

Shropshire Hills National Landscape – Farming in Protected Landscapes Programme - List of Funded Projects 2021-25

Projects approved for funding in 2021-22

Project applicant / title	Description	FiPL grant awarded	Total project value	Duration of project
SHR001 Lizzie Hulton-Harrop, Pollardine Farm, Pontesbury: Training courses for transition to regenerative agriculture	Grant to support landowners attend two training courses on regenerative management. The courses are a 9-day Holistic Management Comprehensive course, accredited by the Savory Institute, and a Conservation Grazing in Practice, 2-day course, accredited by LANTRA. The courses are helping the landowners to change their farming practices to regenerate their soil, improve profitability, quality of life, and learn how to use livestock to achieve environmental objectives. Knowledge gained will be shared with other local farmers/landowners.	£2,509.50	£3,585.00	Sept 2021-March 2022
SHR002 Derek & Deirdre Beavan, Graig Farm, Knighton: Hedgerow restoration and rotational grazing	The project will divide a 15ha field to enable managed rotational grazing which will improve the grazing management and extend of two Local Wildlife Sites. This will be done by rejuvenating and restoring 440m of currently unfenced ancient hedgerow through coppicing, gapping up, hedgerow tree planting and fencing as well as new stock fencing to encourage expansion of the species rich Local Wildlife Sites.	£19,561.80	£19,951.80	Oct 2021-March 2023
SHR003 Dan Watkins, Powkesmore Farm, Ditton Priors: Soil improvement	The grant is contributing to the purchase of a direct drill in order to improve the overall soil health across the farm. This will deliver a number of benefits including improved soil structure and health, improved infiltration and drainage, increase in beneficial invertebrates and earthworms, increased soil organic matter, reduced soil erosion and improved carbon sequestration.	£18,840.00	£47,100.00	Oct 2021-March 2022
SHR004 Sarah Davies, Blackhurst Farm, Longnor: Highland Beef expansion	The grant is supporting the expansion of the applicant's Highland/ Shorthorn Beef business, selling meat from animals grazing a wildlife-rich iconic local hill which is part Local Wildlife Site. The animals are left to forage on the heathland ground and rough pasture, maintaining these species rich habitats which include various species of moss, herbal grasses and wildflowers. The project also includes alterations to an existing farm building to house a cold store, sorting area and customer facing area for collection of beef boxes, the purchase and installation of cold store, kitchen facilities, display refrigerator, and the purchase of a refrigerated trailer for safe transport of meat to and from the farm, abattoir, butcher and farmers' markets.	£30,170.58	£48,636.44	Oct 2021-March 2023
SHR005 Duncan Bennett, Bog Farm,	This project is creating a 140m buffer strip between a brook and grazing land to prevent cattle from damaging the watercourse. The strip will be planted with species commonly	£6,091.04	£6,531.04	Dec 2021-March 2023

Minsterley: Hedgerow creation and water course protection	found on riverbanks such as alder, willow, downy birch, hazel and hawthorn. This buffer strip will help to reduce soil erosion and water runoff into the brook and is linking two areas of woodland to improve habitat connectivity. A pasture pump is also being installed to provide water for the cattle, and a hedge is being restored to create a wildlife corridor, linking woodland to another hedgerow and area of woodland.			
SHR006 Barry Swancott, Tregodfa, Knighton: Hedgerow restoration	This project is reinstating a hedgerow network on a small upland farm. The restoration includes laying, coppicing and gapping up the hedge, as well as planting new hedgerow trees. The hedges will be fenced to protect new growth and to encourage regeneration of ground vegetation. Hedgerows have benefits for wildlife and also act as barriers to reduce soil erosion and water runoff. Historically, hedgerows were a key feature of upland farms, dividing the land into small fields and this project seeks to enhance this key feature of the Shropshire Hills landscape.	£5,328.10	£5,328.10	Nov 2021 - March 2022
SHR007/68 Christina Whitehead, Lawn Farm, Craven Arms: Recovery and restoration of area of River Clun	The grant is supporting woodland and hedgerow habitat restoration. Riparian (river) woodland will be enhanced by carrying out tree surgery on diseased, leaning or fallen trees and by replanting the riverbank with suitable trees as needed. The area (0.4 hectares) will be stock fenced to allow a wide riparian woodland corridor to establish. Historic hedge-lines will be restored by coppicing, planting up gaps and fencing to create valuable wildlife corridors across the farm. <i>(2 agreements due to Countryside Stewardship rate changes, January 2023)</i>	£28,063.80	£32,503.80	Nov 2021 - March 2023
SHR008 John Phillips, Lower Treverward, Clun: Fencing to protect valuable habitat	The project will erect 762 metres of protective livestock fencing to safeguard newly laid hedges from livestock damage. The hedges will provide vital habitat for local birds/wildlife and insects, ensuring a greater area of wildlife rich habitat. The fencing will be spaced 1.5 metres from the centre of the hedge to allow hedges to grow up to 3 metres wide, ensuring a strong, thick hedge to provide essential wildlife corridors and to act as carbon sinks, reducing soil erosion and improving the visual character of the area.	£3,733.80	£3,733.80	Nov 2021 - March 2022
SHR010 Anne Dyer, Westhope Estate, Craven Arms: Enhancing existing woodland and creating new	The project is removing mature laurel and replanting with native species which will be managed as coppice with standards. Other areas of the woodland will be thinned to increase light levels and encourage a range of woodland ground flora. A second area of woodland will be restored and managed as a wet woodland. The existing Poplar plantation and invasive Himalayan balsam will be cleared, and the area will be planted and managed to increase native wet woodland species. A woodland corridor will also be planted to improve connectivity between the two woodlands. The newly planted areas will be protected from grazing and managed as short and long rotation coppice to encourage the succession of scrub species. The work is being supported by volunteers from a local wildlife group and the project includes training for volunteers and community events.	£27,411.71	£41,482.84	Nov 2021 - March 2024

<p>SHR011 Sarah Jameson, Stag's Head, Bucknell: Field barn repair</p>	<p>The grant is to repair a 19th century field barn/shelter in a field which is being managed for long-term conservation. The building is present on the Shropshire Historic Environment Record as an 'unnamed field barn' of post-Medieval date. Built with local mudstone and a simple internal timber structure, the building is typical of field shelters in the Clun Forest. Wildlife boxes have also been installed. The barn will be used to provide shelter at public events and for storing woodland/coppice products from the site. A local builder is being employed to do the repairs using local materials.</p>	<p>£7,855.50</p>	<p>£9,802.50</p>	<p>Jan 2022- March 2023</p>
<p>SHR012 Luke Neal (SWT), Corfield Farm, Much Wenlock: River and pond restoration</p>	<p>This project will enhance ongoing river restoration work along the River Corve by adding riparian fencing to exclude livestock and repairing a large redundant Victorian fish pool on the farm. Electric fence posts will be installed rather than a permanent fence which is likely to be washed away in floods. New hedges will be planted along existing field boundaries, standard hedgerow trees will be allowed to grow from planted hedge stock, and stand alone in-field trees will be planted to improve the landscape character and provide shade for livestock. The hedgerows will help to slow down floodplain flows reducing downstream floods and improving water quality. The fish pool will be restored by repairing the breached bund and sculpting the ground levels, incorporating a reedbed to create additional wetland habitat on the farm and complimenting the river restoration habitats.</p>	<p>£11,990.50</p>	<p>£16,918.00</p>	<p>Dec 2021- March 2023</p>
<p>SHR016 P. Harrison, Causeway Wood, Acton Burnell: Ecological feasibility study</p>	<p>The grant is funding a feasibility study to assess the farm's proposal to create a number of new pond / pool areas to hold back flood water and enhance the local environment. The shallow standing water / bog areas will improve habitat and increase biodiversity in the wider landscape. The feasibility study will identify the best locations for scrapes / wetland / pool areas, advise on how to create them and the benefits to the farm and surrounding area. The grant is also supporting hedge restoration work, including coppicing and gapping up to create a wildlife corridor between two areas of existing woodland on the farm.</p>	<p>£4,778.40</p>	<p>£4,778.40</p>	<p>Dec 2021- March 2023</p>
<p>SHR017 Louise Westbury, Little Hobarris, Bucknell: New broadleaf woodland</p>	<p>The grant will support the planting of 645 native trees within three strips of land amounting to 4,065m². The strips will be end-to-end and form a belt across three fields. The project will deliver new broadleaved woodland comprising as wide a variety of native species as possible, taking into account the site's characteristics (e.g. soil, topography, prevailing wind). The new woodland will be good for carbon sequestration and enhance the character of the landscape as a significant percentage of the broadleaf trees in the valley below the planting site are ash (with dieback evident in many of them) so the new planting will help to offset the eventual losses.</p>	<p>£4,497.60</p>	<p>£4,497.60</p>	<p>Dec 2021- March 2022</p>
<p>SHR019 Philip Bradley, Hill View, Pontesbury: Wildlife pond and hedge restoration</p>	<p>The project is creating two ponds/wetland areas and scrapes to increase connectivity with local streams and wetlands. The ponds will provide additional habitats, helping to safeguard endangered species such as the great crested newt. They will also act as surface water storage to reduce flooding in winter of adjacent fields and a lane. The project is also restoring 150 m of hedge by laying, coppicing and gapping up, creating</p>	<p>£4,868.00</p>	<p>£10,508.00</p>	<p>Jan 2022- March 2023</p>

