruern Farms	Bruern Farms	<p>Bruern is a 430-hectare, third-generation family-run farm that is committed to producing sustainable food in harmony with the natural environment. To support their transition from being a conventional arable producer to a regenerative one, with nature friendly farming systems and a reduced carbon footprint, FiPL has supported the purchase of grain processing equipment, a grain mill, and a game larder. This will enable the farm to directly supply people with local, sustainably produced flour, wild venison and rare breed meat products – all of which are produced, processed and sold on the farm.</p>	£80,585.67	£32,234.27 (multiannual)
COT-013	North East Cotswold Farm Cluster CIC (NEFC)	NEFC Lyneham mini-cluster habitat work	<p>This habitat enhancement project involves five members of the NEFC. The 'mini-cluster' is on a watercourse, where additional funding is also being targeted to deliver natural flood management and river habitat enhancements. The FiPL grant will be used to deliver habitat improvements in the surrounding landscape, including new seasonal wetland features and grassland restoration. Some of the farms are also</p>	£29,666.41	£16,109.23 (multiannual)

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			looking into private funding streams, such as biodiversity net gain, to support additional works. The aim is to demonstrate how various schemes and funding options can be coordinated across multiple landholdings at the local scale.		
COT-015	North East Cotswold Farm Cluster CIC (NEFC)	NEFC Supplementary Bird Feeding	This is an innovative three-year programme of supplementary winter bird feeding and research across 29 farms, creating a large network of different feeding sites that are being monitored by ecologists from Oxford University's WildCRU research unit. Providing extra food is a vital tool in supporting struggling farmland bird populations, and the research outputs could help design future schemes. The project builds on a three-farm pilot that looked into the potential benefits of different approaches to supplementary feeding, aiming to make this activity more sustainable and effective at scale.	£91,548.00	£91,548.00 (multiannual)
COT-018	T Handy, Farming Partnership	Homegrown at Hampen	Lower Hampen is a mixed farm using nature friendly, regenerative approaches. This particular project aims to establish a new <u>Community Supported Agriculture</u> (CSA) scheme on the farm, sustainably growing and supplying a wide range of seasonal vegetables and fruit at real cost within a 10-mile radius. The grant will help develop the site and initiate the scheme.	£74,029.00	£35,482.50 (multiannual)

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COT-020	Hawkwood College Ltd	Hawkwood Centre - Love your Land (1)	This project will improve the packing shed for an established Community Supported Agriculture scheme based at the Hawkwood Centre in Stroud. Work involves renovating an existing stone building, expanding its footprint with an ecologically and visually sensitive timber frame extension, and adding a new chiller space (powered by green energy) to keep vegetables for longer and reduce transportation emissions.	£49,455.64	£10,654.50 (multiannual)
COT-023	Farming and Wildlife Advisory Group (FWAG SW)	FWAG - Collaboration for Climate Action	This project involves 60 farms across the Upper Thames Catchment area that are working with FWAGSW to map their natural capital and identify priorities for ecosystem service recovery – for example enhancing and restoring wildlife habitats, carbon sequestration, and improving soil, water and air quality. The project also aims to develop a transferable template for climate action that can be scaled up across the CNL (and beyond), and help secure funding. This will build on FWAG’s Environmental Land Management (ELM) Tests and Trials for Defra, to deliver integrated social, economic, and environmental resilience, and the delivery of public goods.	£122,400.00	£49,200.00 (multiannual)
COT-025	Gloucestershire Orchard Trust	Gloucestershire Orchard Trust	This is a 3-year project being run by GOT to provide over 100 site-based training workshops to young people, community orchard volunteers, farmers and other individuals with an interest in a career or gaining knowledge to preserve and restore traditional orchards. This will help conserve these	£46,228.08	£42,408.08 (multiannual)

