

Farming in Protected Landscapes Quantock Hills AONB

9 projects delivering for climate

Including:

- 0.5 ha of woodland creation
- 255 ha of land being managed with regenerative farming techniques
- 4 projects to improve the soil quality
- 2 projects helping to reduce flood risk
- 7 projects increasing carbon sequestration
- 74 ha of woodland brought into management

4 projects delivering for people

Including:

- 1 project to support greater public engagement in land management
- 3.3 ha of new permissive open access
- 3 new visitor attractions created

We've been able to do this by working with a range of partners.

- 35 farmers
- 13 of farmers who have not engaged with agri-environment schemes before
- 16 of farmers who the Protected Landscape bodies have not engaged with before
- 2 new farm clusters created, and 1 existing farm cluster supported

Our **Local Assessment Panel** has met 5 times in the first year of the programme. The Panel has included representatives from:

- Quantock Hills Joint Advisory Committee
- Natural England
- EDF Energy (HPC)
- Sedgemoor District Council
- Somerset West & Taunton
- Somerset County Council
- Local farming community

10 projects delivering for nature

Including:

- 420 metres of hedgerows planted
- 565 metres of hedgerows laid
- 1638 ha of positive management on SSSIs
- 1931 ha of habitat improvement for biodiversity
- 64 ha of improved habitat connectivity
- 7.8ha of species-rich grassland created
- 2 new traditional orchards created

13 projects delivering for place

Including:

- 5 historic structures and features conserved, enhanced or interpreted more effectively
- 4 projects increasing the resilience of nature friendly sustainable farm businesses, contributing a more thriving local economy
- 2 SHINE features maintained or improved

Our main stakeholders include: Quantock Commoners Association, Quantock Landscape Partnership Scheme, South West Heritage Trust, Friends of Quantock, Farming and Wildlife Advisory Group (South West).

13 projects supported

11 projects completed

1942 ha of land supported

4 projects in Severely Disadvantaged Areas (SDAs)