	connectivity between habitats, and helping to reduce soil erosion and water runoff. These activities help to offset habitat losses from a local housing development on a greenfield site and bring both ecological and hydrological benefits to the local landscape.			
SHR020 Christine Jones, Llanfair Hal, Knighton: Hedge improvements	This is a small project to restore an overgrown mature planted hedge which connects to several other hedges and will improve connectivity between two large ancient semi-natural woodlands. It is part of a larger long-term project to deliver increased habitat connectivity between Llanfair Hall Wood (over 17 ha) and the Long Wood (8.5 ha).	£4,245.00	£4,245.00	Feb 2022- March 2022
SHR023 Lynn Parker, Cow Hall, Clun: Enhance biodiversity habitats and connectivity through new hedge planting, hedge protection and habitat boxes	A small project to plant 167m of new hedge along an existing fence-line, install two owl boxes in locations known to be used by barn owls and two bat boxes close to water courses. This is the start of a wider project to improve resilience in the face of the changing climate, by increasing both the biodiversity on the farm and ability of the land to store more carbon, and at the same time increase efficiencies and enhance safety within the business. The new hedgerow will be protected from the grazing sheep and cattle by new fencing.	£3,434.80	£3,434.80	March 2022- March 2022

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SHR022 JB Harper & Son, Morrell's Wood Farm, Much Wenlock: Improving visitor and educational access to the farm	The project is improving facilities on the farm to increase the number of educational visits made each year from children from deprived areas. The farm currently welcomes 25-30 group visits by adults and children of all backgrounds to engage with the countryside and learn about the environment and farming in a sustainable way. The funding will improve parking for buses, access around the farm and provide outdoor teaching facilities. The project is also creating a 2.5km permissive path, which links to the existing footpath network. Small interpretation panels and an audio guide will explain the farming calendar, describe the landscape and how the farm is managed to support nature and wildlife.	£22,648.50	£34,348.03	June 2022- March 2024
SHR025 MT Woodland Crafts, Gibbons Corner Wood, Much Wenlock: Ancient Woodland Coppice Restoration	Gibbons Coppice is a 28ha Ancient Semi-Natural Woodland to the west of the Wrekin and Gibbons Corner Wood is 2.7 hectares of this larger woodland. The grant is supporting coppice restoration on this hard to access site which includes felling 7 large trees, scrub control and the removal of smaller trees. The logs will be extracted either by portable winch or by horse loggers. 500 young hazel trees will be planted, and 260m of temporary deer fencing erected to ensure successful regrowth of the old coppice and establishment of the young plants. The extracted timber will be used to demonstrate green woodworking and pole lathe turning to create carved or turned domestic woodenware and Windsor chairs, beanpoles, hedging stakes and binders.	£11,127.04	£12,356.90	July 2022- March 2025
SHR026 Linley Farm, Bishop's Castle: Controlled Biological Composting	The grant is supporting a new farm-scale composting operation using the method of Controlled Microbial Composting. This method focuses on providing optimal conditions for creation of a microbially rich compost that will dramatically increase the health of the farm soils. The project plans to transform the farm's green waste, manure, woodchip, spoiled straw and food waste into microbially active compost that builds carbon in the soil, holds and cycles nitrogen, increases crucial soil biology, increasing soil fertility and structure, improving water holding and cycling, farm biodiversity, and crop nutrition. The project estimates up to 400 tonnes of finished compost could be made per year, although the first few years may produce 100-200 tonnes. The volume of raw material used is approximately one third more than that.	£26,477.20	£66,193.00	July 2022- March 2023
SHR027/77 Lower Bush Farm CIC, Ludlow: Accessible	Lower Bush is a not-for-profit Care Farm which welcomes people of all abilities. The grant is supporting the construction of 6 purpose-built animal enclosures which will be accessible for those with special educational needs and disabilities. Pathways and	£79,931.85	£143,907.48	July 2022- March 2024

animal housing and tiny homes for farm glamping diversification	tracks are also being improved for easy access. The funding is also supporting the construction of camping pods, made from locally sourced logs which will be milled onsite minimising carbon outputs. The farm camping ethos is to promote low resource-use activities such as walking, cycling and horse riding using the Jack Mytton Bridleway and Shropshire Way footpath which both pass the farm. <i>(2 agreements due to Countryside Stewardship rate changes, January 2023)</i>			
SHR028 A J Beavan & Partners, Black Hall Farm, Knighton: Protection of Historic Monument and headwater tributaries	This project has two strands. The first is to protect the section of Offa's Dyke which runs through the farm by carefully removing conifer trees wrongly planted on the Scheduled Ancient Monument in 1981. Offa's Dyke is one of the longest earthworks in Britain, built by King Offa of Mercia in the 8th Century. New fencing will also protect the monument from grazing animals and ploughing. The funding is also supporting significant improvements to the farm's water supply infrastructure. 7 solar pump units are being installed to deliver drinking water through underground pipes via storage tanks and into troughs for cattle and sheep on 140 ha of upland plateau land. This will allow headwater streams of the River Teme and of the River Redlake to be fenced on the farm, protecting them from poaching and erosion, and improving the water quality.	£64,433.15	£81,252.23	July 2022- March 2024
SHR029 Regenerative Design Ltd., Pool House Farm, Clunbury: Silvopasture Agroforestry research and demonstration site	Silvopasture agroforestry is the intentional integration of trees, foraged plants and livestock. This is a demo project to promote research and shareable practical experience about which perennial, low input / regenerative food growing systems can work best for farmers in the River Clun catchment and wider area. The project will plant 1ha of Silvopasture lanes; 250 metre rows of fruit tree, berry, animal fodder and nitrogen fixing trees and understorey shrubs. The rows are planted with 12m- wide grass strips in between, to allow regenerative agriculture practices of grazing and hay making. The project aims to gain a better understanding of agroforestry systems and species that work in the AONB's climate and soil, and market conditions. It is hoped that this knowledge will help to develop a larger project later in the year.	£11,269.88	£12,534.80	July 2022- March 2023
SHR030 Mr J W Byron, Ashgrove Farm, Wentnor: Orchard creation and species rich grassland restoration	The grant is supporting the planting of a new traditional orchard and restoring 3.63ha of species rich grassland on the farm. The project will also carry out a whole farm botanical survey to inform future land management and identify areas of greatest species diversity which can become donor site for hay strewing, if appropriate. The orchard will be planted with 20-25 local varieties and local provenance trees. Locally sourced green hay or seed will be used to help restore the grassland. The farm is in the Stepping Stones Project Area and is an important 'stepping stone', in terms of improving and creating habitat connectivity between the Long Mynd and the Stiperstones.	£7,032.89	£7,032.89	July 2022- March 2025
SHR031 National Trust, Stepping Stones: Upper Onny	The Stepping Stones Project is working with the Upper Onny Farmers Group to explore ways of delivering environmental benefits through regenerative farming practices whilst maintaining a viable farming business. The grant will subsidise an overnight visit to discuss	£3,424.05	£4,825.95	Aug 2022- March 2023