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			valuable habitats and historic features of the landscape, as well as showing people how to create a sustainable business from the produce. Expert-led training will include: grafting and budding; planting and guarding; fruit tree maintenance; restorative pruning of mature trees; managing the sward and hedgerows; and fruit usage.		
COT-026	MDH Forestry Services Ltd	MDH Rural Education – Hawton Wood	This project involves developing a 4-hectare woodland site as a rural skills training and education centre. Central to the scheme is an oak-framed, off-grid timber welfare hub. The grant is also helping create habitat corridors, establish wetlands and reduce flooding with 4 leaky dams and 2 water storage areas. 14 new wildlife boxes have been installed, 6 ‘hacks’ built for the release of birds of prey, over 250m of new hedge planted, and new bee-keeping equipment acquired for the apiary - all with the aim of encouraging the public to visit either for education purposes or woodland walks and talks.	£84,079.62	£46,227.62 (multiannual)
COT-029	Farming and Wildlife Advisory Group (FWAG SW)	FWAG - Shelterbelts	This is a unique 10-year demonstration and research project involving FWAGSW, The Organic Research Centre, The Royal Agricultural University and Tree Shop, looking the benefits of planting shelterbelts on farms to enhance natural capital and agricultural productivity. The FiPL grant is supporting shelterbelt planting at 6 sites in the CNL, with a further 6 planted outside the protected landscape, totalling 18,000	£124,718.94	£68,868.94 (multiannual)

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			native trees. The shelterbelts will provide a multitude of benefits: carbon sequestration, climate resilience; shelter for livestock and crops; habitat and food resources for nesting birds and insects; and water management. – all of which is being studied by the Organic Research Centre.		
COT-031	Farming and Wildlife Advisory Group (FWAG SW)	FWAG - Bredon Hill Bird Recovery (cluster.)	This multi-farm project aims to restore and create habitat for migratory birds on Bredon Hill, which is part of the Carrant Catchment Area Restoration Project and includes a SSSI. The core activity is supplementary bird feeding, with two participating farms experimenting in growing their own supply of seeds on trial plots over three years. The project has also funded 10 farm surveys, the installation of 32 bird boxes, and tagging equipment to enable monitoring.	£46,075.88	£17,901.67 (multiannual)
COT-033	Village Farm LLP	Village Farm Wildflower Project	The preparation, planting, preservation, management, and more time/cost efficient maintenance of a total of 6.3ha of village green, forestry and historic (18th Century stone quarry) wildflower meadow sites through the purchase of cut and collect grass collection machine (Iseki SF237) <a href="https://rtmachinery.co.uk/portfolio-item/iseki-sf237-out-front-mower-collector/">https://rtmachinery.co.uk/portfolio-item/iseki-sf237-out-front-mower-collector/</a> . There is evidence of between 30-100 species of wildflowers on some areas together with wildlife and this cut and collect system will help extend current area significantly, combining active flood	£32,196.00	£19,281.60 (approved for Y2)

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			management, sheep pasture and preservation with public access. Proven potential for, and established interest in the expansion of the commercial plan to support local, neighbouring properties and landowners and their projects within the Windrush Valley.		
COT-035	Upton Estate	Upton Estate Dry Stone Wall	Upton Estate near Banbury has extensive sections of crumbling and overgrown roadside drystone walls that make up the perimeter boundary. The walls have sections in desperate need of repair which the Estate Maintenance team be working on over the next 2 years. This project will help restore 80m of them.	£13,280.00	£5,520.00 (multiannual)
COT-037	Cotswolds Conservation Board	Glorious Cotswolds Grasslands	This grant enabled the CNL's own Glorious Cotswolds Grasslands project team to upgrade their seed harvester, as part of plans to scale-up operations. The seed harvester is a vital tool for collecting wildflower seeds which are then used to improve the floral content and biodiversity of grassland parcels throughout CNL. The grasslands team provide a complete botanical survey service, restoration of grassland sites (and aftercare), practical hands-on support and expert advice for farmers and landowners.	£10,158.00	£10,158.00 (approved for Y2)



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COT-039	Gawcombe Farm Partnership	Gawcombe Farm Sustainable Grazing	Gawcombe Farm is a truly distinctive site with extensive areas of good quality grassland, scrub and woodland habitats established over forty years of careful management for wildlife. FiPL is helping clear large sections of overgrown scrub to restore areas of species-rich grassland that were in danger of being lost, and which will complement an area of wetland on the farm recently restored by the Environment Agency. New fencing has also been installed on pastures as part of plans to implement a more manageable and beneficial grazing regime that will enhance soil health and wildlife habitats, as well as improving livestock health and welfare – whilst also mitigating against climate change and enhancing human enjoyment of this stunning farm, which has lots of footpath access.	£74,242.00	£63,411.40 (multiannual)
COT-042	Lower Upton Farm	Lower Upton Farm/Tadpole Farm & Wetlands	The wetlands at Lower Upton Farm were created over 20 years ago and have become a valuable local wildlife site, especially for wetland birds. Fed by nearby springs, they are a haven of relatively clean water next to the river Windrush near Burford. The FiPL grant supported extensive pollarding on around 50 willow and other hedge trees surrounding the wetlands. These had become overgrown and detrimental to wetland bird populations by providing perches for predatory	£7,135.60	£7,135.60 (multiannual)

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			raptors. The project also involves ongoing bird surveys to measure results and inform future management decisions.		

