

Farm Regenerative Feasibility Study, Access for All Building Support and Educational Access Visits



PROJECT OVERVIEW

To move towards a regenerative farming system on the farm. To learn and understand more about this and the benefits it has to soil health and carbon storage, by engaging with a grassland specialist to guide, plan and advise on the best practise. To carry out soil testing and a report on how to implement a new grazing regime using herbal leys and rotational grazing. To gain a baseline understanding of the soils current status of health, nutrients and carbon to enable better planning of inputs and/or reduce inputs, whilst also having a positive impact on carbon storage over the time frame of the project. To provide a venue where anyone can access the facilities to improve mental, physical and emotional health and wellbeing.

CLIMATE

The soil analysis and rotational grazing plans have the potential to deliver climate outcomes in terms of increasing soil carbon storage and reducing flood risk by increasing field infiltration rates. It will enable the farm to plan for future land management strategies.

NATURE

The movement to herbal leys will diversify swards which will help to improve and encourage an increase in biodiversity on the farm, together with improving soil quality, biological activity and soil biodiversity.

AONB MANAGEMENT PLAN

OBJECTIVES ACHIEVED

- 1.4 - Natural Capital and Ecosystem Services
- 2.1 - Farming and Land Management
- 2.2 - Sustainable Tourism
- 3.2 - Visitor Management and Information
- 3.3 - Discovering and Learning
- 3.4 - Health and Well-being

PLACE

The funding will support the resilience of a nature-friendly business, the use of herbal leys reduces costs such as artificial fertiliser and fuel. The renovated building and facilities will contribute to the farm's diversification business as well as being used for the non-fee paying school and other group visits.

PEOPLE

The new educational access facilities which include a toilet block with a disabled toilet, bi-fold doors and kitchen facilities, will create more opportunities and enable more people and more diverse audiences to explore, enjoy and understand the landscape. There is a greater engagement in land management as more groups will be able to take part in practical tasks on the farm.



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 scheme together with including several Forest of Bowland AONB Management Objectives, making this a successful application for this scheme.
- All elements relating to the facilities for the access for all building were awarded funding at 40%, the regenerative study and soil sampling were awarded at 100% funding and the educational visits were based of the Countryside Stewardship ED1 rate.
- Grant award total = £30,441.40