Farmers Group visit to James Rebanks, Cumbria	farming practices with inspirational livestock farmer, James Rebanks. He will talk about his thinking, decisions and practices in grassland management and the benefits of farming with species rich grassland, wooded corridors, as well as his approach to soil and water management on the farm.			
SHR032/65 Pollardine Farm Partnership, Pollardine Farm, Pontesbury: Habitat creation and restoration, a study on Pied Flycatchers and Redstarts, and contour mapping for future landscape design	Installing temporary electric fencing to protect 357m of watercourse from grazing animals. A 20m buffer strip will allow riparian corridors to develop to improve water quality and help to slow the flow. 6.45ha of wood pasture will be created using self-set young trees from the farm. Temporary electric fencing and mobile water troughs across 169ha will create smaller paddocks to prevent overgrazing and compaction, and to increase the density and diversity of the sward through management of animal impact. 72 nest boxes will be installed across the farm to study Pied Flycatchers and Redstarts, and a digital map showing 1-5m contours of the land will be produced to base decisions about future land-use design on the topography of the land, ensuring the farm business works with the shape of the land rather than against it. <i>(2 agreements due to Countryside Stewardship rate changes, January 2023)</i>	£23,057.28	£28,770.34	Oct 2022- March 2024
SHR033/59 Preece Farming Partnership, Briar Edge Farm, Church Stretton: Hedgerow restoration on Briar Edge ridge	This project is restoring 790m of hedgerow through pleaching, coppicing, gapping up, planting 15 new hedgerow trees and fencing. The hedges are between the lower edge of two sloping fields and the top of a steep bank, so they play an important role in reducing flood risk by improving water infiltration and reducing the risk of run-off/erosion – particularly as the fields are sometimes used to grow winter fodder crops for out wintering stock. Planting new trees will increase the range of habitat on the farm and thicker hedges will provide more shade and shelter for livestock, which is important due to the exposed location of the grazing fields. <i>(2 agreements due to Countryside Stewardship rate changes, January 2023)</i>	£23,000.60	£23,000.60	Oct 2022- March 2024
SHR034 A F Beavan & Co., The Graig, Knighton: Habitat restoration	The project is supporting the enclosure of two areas (4.15ha and 0.72ha) of Priority Habitat veteran oak woodland, and 1.5ha of Ffridd habitat which will encourage the expansion of species rich areas and natural regeneration of oak woodland. A livestock access track will be created to exclude livestock from the woodland area and access to drinking water will be installed in the new land parcels. This will allow the grazing to be managed on rotation which improves the soil organic matter and carbon sequestration. 92m of hedgerow will be coppiced to maintain a healthy hedgerow habitat.	£9,165.83	£12,663.45	Oct 2022- March 2024
SHR035 John Phillips, Lower Treverward, Clun: Hedgerow restoration and complete diet feeder for home grown crops	This project is hedge-laying and fencing (697m) to safeguard the newly laid hedge from grazing livestock. Fencing allows the hedge to grow up to 2.4m wide, ideal habitat for some of our threatened species such as dormice and bats. The grant is also supporting (at 40%) the purchase of a Lucas Spirmix jet 140 feeder/ bedder to efficiently mix and process home grown forage crops for sheep and cattle. This will reduce the farms reliance on bought in feeds, some of which come from abroad. By using home grown crops to include	£29,164.20	£50,164.20	Oct 2022 - March 2023

	in a mixed ration, the farm's carbon emissions will be reduced through less feed waste, a reduced reliance on bought in compound feeds and improved feed efficiency that are associated with total mixed rations. The feeder also gives greater flexibility and control of what is fed to the farm livestock.			
SHR036/60 Matthew Gosling, Manor House Farm, Much Wenlock: Farmland habitat restoration and regeneration	Creation of species rich meadow with wood pasture. The management of existing woodland. New species rich broadleaved woodland creation. Hedgerow with standard trees and hedgerow coppicing and gapping up. Traditional Orchard restoration, management of existing trees, planting of new trees and creation of a more species rich grassland below. Provision of wildlife nesting/breeding boxes <i>(2 agreements due to Countryside Stewardship rate changes, January 2023)</i>	£49,763.50	49,763.50	Nov 2022- March 2025
SHR037/66 Neil Brown, New House Farm, Ludlow: Grassland regeneration and water management	Supporting a series of initiatives including permanent electric fencing, leaky dams and water troughs along two stretches of watercourse to improve water quality. Further permanent and temporary electric fencing, along with mobile water troughs, to enable rotational grazing across the farm, improving grass growth, biodiversity and stock health. The purchase of a muck spreader to utilise farm manure and cycle nutrients more efficiently across 286ha of local farmland. A 15,000L rainwater harvesting system is being installed to manage water better on the farm. The project is also creating 16.9ha of new wood pasture, 1ha of a new species-rich meadow and restoring 80m of hedgerow which includes planting 20 new trees and installing some nesting boxes. <i>(2 agreements due to Countryside Stewardship rate changes, January 2023)</i>	£63,859.44	£87,787.15	Oct 2022- March 2025
SHR038 Mossy Oaks LLP, Brook Vessons Farm, Pontesbury: Habitat restoration	Restoring the land to historic wood pasture, revive existing and create new habitat networks, including hedgerows, and improve pasture and soil health, using native rare breed livestock, including Golden Guernsey goats, British Saddleback pigs, and a range of traditional breed chickens, farmed in a rotational grazing system and other traditional techniques to manage the pasture and surrounding habitats. These practices will allow us to produce healthy, ethical and sustainable food, with sales starting from Spring 2023, which will connect the local community with the land.	£48,952.82	£70,105.03	Oct 2022- March 2024
SHR039 Cheney Longville Farms, Craven Arms: Onny Trail Permissive Access Path Renovation Project	The Onny Trail is a popular permissive walk that follows the line of the old Craven Arms to Bishop's Castle railway along the banks of the River Onny. The project will restore and improve the length (3.54km) and accessibility of the trail, and make it a circular, rather than a linear walk. The stiles along the trail will be replaced by 12 accessible gates. Waymarking along the route will be improved and a welcome panel installed at the start of the trail. These works also improve the route of the Wart Hill Wander - a day walk from the nearby Shropshire Hills Discovery Centre which increases its attractiveness as a tourism attraction and thereby helping to support the local economy.	£12,550.59	£12,550.59	Oct 2022- March 2024
SHR040 Shropshire Hills AONB	This project is repairing the ramparts of the impressive iron-age hillfort that crowns Caer Caradoc in the heart of the Shropshire Hills. The hillfort itself is in an area of designated	£14,565.87	£29,024.90	Oct 2022- March 2024