## Part B: FiPL Projects - approved in Year 2

No.	Applicant	Project Name	Project Summary	Total project value	TOTAL FiPL Grant Awarded
COT-045	Minchinhampton Committee of Commoners	Minchinhampton scrub cutter	The Commons of Minchinhampton have seen the steady encroachment of scrub over decades with some 3.5% in the last 6 years according to RPA (7.2 hectares); some outlying common areas are overgrown, impossible to graze or provide public access. This project will allow Commoners and the National Trust to push back recent scrub encroachment by 50%, improving rare flora and fauna, public access, landscape and enabling the planting of rare juniper plants. Similar problems blight other commons within the Cotswolds National landscape, so it is proposed that the machine may also be used to clear scrub on other commons within CNL.	£50,250.00	£37,750.00

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COT-046	E M Squire	Bridge Restoration at Macaroni Downs Farm	<p>To restore and conserve two historic stone bridges in the Leach valley at Macaroni Downs Farm.</p> <p>Without their restoration the deterioration of the bridges will accelerate, becoming an eyesore to visitors on the nearby footpaths. One bridge in particular is rather iconic for those who know the area and there is much comment about how depressing it is to see them dilapidated. Once restored they should last for several generations to come.</p> <p>Restoration of both bridges will also ensure that animals (in particular sheep) will be able to cross the river so enabling sustainable grazing on both sides of the valley when the river is flowing.</p>	£4,950.00	£2,950.00

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COT-047	Thorndale Farm	Thorndale Enhancement Project	<p>To provide additional stepping stones and habitat within the 'Coberley Network' of Duke of Burgundy butterfly sites, to enhance the landscape views for the public from the GWT's Kilkenny Reserve, and to create a flower rich meadow adjacent to a public footpath to enhance the visitor experience of members of the public using the footpath whilst providing a valuable wildlife resource.</p> <p>The combination of the above works should create a landscape more resilient to climate change with stepping stones to help wildlife move through this environment.</p>	£31,106.50	£31,091.96

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COT-048	Conygree Farm	Conygree Farm – Building Resilience, Connection and Diversity (Part 1)	<p><b>Project 1 - Native Breeds Support - Bridging the Gap to ELMS</b>  The farm has rare pedigree Traditional Hereford cattle (12 cows plus followers) plus Cotswold sheep (40 ewes plus lambs) grazing on species rich grassland and diverse herbal leys. They are perfect for a pasture fed/no input/low carbon system, and at the same time are helping to conserve genetic diversity. They are also stunning in the landscape, a key part of the Cotswolds cultural history and our own nature friendly farming narrative.</p> <p>The farm is not in CS Higher Tier and therefore cannot access option SP8 the Native Breeds at Risk Supplement. FiPL is helping to bridge the gap to ELM maintaining the herd and flock at current level, building on work to date, investing in their genetics and grazing infrastructure.</p> <p><b>Project 2 - Educational and Volunteer Access Support.</b>  Supporting free farm walks, unique educational visits and volunteer days to a diverse audience.  The farm has also been asked to be a host farm for the Country Trust working with disadvantaged school children.</p> <p><b>Project 3 - Cotswold Market Garden Development</b>  Supporting a multispan polytunnel and new irrigation</p>	£68,033.11	£36,544.08

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			<p>equipment to enable a move from high input agriculture to small scale organic horticulture by developing a 3-acre organic, no dig garden producing high yields of nutrient dense salad, veg, herbs and fruit for the local community.</p> <p><b>Project 4 - Conygree Farm Direct Sales Development</b> Developing A locally focused short supply by assisting with the purchase of an upright retail chiller to store and display chilled and frozen produce and label printing scales to weigh and brand produce professionally.</p> <p><b>Project 5 – Installation of Bird Boxes</b> Erecting a range of bird boxes for smaller birds and owls (barn, tawny and little). Offering more nesting opportunity around the market garden will also aid natural pest control.</p>		
COT-049	Hazelwood Farm	Hazelwood Farm Charcoal and Biochar production	<p>The project involves the purchase of 2 cubic metre Retort Kiln, to manage Ash Die back, hazel coppice and waste vegetation in the local area to produce local quality charcoal and biochar for professional arborists and community groups</p> <p>The farm provides space for local people to collectively grow their own food and some of the biochar will help nourish the soil to grow food in the community garden area, orchards and vineyard.</p>	£11,394.00	£4,557.60

