

Creation of Wildlife Corridors and Educational Group Visits



PROJECT OVERVIEW

To create two new wildlife corridors planted with a mixture of upland tree species and hawthorn which will be fenced from livestock grazing and include leaky wooded dams within them. This will increase biodiversity, provide local natural flood management, carbon storage and increased habitat connectivity.

To design and build a new additional access for all classroom extension to allow less-able bodied people to visit and stay on residential. This will greatly increase the number and diversity of groups which will be able to visit the farm and local area.

To provide financial support for additional educational access visits.

CLIMATE

The new areas of native tree and shrub planting will both sequester additional carbon and help to reduce flood risk by slowing the flow of water and increasing the water infiltration rates. Habitat creation will help to increase connectivity between habitats across the farm and make the local landscape more resilient to climate change.

PLACE

The improvement to the connectivity of habitats will help to enhance the quality of the local landscape. Using local suppliers and contractors to construct the extension and create the wildlife corridors will support local businesses.

NATURE

The wildlife corridors will increase the area of wildlife rich habitat on the farm, increase connectivity between habitats and lead to an increase in biodiversity locally.

PEOPLE

The new educational access classroom extension will provide more opportunities for more diverse groups of people to explore, enjoy and understand the landscape. It will enable less-able bodied people to come and use the facilities and stay on residential. There is a greater engagement in land management as more groups will be able to take part in practical tasks on the farm.

AONB MANAGEMENT PLAN

OBJECTIVES ACHIEVED

- 1.2 - Habitats and Species
- 2.1 - Farming and Land Management
- 2.3 - Local Economy and Rural Services
- 3.1 - Countryside Access
- 3.2 - Visitor Management and Information
- 3.3 - Discovering and Learning
- 3.4 - Health and Well-being



LOCAL ASSESSMENT PANEL REVIEW

- The project scored well on all four criterion; Project outcomes, Value for money, Sustainability / Legacy of project and Ability to deliver.
- The project has encompassed all four outcomes of the Farming in Protected Landscapes Programme together with including several Forest of Bowland AONB Management Objectives, making this a successful application.
- The design, build and electrics were awarded at 40%, the aspects relating to the wildlife corridors, educational visits and access for all adapted facilities were awarded at 100% funding.
- Grant award total = £118,000.20