<p>Partnership: Fix the Fort – Caering for Caradoc Project</p>	<p>access land and is a scheduled ancient monument of national importance. The popularity of the destination is contributing to the erosion of the main ramparts and approaching footpaths (both desire lines and public rights of way). Working closely with the landowner, Shropshire Council and Historic England, the project will create a stepped and maintainable 'sacrificial surface' at two locations that will improve accessibility whilst protecting the exposed archaeology. In the third location, the intention will be to fill and re-vegetate the eroded area. A specialist archaeologist will work with volunteers to record and understand the exposed archaeology and monitor and provide expert advice for the repair process. The project will interpret the hillfort with boundary post panels, linked to online audio descriptions and hold a series of storytelling events to help connect people to the hillfort, landscape and its myths and legends.</p>			
<p>SHR041 D H Heighway & Co., New House Farm, Clee St Margaret: River protection and enhancement measures</p>	<p>Replacement water supply, pumped from a spring to water troughs which supply 23 ha of grazing land and farm buildings. Clean water supply for handwashing facilities for visiting school groups. Completing the fencing of two watercourse, to exclude stock and protect and enhance over 800m of headwater streams. Coppicing 22 bankside trees. Installing 14 leaky dams. Planting up 148m of gaps in bankside cover.</p>	<p>£36,486.75</p>	<p>£42,712.01</p>	<p>Nov 2022- March 2025</p>
<p>SHR042 Kate Mayne, Clee View Farmers Group: Carbon Accounting – a collaborative learning initiative</p>	<p>The grant is supporting carbon accounting across 31 holdings covering 8,279ha. Members of the Clee View Farmers Group will be trained in carbon accounting, using the Agrecalc tool to collate data and undertake carbon auditing on farms. They will be supported by Carbon Metrics and Dr Simon Jeffery of Harper Adams University, who will help the group to consider how to adapt farm practices to reduce emissions, increase carbon storage and maximise sequestration. The results will be shared at a farm event and separate meeting to discuss implications / opportunities for the Nature Recovery Network. An education pack presenting the results will also be produced for stakeholders and other interested groups.</p>	<p>£15,730.20</p>	<p>£18,656.00</p>	<p>Nov 2022- March 2024</p>
<p>SHR043, J Childs & Co., Derrington Farm, Ditton Priors: Protection of Watercourses and Woodland and Pond Enhancements</p>	<p>The project is fencing 1,600m along two brooks which run into the River Severn to prevent livestock from eroding the banks and polluting the water. Mains water drinking troughs are being installed for cattle and sheep. Two livestock bridges, using oak felled on the farm, are being installed to maintain grazing access, and a large overgrown and trodden-in field pond is being restored and fenced. The project is also erecting 680m of new livestock fencing along the field side edge of Withygreaves Wood, a historic Priority Habitat Broadleaf Woodland. This will enable livestock grazing to be managed to encourage natural tree regeneration, protect rare ground flora and encourage wildlife including dormice and ground nesting birds.</p>	<p>£59,387.93</p>	<p>£60,749.09</p>	<p>Nov 2022- March 2024</p>

<p>SHR044/61 Crows (Agriculture) Ltd., Thresholds Farm, Picklescott: Habitat restoration and creation</p>	<p>Planting approx. 700m of hedgerows with several different plants and trees, in addition to the restoration of 400m by coppicing and gapping up to link to existing hedgerow networks of 2,730m, which in turn is linked to approximately 4ha of woodland and scrubland. <i>(2 agreements due to Countryside Stewardship rate changes, January 2023)</i></p>	<p>£34,990.81</p>	<p>£34,990.81</p>	<p>Dec 2022- March 2024</p>
<p>SHR045/69 Bridget Naylor, Villa Farm, Church Stretton: Enhanced biodiversity, habitat connectivity and carbon sequestration</p>	<p>Restoration of 135m hedgerows. Restoration of 0.86ha of species-rich meadow through introduction of new seed and controlled grazing. Scrub management through combination of fencing and the controlled browsing by new flock of 9 Hill Radnor sheep. Detailed analysis of species in soil through DNA testing. <i>(2 agreements due to Countryside Stewardship rate changes, January 2023)</i></p>	<p>£7,674.61</p>	<p>£6,151.14</p>	<p>Dec 2022- March 2025</p>
<p>SHR046 Pollardine Farm Partnership, Pontesbury: Monitoring water quality, with workshops and training on how to improve water quality by changing land management practices – across 8 holdings</p>	<p>To deploy 21 sensors to monitor the turbidity, colour and temperature of water in streams and ponds on 8 land holdings across three waterbody sub-catchments. To hold a workshop roughly every 3 months for participants to discuss data captured by the sensors and identify projects they can deliver on their land to improve water quality. A final year BSc (Hons) Agriculture student will complete a research study on the project to identify the impact of agricultural activities on nutrient losses using proxy sensors. The participants will have the option to complete the course, Holistic Management: Fundamentals halfway through the project to help with their decision making in changing land management practices and to develop their understanding of ecosystem processes.</p>	<p>£72,949.41</p>	<p>£77,405.68</p>	<p>Jan 2023- March 2024</p>
<p>SHR047/63 Hope Park, Minsterley: Habitat restoration and creation, protecting watercourses and introducing cattle</p>	<p>Inspired by the Upper Onny Farmers Group visit to James Rebanks' farm in Cumbria, this project is taking a nature friendly farming approach to managing Hope Park by introducing suckler cattle to this part of the farm and installing the necessary infrastructure to achieve this. Adopting rotational grazing techniques, will allow rest periods to improve forage production, soil health and protect watercourses. Habitats will also be improved. <i>(2 agreements due to Countryside Stewardship rate changes, January 2023)</i></p>	<p>£21,317.32</p>	<p>£21,317.32</p>	<p>Dec 2022- March 2025</p>
<p>SHR048 Shropshire Wildlife Trust: Carbon for Curlews in the Clun Forest</p>	<p>The project will investigate the extent and condition of the peat soils over approximately 500 ha, including Shropshire Wildlife Trust nature reserves, land in England managed by NRW and upland hill pasture managed by several private landowners. The results will inform these landowners and managers on the potential for peat restoration and enhancing biodiversity and provide options for future environmental land management</p>	<p>£63,087.72</p>	<p>£63,087.72</p>	<p>Jan 2023 - March 2024</p>

	schemes. This study will help prioritise a second phase of more detailed restoration options and unlock funding from a range of other sources in the future.			
SHR049 National Trust, Church Stretton: Bracken and Gorse Management on the Long Mynd Common	A project to support the clearance of gorse and bracken on steep slopes across the Long Mynd Common, that are inaccessible for routine management. The Long Mynd supports some of the rarest acid grassland habitats which are being encroached upon by gorse and are vulnerable to being shaded out. The project is working with the active graziers to identify and remove bracken and gorse in critical locations, grazing areas will be increased and access for stock management improved to support the traditional sheep farming practice on the Common. This will also help to reconnect areas of grassland to restore the habitat mosaic of the SSSI to benefit a wide range of associated wildlife.	£106,432.21	£186,205.26	Jan 2023 - March 2024
SHR050/64 B T & JA Stead & Son, Greater Poston Farm, Craven Arms: Water and wooded corridor project	The creation of a long riverine corridor habitat & associated water provision for livestock away from the brook. The creation of five new blocks of wooded land of grazed woodland and scrub, wooded scrub bank and rewilded area connected by a network of newly planted hedges with gapping up of hedges, new hedgerow trees and more wildlife friendly managed hedges. Increased rotational grazing, rainwater harvesting system and provision of wildlife nest boxes. <i>(2 agreements due to Countryside Stewardship rate changes, January 2023)</i>	£90,314.39	£90,888.21	Dec 2022 - March 2025
SHR051/67 G W Sanders & Son, Upper Ledwyche Farm, Ludlow: Soil Health and Water Protection	The grant is supporting a range of activity including electric fencing for rotational grazing, gapping up hedgerows and creating two pollinator patches (582m ²) to increase species diversity. To improve soil health, the farm is investing in FECPAK (faecal egg counting) technology to reduce overuse of wormers which have a detrimental effect on soil microbiology and livestock health. A precision spreader is also being purchased to spread organic manure, lime, gypsum and solid digestate at variable rates across the farm. A borehole and rainwater harvesting system (10,000L) is also being installed to secure water for livestock as 750m of watercourse is fenced to create a riverine corridor with natural regeneration and targeted tree planting (10 trees). <i>(2 agreements due to Countryside Stewardship rate changes, January 2023)</i>	£57,886.68	£90,807.50	Dec 2022 - March 2024
SHR052 GWCT, Curlew Country, Pennerley: Curlew Headstarting	Raising Curlew from egg to fledging stage, from nests proven to be at risk of failure. The project involves coordination of nest finding by a trained ornithologist, collection of eggs and incubation of eggs under carefully controlled and monitored conditions, and care of chicks from hatching to fledging. The grant is paying for project staff, equipment and materials.	£75,698.18	£92,564.49	Jan 2023 – March 2024
SHR053 Natural England, Pennerley: Water supply for the north end of the Stiperstones National	The internationally important heathland habitats on the Stiperstones NNR rely upon summer grazing to maintain their favourable condition. This grazing is becoming increasingly compromised by the drying up of the natural springs during the summer months. To maintain the site in favourable condition grazing needs to continue and a reliable water source is needed. This project will investigate the possibility of a borehole to	£21,802.00	£28,126.42	Jan 2023 – March 2024

