



North Wessex  
Downs  
National  
Landscape

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Farming in Protected Landscapes Officer





**70+**  
grants to  
individual  
farmers

**4,500ha+**  
of wildlife rich habitat  
managed or created



**30 ponds**  
restored  
or created



**9 threatened species targeted**

dormice, lapwing, tree sparrow, large blue butterfly,  
beavers, dormice, black poplar, disease resistant elm, juniper



**35**  
projects to  
reduce  
flood risk



**7,000m+**  
of new hedges



**1,500m**  
of hedges restored

**200+**  
volunteers



**Nearly 20 schools**  
visiting the North Wessex Downs



**Volunteer days enabled**



**4 NEW** farmer-led groups created

**10**

Farmer-Led Groups supported,  
comprising over **180 farms**

**39**

grants  
for facilitation, joint projects  
and shared equipment



**6** scheduled  
monuments  
protected



**5km+**  
of new permissive  
paths created

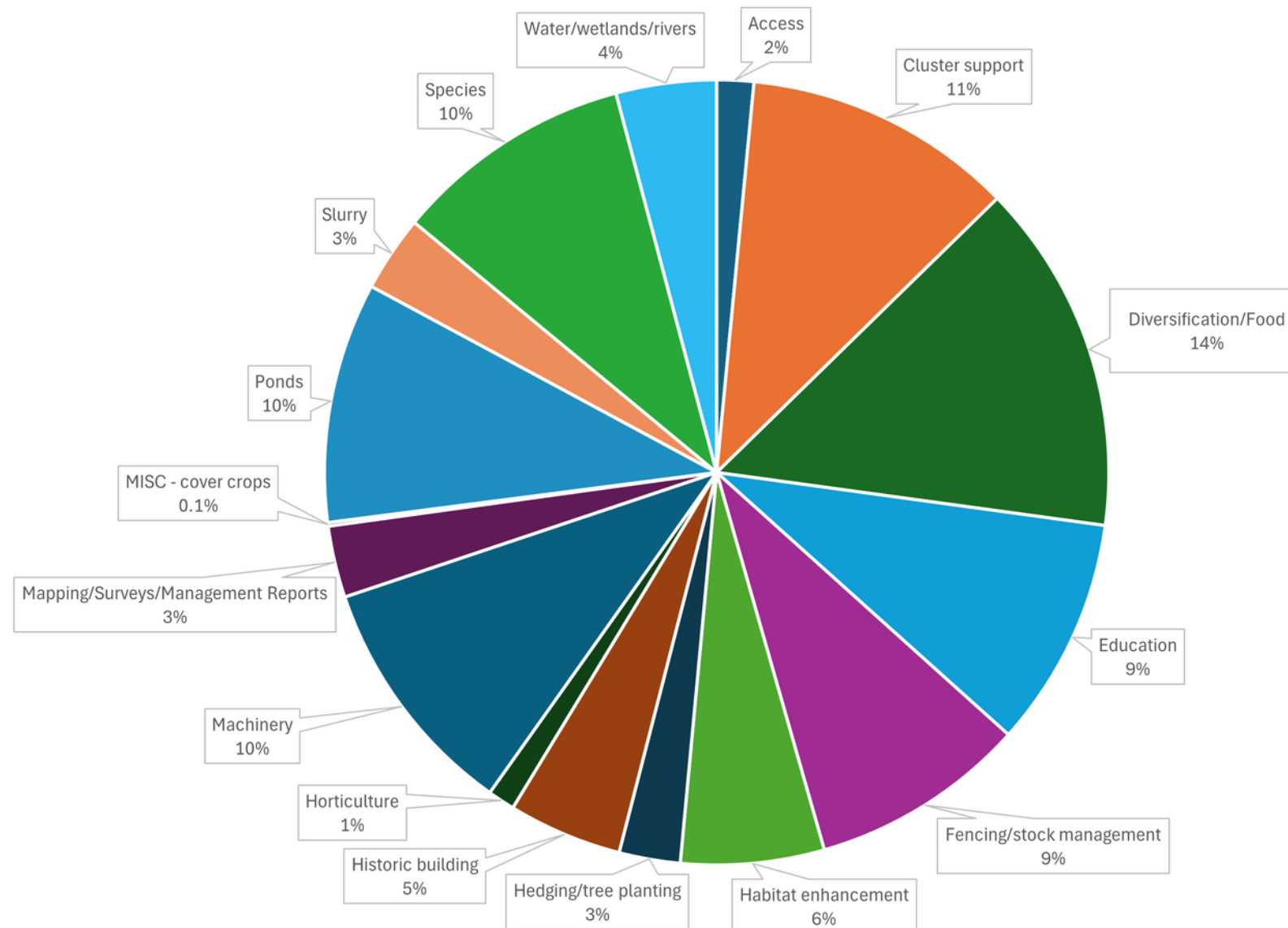
**7**  
SSSIs  
supported



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## FiPL Spending by Topic - all projects 2021 -2025 (Yr1-4)