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COT-050	FarmED – The Centre for Farming and Food Education	Farm Ed (2yrs) [4 parts]	<p>5 mini-projects with the following objectives:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Develop the micro-dairy joint venture enterprise at FarmED – demonstrating low input, pasture fed, milk production and added value ice cream making.</li> <li>2) Offer free and subsidised farm walks, unique educational visits and volunteer days to our diverse audience.</li> <li>3) Improving access to the farm for those with physical challenges.</li> <li>4) Build the evidence base for agroecological and regenerative farming by undertaking additional soil tests across the farm.</li> <li>5) Encourage sustainable transport by installing additional electric charging points powered by FarmED solar panels</li> </ol>	£63,087.39	£37,699.96



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COT-051	Church Field Nature Reserve	Church Field Conservation Grazing	<p>The aim of this project is to provide vital infrastructure (secure fencing, reliable water supply and appropriate access) to allow conservation grazing of Church Field</p> <p>This is essential to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Secure a sustainable future for a significant habitat. Church Field has been shown by recent surveys to be unusually rich in biodiversity, even for the Five Valleys. It forms part of a key nature corridor through Slad Valley, connecting to the Swifts Hill SSSI managed by Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust (GWT).</li> <li>2. Allow the management of this habitat in a way which will maintain and further enhance its landscape and biodiversity.</li> <li>3. Enable the creation of a sustainable, community-supported local nature reserve which will enable increased local access to and engagement with nature and wildlife.</li> </ol>	£6,454.46	6,061.07

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COT-052	Townsend & Sons	Splatts Farm / Surveys and Access	<p>To prepare the Splatt's Farm Farming Partnership for the future, adapt it to the changing subsidy environment, make the farm more accessible to the public, enhance and protect a significant existing habitat asset on farm, and make the whole farming operation resilient and fit for the future.</p> <p>The project will:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Set baselines for the farm in terms of biodiversity and wildlife</li> <li>2) Introduce a new permissive path for the public across unique ridge and furrow permanent grassland parcels that are rotationally extensively grazed</li> <li>3) Plant a succession of parkland trees within existing wood pasture and parkland parcels to ensure the succession and survival of a unique parkland area set in parcels with ridge and furrow features. Carry out a review and any necessary tree surgery on the existing veteran parkland trees (25 in number)</li> </ol>		£8,846.68
COT-053	Oakbrook Farm Community Benefit Society	Oakbrook - biodynamic community farm	<p>A. Create new 100mtr track suitable for light vehicles with added disabled access to link the public carpark to the circular walk &amp; public footpath for a diverse public. Fence track for public safety</p> <p>B. Establish signage with artistic information boards, and create environmental, exploration corridors for the public as they travel through Oakbrook Community farm.</p>	£111,504.00	£36,004.00

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			<p>C. Provide 10 volunteers with tools to use &amp; participate in land management and development.</p> <p>D. Build 35mtr x 8mtr hub/barn to enable regenerative growers, ZeroDig and Stroud Community Agriculture (SCA) to process, store and distribute their produce to consumers</p> <p>E. Assess remnants of Clapper bridge and work required for restoration</p>		
COT-054	Glorious Cotswold Grasslands (GCG) at Cotswolds National Landscape (CNL)	Glorious Cotswold Grasslands #2	The project aims to improve the condition and management of unimproved grassland across 6 farms, working with landowners and volunteers over two years to uplift an area of at least 13.5 hectares of species-rich calcareous grassland; ensuring these valuable sites are restored for nature and brought into a condition where landowners would be confident to include them in future Environmental Land Management schemes.	£20,381.94	£6,381.94
COT-058	Cleeve Common Trust	Cleeve - Wardens' Wood Access Improvements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Installation of: waymarkers for existing downloadable trail, bench, interpretation panel and information sign.</li> <li>• Construction of events-shelter with removable tarpaulin roof.</li> <li>• Resurfacing car park with Cotswold limestone and improving drainage.</li> <li>• Removal of obstructions to allow better access into the wood for mobility scooters.</li> </ul>	£15,884.40	£10,798.00

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Installation of vehicle barrier to allow access for management whilst excluding unauthorised vehicles</li></ul>		