Nature Reserve (NNR) – borehole prognosis report.	supply the heathland and adjoining tenanted grassland by carrying out a desk-based prognosis report to see whether drilling a borehole is achievable, what depth would be required and cost. Stage 2 is to drill and set up a borehole, solar pump, storage tank and pipework to existing troughs as well as an additional trough on the heathland, to replace the natural spring that dries up in the summer.			
SHR054 GWCT, Curlew Country, Pennerley: Habitat creation to benefit foraging Curlew	Supporting innovative land management and habitat enhancement techniques to increase foraging opportunities for breeding Curlew and their progeny on three farms in the Shropshire Hills which are known curlew breeding areas. Activities include creating an artificial spring with 4 scrapes totalling 740m ² , installing 4 leaky dams and erecting 85m of permanent fencing to protect one of the newly created scrapes. 180m of electric fencing will be used to protect a scrape and 'rushy' ditch feature, where the leaky dams are located. This fence will be in place during the Curlew breeding season, from April to August. These activities will increase opportunities for Curlew to forage close to their nest sites and help their ability to defend their territories against predators.	£11,976.08	£12,429.11	Jan 2023 – March 2024
SHR055/62 Plowden Farming Partnership, Myndtown Farm, Lydbury North: Hedgerow Creation and Renovation and Protection of Watercourses and Wetlands	The objective of this project is to create a network of new and renovated hedgerows to complement and enhance the existing landscape. It will entail the planting of 616m of new hedgerows on old hedge lines, hedge renovation through coppicing and gapping up, totalling 850m combined with 24 new hedgerow trees at a rate of 1/50m. All hedgerows will be double fenced with permanent 4 strand electric fence totalling 2,598m. Protection of 1,150m of watercourses and wetland areas. <i>(2 agreements due to Countryside Stewardship rate changes, January 2023)</i>	£61,486.46	£61,486.46	Dec 2022 - March 2024
SHR056 Lucy McFarlane, Coates Bungalow, Ratlinghope: Hedgerow creation and tree planting	A new 280m hedgerow is being planted and fenced, creating a new habitat which links into a wider habitat corridor for wildlife. A further area is being fenced (150m fence) to provide 0.2 ha enclosure for 220 native trees and shrubs to be planted. The trees will be predominantly oak, birch and rowan but hedgerow species will also be planted and allowed to grow to their full potential e.g. spindle, guelder rose, field maple. A botanical survey of grassland species will be carried out to inform future management.	£4,066.60	£4,066.60	Dec 2022 - March 2024
SHR058 John Byron, Ashgrove Farm, Wentnor: Hedgerow rejuvenation	Rejuvenate 163m of hedgerow by coppicing and gapping up and planting five standard hedgerow trees. Double fencing 103m rejuvenated hedge funded by Countryside Stewardship grant.	£7,643.07	£7,843.07	Jan 2023 - March 2023
SHR070 Pollardine Farm Partnership, Pollardine Farm, Pontesbury: Grassland	Grassland restoration on 169ha at Pollardine Farm using Holistic Planned Grazing. Addition to equipment awarded in SHR032 to allow us to manage multiple livestock groups and to make us more resilient to a lack of water from frost / drought. Hosting and participation in Low-Stress Livestock Handling course delivered by Miriam Parker.	£3,132.05	£6,674.10	Feb 2023 - March 2024

restoration (extension of agreement SHR032)				
SHR071 Lynn Parker, Cow Hall, Newcastle on Clun: Enhancement of habitats, water and resilience	Creation of a series of 3 leaky dams; Creation of a pond; Wood pasture planting on 1.4ha and hedge planting; Cattle handling equipment to increase farm resilience; 110m of hedge laying to thicken the hedge to create more habitat; 179m of hedge laying to thicken the hedge to create more habitat; Curlew nest fencing; Borehole survey.	£22,169.23	£26,327.23	Feb 2023 – March 2024
SHR072 RJ & HM Sankey, Brow Farm, Ratlinghope: Hedgerow rejuvenation and improvements to the Darnford Brook	Erecting new stock fencing adjacent to the Darnford Brook, to create wide riparian buffer strips, to enable controlled grazing and protect and enhance species diversity. Rejuvenating and widening of relic hedgerows, to create significant shrubby wildlife corridors. Planting new hedgerow along an old hedge bank.	£19,900.35	£19,900.35	Feb 2023 - March 2024
SHR073 WH Oliver & Son, Newhall Farm, Church Stretton: Upland field re-creation and habitat mosaic creation	The reinstatement and enhancement (widening) of 1,110m of hedgerow and planting of 10 hedgerow trees and creation of a 330m long rough barn owl rough feeding strip. The protection of a wet flush, spring habitat and creation of a shallow wet pool/scrape area. The protection and active, selective management of two pockets of gorse/scrub habitat. The creation of a livestock holding pen to reduce environmental impacts (water pollution, carbon footprint) of frequent stock movements to and from main farm holding (1.2km round trip). The provision of wildlife boxes for nesting and roosting (barn owl, bat and solitary bees).	£44,474.46	£57,745.42	Feb 2023 – March 2025
SHR074 Downton Hall Partnership, Henleyhill Farm, Ludlow: Creation of flood-water attenuation scheme, wetland habitat, and short rotation coppice	Bring to the surface a piped spring and field drains to create a series of wet landscape features to increase biodiversity and attenuate peak water flows. An area of short rotation coppice will be incorporated to provide wood chip to be used as cattle bedding, whilst providing a continual 'woodland fringe' habitat to adjoin the existing woodland. The project will also include other habitat areas to target feeding and breeding opportunities for key species such as owls, bats, and raptors. The water outlet from the scheme will be diverted into an adjacent woodland and leaky dams built to create an area of priority habitat 'wet woodland' to further enhance biodiversity in the area.	£39,322.67	£39,322.67	Feb 2023- March 2025
SHR075 T Allsop/L. Grove, Little Leath, Much Wenlock: Integrating Land regeneration, Livestock and Local people	Restoration and regeneration of the land at Little Leath through hedge coppicing, gapping up and tree planting, scrub management for wildflower meadow creation and orchard restoration, backwater wet habitat creation, wildlife box provision. Supporting Little Leath's 'Flying Flock' of conservation grazing sheep, to help manage small patches of neglected or over managed land across the Corvedale/Clee hills area. The creation of a new community gathering place, with a particular focus on getting women back out onto the land.	£18,591.54	£19,999.28	Feb 2023 – March 2025

<p>SHR076 Marsh Farm Partnership, Highcroft, Craven Arms: Wet flush and Upland habitat enhancement project (Phase 1)</p>	<p>Collection of data (bird species and habitat survey and wildlife trail camera monitoring) and expert guidance and design, to help plan the delivery of priority wet flush habitat protection whilst improving livestock drinking source and gorse and bracken management across the hillside (which contains pockets of priority lowland heath habitat). The beginning of habitat enhancement through targeted gorse cutting to create a mosaic of age structures.</p>	<p>£3,557.78</p>	<p>£3,748.28</p>	<p>Feb 2023 - March 2024</p>
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Projects approved for funding in 2023/24

