



List of Useful Links & Contacts:

16th March 2026

- **Forest of Bowland Farmer Group** - This group has been developed through the Farming in Protected Landscapes programme and aims to act as a contact group for Farmers within the National Landscape to provide support and connectivity during the agricultural transition. The group is free to join and offers events, a quarterly newsletter and email updates. To find out more and to join the group click here;
[Forest of Bowland Farmer Group | Forest of Bowland National Landscape](#)
- **Countryside Stewardship Capital Grant:** *(currently closed, opening in July 2026)*: If you are looking for boundary restoration type work such as hedging and stone wall restoration, then standalone Capital Grants will be worth looking into, there are also many other capital items available to you. These agreements run for three years, and you can apply online. More information can be found following this link;
[NFU26: how we're building farming resilience – The Farming Blog](#)
[Capital Grants 2025 - GOV.UK](#)
- **Expanded Sustainable Farming Incentive (SFI) Offer 2024:** *(Currently closed, opening Summer 2026)* - Details of a reformed SFI scheme, which will open in 2 windows in June (for small farms of 3-50ha and those farms not in an agri-environment schemes) & September (for all farms). The scheme has changes designed to be simpler, fairer and more accessible for farmers. We advise farmers to get prepared for this scheme, by registering for an SBI number if you haven't already got one, and making sure your land is mapped correctly on your RPA account. More information on this can be found following this link
[The new SFI offer for 2026 – Farming](#)
- **Farming Equipment and Technology Fund (FETF):** *(Applications close midday 28th April)* : The Farming Equipment and Technology Fund has opened on 17th March 2026, and will have a 6 week long application window:
[Apply for the Farming Equipment and Technology Fund \(FETF\) 2026 - GOV.UK](#)
[Farming Equipment and Technology Fund 2026: guidance now available – The Farming Blog](#)
- **Tree planting and woodland creation:** If your enquiry involves tree planting or woodland creation there are a number of avenues of funding which may be suitable. Use the following links to explore some available options:
[England Woodland Creation Offer - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)
<https://wyrivertrust.org/>
<https://ribbletrust.org.uk/>
<https://lunerivertrust.org.uk/>
- **Pond Creation & Restoration:** The Lancashire Wildlife Trust currently have a project supporting the Great Crested Newt. As part of the scheme's offer, they can identify suitable locations for ponds, arrange and fund required checks or consents, design and create or restore ponds, provide and install fencing (if needed) and explore the option to fund landowners to create the pond themselves and install fencing if required.
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