

The programme supports activity on any land within the AONB or National Park. It can also support activity on other land where projects can demonstrate benefit to an AONB or National Park, its objectives, or partnership initiatives.

For further details and application information visit:

- Dartmoor National Park - visit www.dartmoor.gov.uk
- Exmoor National Park - visit www.exmoor-nationalpark.gov.uk
- Blackdown Hills AONB - visit www.blackdownhillsaonb.org.uk
- East Devon AONB - visit www.eastdevonaonb.org.uk
- North Devon AONB - visit www.northdevon-aonb.org.uk
- South Devon AONB - visit www.southdevonaonb.org.uk
- Tamar Valley AONB - visit www.tamarvalley.org.uk

You can see AONB and National Park boundaries by visiting the *magic* mapping website: <https://magic.defra.gov.uk/MagicMap.aspx>

Click on 'designations', 'land-based designations', Statutory, and then 'Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty England.' / National Parks England.



Farming in Protected Landscapes In Devon

A new programme providing financial support to farmers and other land managers in National Parks and Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty



Funding for one-off projects that support nature recovery, tackling the impacts of climate change, cultural heritage and more...

Available
July 2021
to March
2024

The Farming in Protected Landscapes programme is open to all farmers and land managers* (including from the private, public and charity sector) in a National Park or AONB that meet at least one of the outcomes below:

Projects must **also** help to deliver at least one of the objectives of the AONB/National Park Management Plan

Climate outcomes

- More carbon is stored and/or sequestered
- Flood risk is reduced
- The landscape is more resilient to climate change
- Farmers, land managers and the public better understand what different habitats and land uses can store carbon and reduce carbon emissions

Nature outcomes

- There is an increase in biodiversity
- Existing habitat is better managed
- There is a greater area of habitat improved for biodiversity
- There is greater connectivity between habitats

People outcomes

- There are more opportunities for more diverse audiences to explore, enjoy and understand the landscape
- There are more opportunities for people to explore, enjoy and understand the landscape
- There is greater public engagement in land management, such as through volunteering

Place outcomes

- Historic structures and features are conserved, enhanced or interpreted more effectively
- The quality and character of the landscape is reinforced or enhanced
- There is an increase in farm business resilience

*Other organisations and individuals can apply, as long as they do this in collaboration with a farmer or land manager, or in support of a farmer or group of farmers.

For example, the programme might support:

- Naturalising a straightened watercourse, for the biodiversity and natural flood management benefits
- Replacing stiles with gates on public footpaths to promote easier access
- Restoring drystone walls across a landholding
- Creating wildfowl scrapes, or creating ponds to support a variety of wildlife
- Promoting connectivity between habitats
- Creating and promoting a series of farm walks providing new access opportunities
- Conserving historic features on a farm, such as lime kilns or lead mining heritage
- Parking improvements to provide safe access to popular walking routes/reduce congestion
- A pop-up camping facility, alongside the provision of new walking trails and on-site activities, e.g. stargazing
- Supporting a locally branded food initiative promoting links between food and landscape
- Re-wilding an area of land and promoting natural processes
- Action to reduce carbon emissions or whole farm planning for conservation, energy efficiency/economic resilience
- Accessing farm business advice
- Working with new audiences to enable them to experience the Protected Landscape

Payment rates

If an applicant will not make a commercial gain through a project, they could receive up to 100% of the costs.

Where an applicant would benefit commercially from a project, they could receive between 40% and 80% of the costs through the Programme, depending on how much commercial benefit the project will give them.