Project title	Description	FiPL grant awarded	Total project value	Duration of project
SHR078 Kate Smith, The Country Trust, Ludlow: Educational farm visits for disadvantaged children	To work with James Turner from Downton Hall Estate to provide 10 inspiring, hands-on day visits over the next two years for over 260 children, and in some cases family members too, from disadvantaged communities in and around the Shropshire Hills AONB.	£13,732.18	£14,010.83	June 2023 – March 2025
SHR079 WME Davies, White House Field, Clun: Re-instatement and rejuvenation of field boundaries and installation of water supply to allow rotational grazing	Planting 792m of new hedge, rejuvenating a further 455m of native hedgerow and planting 12 hedgerow trees at random spacings. The project is also installing a water supply comprising of a solar pump and tank with 504m of pipe work and 3 tanks to provide stock watering on multiple fields, to enable rotational grazing of land and more sustainable grazing and grassland management.	£49,735.73	£49,735.73	June 2023 - March 2025
SHR080 Redlake Valley Community Benefit Society, Brineddin Wood, Bucknell: Enhancing the biodiversity of Brineddin Wood	Enhancing biodiversity of Brineddin Wood by reintroducing rotational oak coppicing. Create appropriate access for immediate and longer-term use. Fell 0.2 ha of woodland containing about 90 stems of oaks which were last coppiced more than 100 years ago. Protect coppice regrowth from deer predation.	£3,658.60	£6,686.83	June 2023 – March 2024
SHR081 P & A Bradley, Hill View, Pontesbury: Establishment of species rich grassland and hedgerow regeneration	This is Phase 2 of a multi-year project to establish a series of biodiverse habitats and ensure good connectivity between habitats, which includes 150m hedgerow regeneration and fencing - preserving existing species and selecting standards through a combination of laying, and gapping up. The project will also fence an adjacent ditch to improve water quality and enclose 0.87ha to be restored to species-rich grassland.	£5,845.56	£5,845.56	Aug 2023 – March 2025
SHR082 R. Dahn & Son, High Leys Farm, Ludlow: Barn Owl and Redstart Habitat Belts Project	A collaborative project on boundary land between two farms to create a diverse mixture of habitat rough grassland belts and open wood/ parkland belt for 2 target species of conservation concern, the Barn owl and Redstart. The project will install 4 vole breeding stations, a barn owl nest and roost box, and 4 nest boxes for Redstart. 280m of hedgerow regenerated via coppicing, gapping up and hedgerow tree planting, and 16 standard trees planted. There is also an education element to this project which includes 5 small mammal and target bird surveys, setting up a bird nest camera and	£34,080.36	£34,808.36	July 2023- March 2025

	hosting 3 farm walk education events for local children, local wildlife group and a farmer cluster group.			
SHR083 Pasture-Fed Livestock Association CIC t/a Pasture for Life: Pasture and Profit in Protected Landscapes – Farmer to farmer learning and support	Building on highly successful farmer to farmer mentoring projects across a number of Protected Landscapes, the Pasture-Fed Livestock Association are building on their experiences to tailor a very similar project in the Shropshire Hills, focussing on the expansion of grazing management practices that support the restoration of biodiversity, carbon sequestration and landscape character, including in river catchments, species-rich grasslands and wider agricultural grassland. Activities include 1-to-1 mentoring, membership of PFL events and training materials over a 2-year programme.	£100,106.60	£100,106.60	Aug 2023- March 2025
SHR084 LEAF (Linking Environment and Farming) Education: Increasing educational access to farms in the Shropshire Hills National Landscape	This project is promoting opportunities for educational access to farms, delivering accredited training to farmers and supporting them as they build relationships with local schools and other groups. Two CEVAS courses for up to 20 farmers and two CPD events as follow up. The training (CEVAS) is an open college network accreditation and will be delivered by LEAF Education. It will give farmers the skills to deliver fully risk assessed, engaging curriculum linked educational visits on their farms. They will also be supported by a Regional Education Consultant to identify educational opportunities on individual farms.	£35,600.00	£36,500.00	Sept 2023- March 2025
SHR085 Jacqueline Morrish, Lower Bent Farm, Bishop's Castle: Hedgerow and Watercourse Rejuvenation	The project will include 175m hedge rejuvenation, through coppicing and gapping up or laying, and planting 4 trees within the hedgerow. The rejuvenated hedge will be double fenced at 10m to create 10m wide linear woodland. A length of watercourse will have protective fencing and bankside trees and shrubs will be managed through coppicing, plus planting 12 new trees & shrubs within the 10-20m buffer strip. As the river is being fenced off a new trough for livestock watering will be required and the project will also plant 10 in-field trees to develop a silvo pasture system. Rejuvenating these wildlife corridors improves the links between other hedges on the holding and the 1.74 acre woodland, planted 15 years ago, which is adjacent to ancient woodland Oldmore Wood on the Linley Estate.	£11,814.37	£11,814.87	Sept 2023 – March 2024
SHR086 D and M Cooke & Son, Coppice Farm, Ratlinghope: Water Course Protection and Wetland Creation on the Darnford and Bilbatch Brooks	This project is fencing approximately 1.5km of watercourse, limiting livestock access and protecting adjacent wetlands. This work will help to restore and increase wetland habitat for wading birds such as Curlew and Lapwing, and also improve water quality and help to reduce downstream flooding. A solar powered water pump is also being installed to provide drinking water for livestock.	£35,837.69	£38,274.76	Sept 2023- March 2025

<p>SHR087 A J Beavan & Partners, Black Hall Farm, Knighton: Enhanced winter feeding solution for cattle and sheep</p>	<p>The Purchase of a new diet feeder/bedder with weigh cells to give accurate ration formulation, together with the ability to mix together round bale grass silage, arable silage, home grown oats, peas and barley whole mix and straw, into a well-constructed and homogenous mixture for the animals. The same machine is also capable of blowing straw bedding into all the pens used for winter housing. The feeder will use farm produced feeds and improve food conversion efficiency.</p>	<p>£8,437.50</p>	<p>£33,750.00</p>	<p>Sept 2023- March 2024</p>
<p>SHR088 Marsh Farm Partnership, Highcroft Cottage, Craven Arms: Wet flush and upland habitat enhancement project – phase 2</p>	<p>This project is enhancing 3 priority habitats - wet-flush, upland valley acid grassland and 'lowland' heath. On the upland grassland and lowland heath, targeted cutting of gorse and bracken will be done using a Robo cutter. On rockface habitat, the gorse and bracken will be cut using hand tools. A farm-wide ecological survey will be done to identify unmapped priority habitat to inform future targeted management and ensure linkage with wider habitat management across the Brown Clee. Solar electric fencing to target grazing and rainwater harvesting system is being installed for farm water resilience and yard run off protection. The project is also enabling peer-to-peer farmer learning, by inviting local farmers to see the seepage barriers in place and Robo cutter demo to share novel approaches and best practice.</p>	<p>£14,356.27</p>	<p>£14,914.63</p>	<p>Sept 2023- March 2025</p>
<p>SHR089 Hare Hill Farm, Craven Arms : Rainwater harvesting and habitat creation</p>	<p>A rainwater harvesting tank, deep fill gutters and irrigation system will be installed to capture rainwater to irrigate the field scale vegetable crops and livestock drinking troughs. This will reduce demand on mains water and increase current capacity to irrigate. A 120m long x 10m wide strip of land will be fenced along the watercourse that runs through the farm to protect it from livestock. It will be planted with native trees and shrubs to enhance the biodiversity of 1,120m² of new habitat creation. This area will link up with a newly planted hedgerow, creating a continuous wildlife corridor along the whole length of the western side of the holding.</p>	<p>£6,275.94</p>	<p>£6,623.20</p>	<p>Sept 2023- March 2024</p>
<p>SHR090 Clunbury Parish Council, Craven Arms: Reviving Whinberry Hill</p>	<p>Restoring upland heathland through 3ha of bracken management, the removal of invasive conifers and the regeneration of heather and bilberry. Cherishing and interpreting this parish asset through connecting the local community (and others) with its past, engaging volunteers in the practical management of the site now and into the future, and encouraging appreciation and use (whinberry picking and amenity) of this fortuitous survival.</p>	<p>£9,483.61</p>	<p>£9,483.61</p>	<p>Sept 2023- March 2025</p>
<p>SHR091 HJS, TL & DW Davies, Lower Duffryn Farm, Newcastle on Clun: Habitat Creation, Water Quality Improvement and Water Storage</p>	<p>A new, almost 100m hedge alongside a track is being planted on the farm. This is being fenced to keep livestock from the new hedge and track. This will reduce phosphate input into the local watercourse and help reduce soil erosion therefore improving the quality of water in the river Clun. The project is also installing 185m of French drainage including cross drains and water storage tanks to improve the farm's resilience to drought and reduce the demand for water from the local area.</p>	<p>£9,994.60</p>	<p>£11,081.54</p>	<p>Oct 2023- March 2024</p>