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# Great Cotmarsh Farm

## Organic Micro Tannery and Classroom

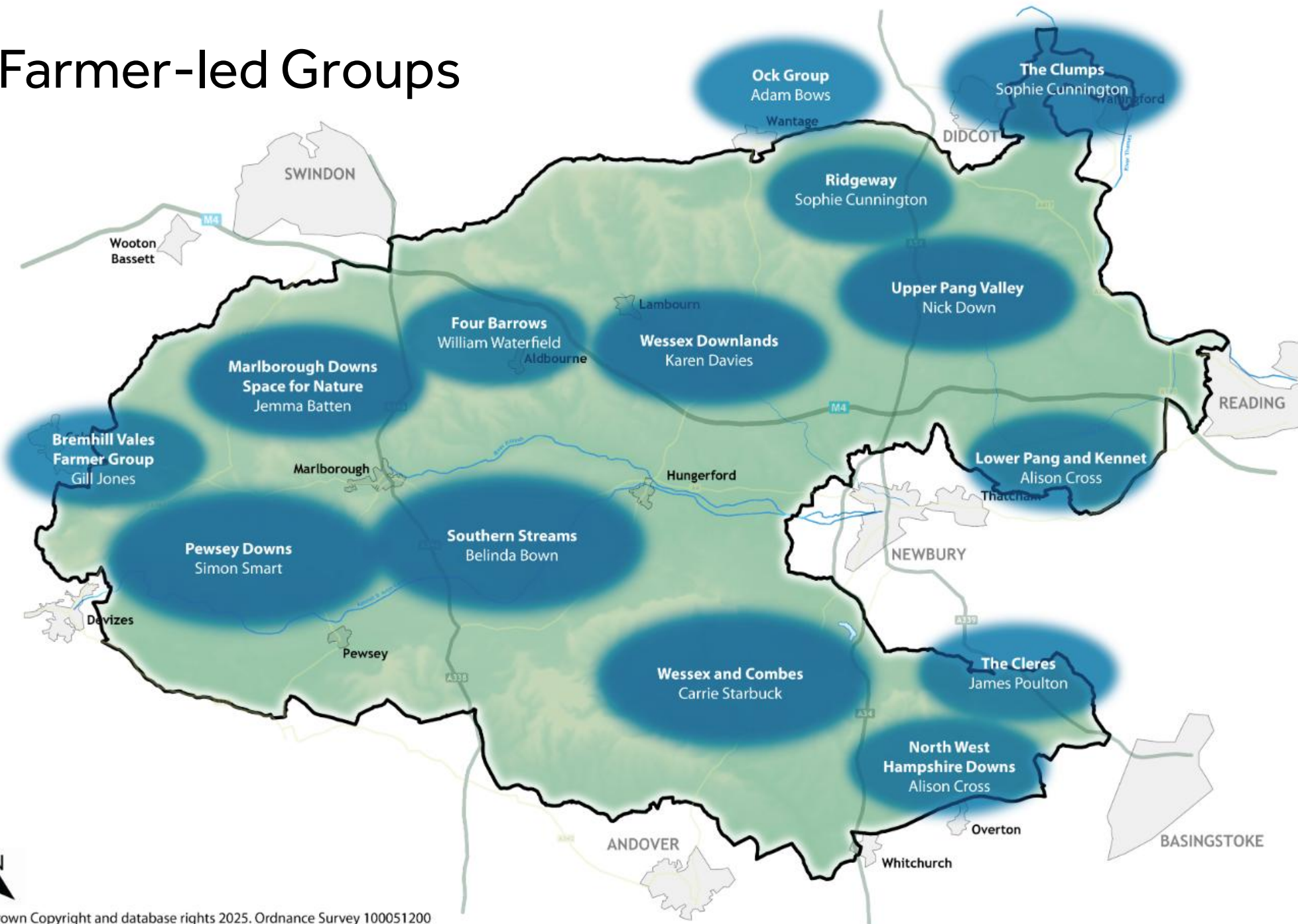
- Supporting other farmers – 50 at one event
- Red listed heritage craft
- Over 300 students
- Sustainable beacon farm
- First ever micro tannery conference 2026



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# Farmer-led Groups







- North Wessex Downs, Cotswolds & Chilterns National Landscapes – ‘Pasture for Profit’
- Over 112 farmer participants (46 in the NWD).
- A combination of mentor/ mentees and events open to all.
- More than 2/3 have made changes to their grazing systems.



# Chalkland Revival

- 5 farmer groups – 40,000 Ha
  - Lapwing
  - 60 Acoustic monitors
  - Deer
  - Wetland/ pond mapping
  - Farmer and Public events



**Wiltshire Ornithological Society**  
Looking out for Wiltshire's Birds

