

North Wessex Downs AONB Farming in Protected Landscapes

Headline Achievements Year 1: 2021/2022

23 projects delivering for climate

Including:

- 2,184.85 ha of land being managed with regenerative farming techniques
- 10,065.75 ha of land in projects to improve the soil quality
- 127 trees planted
- 2,400m of fencing to protect water courses to reduce flood risk
- 2 project to improve runoff from farm yard and reduced mains water reliance

15 projects delivering for people

Including:

- 1 project to support a young shepherd
- 4 interpretation panels
- 2 projects delivering educational visits
- 1 project to make the landscape more inclusive for visitors
- 3 projects to support greater public engagement in land management
- 35,900 ha of land in farmer groups supported

We've been able to do this by working with a range of partners.

- 102 expressions of interest from different farmers, land managers and organisations
- 1 new farm clusters created, and 4 existing farm groups supported

Our main stakeholders include: Natural England, Catchment Sensitive Farming, Wildlife Trusts, Town and Manor, AHDB, NFU, CLA, National Trust, Historic England, county archaeologists, Action for the River Kennet, Wessex rivers Trust, Thames Valley flood forum, Earth trust, Forestry Commission.

Our Local Assessment Panel has met 4 times in the first year of the programme. The Panel has included representatives from:

- Natural England
- NFU
- The Wildlife Trust
- National Association of AONBs
- The farming community
- Agents
- Facilitators
- National Trust

25 projects delivering for nature

Including:

- 4,698 metres of hedgerows planted
- 35 disease resistant elm planted
- 1,837m of fencing for protection of environmental features
- 212 barn owl and bird boxes installed
- 2 dew ponds restored
- 1 fish pass created
- 91 ha of SSSI under improved management

27 projects delivering for place

Including:

- 1 parkland restoration project
- 2 historic structures and features conserved, enhanced or interpreted more effectively
- 5 stock management facilities

32 applications received

28 applications approved

62,087.12ha of land supported