<p>SHR092 Land Girl Friday, Cle Hills: Clee Pond Project (across 5 land holdings)</p>	<p>This project is creating and/or restoration 14 ponds and other associated wooded habitats to provide habitat for Great Crested Newts. The grant is adding value to match funding secured via the Shropshire Pond Creation Scheme (£52k), to support the creation of habitat of higher quality, of greater area with greater connectivity. A large, landscape scale survey to assess the connectivity and condition of habitat corridors connecting the 14 ponds and identify target areas for future habitat work. A selection of pond dipping kit, including an aquascope, and 4 'pop up' pond events, will allow landowners, their families and the wider community explore, learn and fall in love with their ponds. This project extends across five land holdings.</p>	<p>£69,694.98</p>	<p>£112,569.94</p>	<p>Nov 2023- March 2025</p>
<p>SHR093 National Trust, Long Mynd Common, Church Stretton: Lives, Livelihoods, and Landscape; the Long Mynd Legacy</p>	<p>A project to deliver bracken and gorse management at scale across the Long Mynd to leave a lasting and sustainable legacy of favourable Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) condition, and a safer, thriving working Common. Focusing on reducing and permanently removing gorse and bracken from areas where it has increased to such an extent that wildlife habitats have been and continue to be lost, and where large areas of the hillside have become impenetrable to grazing livestock and causing access to be dangerous. Grazing is a vital management tool across the Long Mynd, and the obstruction caused by the amount and density of bracken and gorse has a universal and significant detrimental impact.</p>	<p>£118,360.00</p>	<p>£118,360.00</p>	<p>Apr 2024- March 2025</p>
<p>SHR094 Clee View Farmers Group, Clee hills: Educational Access and knowledge exchange provision (across 9 land holdings)</p>	<p>One of the key objectives of the Clee View Farmers group is to disseminate knowledge within the local farming community and to communicate about farming with people beyond it. Various members offer school visits or will be doing so as part of their Countryside Stewardship educational access offer. Other members provide farm visits as part of the group learning programme and are willing to also make tours available to adult groups interested to hear about what we do. To improve the offer and improve visit experience, this project is supporting the purchase of a people carrying trailer that will be shared across members. The trailer will be equipped to seat around 32 people, have a canvas roof for all weather use and will include a wheelchair ramp and storage. This project extends across 9 land holdings.</p>	<p>£18,450.00</p>	<p>£18,450.00</p>	<p>Dec 2023 – March 2024</p>
<p>SHR095 R Dahn & Son, Dahn's Acre, Ludlow: A place to return to nature and experience the countryside</p>	<p>The creation of a place for people, who may not usually get to experience the countryside up close, or interact with farming, to have the opportunity to have an immersive stay on a farm. The project includes purchasing a family sized shepherds hut and creating a wildflower meadow, foraging hedgerow, orchard, and natural pond/bog area. Also, the creation of a sensory area including a muddy toes area (touch), herb beds (smell & taste), pollinator and bird homes (sounds), and an area where some of the ewes and lambs, and goats can be kept so people can interact with the farm animals at first-hand.</p>	<p>£27,038.83</p>	<p>£58,037.03</p>	<p>Jan 2024-Mar 2025</p>

<p>SHR096 J Russell & H Plumb, Cwm Collo, Knighton: Hedgerow and orchard creation, and management of species rich meadow and woodland.</p>	<p>Planting 221 metres of hedgerow with hedgerow trees, and plant 15 fruit trees to create traditional orchard. 220m of stock fencing, and 175m of semi-permanent electrical fencing to support hedgerow creation. Botanical survey of species rich meadow and woodland to inform future management. This project will increase diversity of plant life, which in turn will increase areas for habitat, shelter, and food for wildlife, attracting invertebrates, birds and small mammals. It will also create greater connectivity between habitats.</p>	<p>£10,197.44</p>	<p>£11,142.11</p>	<p>Feb 2024 – March 2025</p>
<p>SHR097 M L Mellor, Handless Farm, Lydbury North: Protection of water course and enhancement of hedgerows</p>	<p>A small project which included fencing to prevent stock ingress to a 230m exposed water course and allow tree planting and hedgerow gaps totalling 120m to be in-filled. Re-siting of one water trough and addition of one new water trough. The project will deliver protection of a water course by preventing encroachment by livestock and enhanced wildlife habitat in uninterrupted hedgerow.</p>	<p>£6,088.27</p>	<p>£6,088.27</p>	<p>Feb 2024 – March 2024</p>
<p>SHR098 A Seabury & Co. Chapel Farm, Craven Arms: Twitchen Bank and Ashbeds hedging and fencing project to improve nature diversity and grazing regime</p>	<p>A project across two different areas of the farm to include 98m of hedgerow creation on the site of a relic hedgerow to enable managed grazing on sensitive grassland habitat, and fencing within field (up to 50m in places) to allow encroachment of woodland further into field allowing new trees and scrub to establish thereby increasing diversity in this area. A small project which helps the landowner to build confidence and gain understanding of how a small change in land management can benefit the environment whilst also maintaining a farm business.</p>	<p>£8,869.04</p>	<p>£8,869.04</p>	<p>Feb 2024 – March 2024</p>
<p>SHR099 Sarah Odell, Bodbury Farm, Ludlow: Habitat creation, protection from soil wash and reduction in ammonia pollution at Bodbury Farm.</p>	<p>This phase 1 project carried out at the very end of the year included 225m of new hedgerow planting, alongside 225m sheep netting, and 10 hedgerow trees. Whilst growing, the hedgerows will reduce ammonia emissions that may be released from our organic outdoor pig operation.</p> <p>The hedgerow that runs west to east will also have the added benefit of reducing soil loss due to surface water erosion which is a natural phenomenon on the steep incline of clay soil that runs down to the stream at the bottom of the farm.</p>	<p>£7,079.10</p>	<p>£7,079.10</p>	<p>Feb 2024 – March 2024</p>
<p>SHR100 Plowden Farm Partnership, Myndtown Farm, Lydbury North: Water supply to the hillside</p>	<p>The aim of this project is to provide a permanent supply of water to land parcel 4124 at temporary locations to enable cattle grazing using solar powered water pump, poly pipe plus fittings, circular drinking tank and drag tank.</p> <p>There is not currently a water source on the SSSI. In order to facilitate a change in the stocking regime and move from sheep grazing to cattle grazing we need to provide water on the hillside.</p>	<p>£6,203.33</p>	<p>£9,133.60</p>	<p>March 2024 – March 2025</p>

