

Enhancing Biodiversity on Farmland for Improved Resilience

Examples from England (UK)

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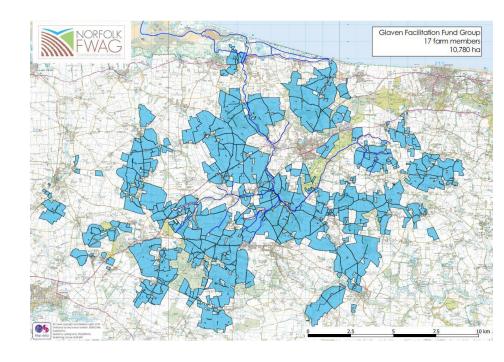






Countryside Stewardship Facilitation Fund

- Originally funded under the CAP
- Aim: to achieve joined-up action through agrienvironment-climate schemes across specific areas
- Provides funding for organisations to bring individual farmers, foresters and other land managers together to:
 - > work cooperatively
 - > to maximise the scheme's impact on the local environment,
 - by bringing larger land areas under active management.
- Findings from evaluations so far:
 - significant benefits in facilitating knowledge exchange between farmers leading to increased engagement with environmental activities,
 - data are not yet available to demonstrate impact on biodiversity







Landscape Recovery Scheme

- Part of new Environmental Land Management framework (successor to CAP)
- Long-term public funding 20 years or more
- To deliver outcomes that require collaborative action across a significant area, e.g.
 - restoring ecological or hydrological function across a landscape
- > Agreements are:
 - > bespoke for the area
 - > allow for new approaches to be tested
- Intention is that projects could attract private finance to co-fund the public funding provided.
- 56 projects so far 22 approved in 2022 / 34 in 2023







Landscape Recovery Examples

Evenlode Landscape Recovery Project

- Located in the Cotswold Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty
- > 150 farmers
- > 43,000 hectares
- Aim: to restore streams and rivers, protect threatened native species, improve natural habitats and adapt to climate change while continuing to farm productively and create new revenue streams for farmers.





Upper Dudden Landscape Recovery project

- Lake District National Park
- Aims to:
 - restore nature over nearly 3,000 hectares of the Upper Duddon catchment
 - > protect and enhance species native to the area.
- Currently in the development phase being designed with local farmers, including tenants, so upland fell farmers have a sustainable and resilient future.