<p>SHR101 WR Sankey, Brooks Farm, Ratlinghope</p> <p>Phase 1 – Fencing off track and hedgerow gapping plus improved livestock control on public unclassified road.</p>	<p>A public unclassified road runs through the farmyard and across the farm land. 415m of fencing off this road (to be planted with hedge in phase 2), 240m gapping up of existing hedge, gates to allow stock movement and bespoke kissing gate to maintain public right of way. This project will achieve greater wildlife diversity due to the area that will be rewilded and the restored hedge. Sheep tend to lie (and foul) on the track as it is warmer and drier – they will no longer be able to do this so any runoff down the track will be cleaner.</p> <p>It will also allow me to run my farm business alongside the tourists who visit the area.</p>	<p>£9,002.55</p>	<p>£9,002.55</p>	<p>March 2024 – March 2024</p>
<p>SHR103 Clun Valley Farmers:</p> <p>Clun Valley Farmers Water and Soil project (across 6 holdings)</p>	<p>Landowners will each own a water photometer which can be used to monitor various parameters within the water courses on their holding to gain greater understanding of water quality. This information, along with support from a planned events, will guide any potential changes in the management of their holding to improve their farm business, sustainability and environmental performance. This project will take place across six land holdings.</p>	<p>£7,199.04</p>	<p>£8,414.30</p>	<p>March 2024 - March 2025</p>
<p>SHR104 RD & CC Forsyth:</p> <p>Ape Dale Farmers FEC project (across 20 holdings)</p>	<p>After various local discussions it was established that on farm FEC could be beneficial to local farmers and their environment. The project will purchase 20 microscopes so that 20 farmers could learn to perform their own faecal eggs counts across 2,881 hectares of grassland on their farms. This will bring a range of benefits to the farmers including targeted worming, ease of testing resulting in increased frequency and timely response to worm burden as well as the ability to test individual animals. Alongside this there will be many benefits to the soil and environment as a result of reduced worming and increased effectiveness.</p>	<p>£4,889.22</p>	<p>£5,550.52</p>	<p>March 2024 – March 2025</p>
<p>SHR105 Sarah Odell, Bodbury Farm, Ludlow:</p> <p>Phase 2 - Cross contour hedgerows for protection from soil wash, and reduction in ammonia pollution at Bodbury Farm.</p>	<p>302m of new hedgerow planting. 392m protective sheep netting, and 4 hedgerow trees. This project will extend existing hedgerow network and is part of a longer term plan to plant even more hedgerows on the farm, connecting existing hedgerows with new ones and creating more nature corridors across the farm and onto neighbouring land. The first phase of FiPL hedgerow planning has already made a visual impact and there is evidence of reduced run off that can be seen on an adjacent hardcore track that has less muddy water being washed onto it.</p>	<p>£9,980.23</p>	<p>£9,980.23</p>	<p>March 2024 – March 2025</p>
<p>SHR106 Jenny Rouquette, Shropshire Good Food Partnership:</p> <p>Our Local Food System: Good Food and Farming in the Shropshire Hills</p>	<p>The project will build the local food economy in the Shropshire Hills. It will create connections between the farming community and people who care about climate and nature friendly food through an interconnected series of activities including contribution to the Shropshire Good Food Trail, Our Food Stories which will celebrate the abundance and diversity of food produced in the area through the seasons and contribution to the Marches Real Food & Farming Convergence will bring people together in the wider landscape to enable learning and exchange on agroecological</p>	<p>£13,112.20</p>	<p>£24,805.00</p>	<p>March 2024 – March 2025</p>

	farming practices. A Shropshire Hills Knowledge exchange will organise targeted field visits and on-farm training for peer learning in the Shropshire Hills area.			
SHR107 Shropshire Hills National Landscape Partnership: Farm Water Audits for Upper Onny Farmers Group (across 12 land holdings)	12 farm water audits to inform future water management on farms including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • potential interventions for water quality • water resource mitigation works • watercourse protection and restoration opportunities. Working alongside the farmer will mean the audits and the importance of how a fully functioning water system benefits the environment and the farm business will be better understood, and the audits will become workable documents that will inform good future land management decisions. This project will involve 12 land holdings.	£24,000.00	£24,000.00	March 2024 – March 2025
SHR108 J Manifold, Perry Gutter, Craven Arms: Perry Gutter Conservation and Biodiversity	The demand for this project in the proposed location is driven by the need to develop and maintain a variety of connected habitats which require segregation and enhancement. The project will involve erecting 378m of permanent stock fencing, including 6 gates: 2 for large machinery, 1 for stock and 3 for small machinery/pedestrian access.	£7,610.06	£7,910.00	March 2024 – March 2025

Projects approved for funding in 2024/25

Project title	Description	FiPL grant awarded	Total project value	Duration of project
SHR110 Katherine Mellor: Pathfinder Project	Digital documentation and mapping of new and existing bridleway routes within the Shropshire Hills National Landscape boundary to encourage more riders of different abilities to visit the area.	£9,890.99	£9,890.99	May 2025 – March 2025
SHR111 W R Sankey, Brooks Farm, Ratlinghope: Lower Darnford water course protection/management and hedgerow creation.	Creation of hedgerow, gapping up and coppicing existing hedge, fencing off a water course and a professional botanical survey. The holding is adjacent to the Long Mynd Site of Special Scientific Interest and the project will provide the starting blocks for a continuation of this high quality habitat.	£36,590.14	£35,590.14	June 2024 – March 2025
SHR112 A F Beavan & Co., Graig Farm, Knighton: Upper Trebert Meadow Project	We have a large project planned in this section of the farm to put in 1450m of fencing to minimise livestock access to a 705m length of stream and the approx. 3ha of linear woodland bordering, and then to subdivide the remaining fields to bring them into rotational grazing management.	£14,359.53	£18,337.17	June 2024 – March 2025
SHR113 Daniel J Lewis, Pool House Hollow, Bucknell: Provision of water for livestock to enable grazing management, restore pond and create/gap up hedgerows.	Pond restoration and protection, 586m of new hedgerow, 25 new hedgerow trees, 195m of gapping up/coppicing, 134m of historic hedge restoration. This project is restoring and creating new habitat corridors for wildlife on the farm. Grassland will also be enhanced through a greater control over grazing which will improve grass production and diversity.	£43,469.37	£47,313.37	June 2024 – March 2025
SHR114 JL & J Bennett, Welsh Row, Pennerley: Rotational grazing project	This project will provide infrastructure for rotational grazing, woodland creation to form windbreak and planting new hedgerows. 973m permanent electric fencing to allow for smaller pastures, 1km water pipe, 174m new hedgerow and trees and 92 trees for a windbreak.	£17,882.67	£18,431.80	Jul 2024 – March 2025
SHR115 RD & CC Forsyth, Red House Farm, Cardington: Facilities for educational visits, creation of new hedge, riparian strips and infrastructure to allow rotational grazing	This project includes the conversion of a stone barn for educational purposes, fencing of a brook to create riparian strip and new hedge and provide an alternative water source for livestock, introduce rotational grazing into the management plan for the farm.	£54,406.47	£60,591.50	June 2024 – March 2025
SHR117 M L Mellor, Handless Farm, Lydbury North: Regeneration of woodland,	Restoration of 0.26 ha coppice by thinning mature trees and replanting to create more diverse woodland habitat and fencing to better manage livestock access,	£12,609.26	£12,609.26	Jul 2024 – March 2025

enhancement of hedgerows and protection of water courses	watercourse maintenance and fencing to prevent livestock encroachment, totalling 443 m, hedge restoration by gapping, 133 m			
SHR118 Walcot Farm Partnership, Walcot Farm, Lydbury North: Walcot Farm water course/wetland protection. Hedge row reinstatement.	Protection of 760m of watercourse, restoration of 140m of historic hedgerow, planting of 15 sweet chestnut, fencing off woodland to allow natural regeneration. This project will help with natural flood management to reduce downstream peak flow levels, and improve river water quality. Through habitation restoration, creation and corridors biodiversity will increase on the farm.	£28,879.94	£28,879.94	Jul 2024 – March 2025
SHR120 Leo Smith Ornithological Surveys & Consultancy, Long Mynd, Church Stretton: Whinchat habitat and bracken management on the Long Mynd	The project will use professional ornithologists to locate as many nests and territories as possible on the Long Mynd and advise National Trust of the results so they can ensure that the bracken management they are undertaking does not damage whinchat nests or habitats.	£9,819.00	£11,859.00	Jul 2024 – March 2025
SHR121 R J & H V Price, Peckledy Farm, Bucknell : Adding value to low input grassland by adopting rotational grazing systems and improvement of water quality	Implement rotational grazing systems in low input grassland using electric fence systems, mobile water bowsers, mobile creep feeders. Rotational grazing will allow longer rest periods to improve soil structure; relieve compaction, build aggregate structure, and maximise production from nature's resources: water and sun.	£14,240.33	£22,756.60	Jul 2024 – March 2025