



**List of Useful Links & Contacts:**

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September

- **Countryside Stewardship Capital Grant:** 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; [Countryside Stewardship: get funding to protect and improve the land you manage - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/countryside-stewardship-get-funding-to-protect-and-improve-the-land-you-manage)
- **Expanded Sustainable Farming Incentive (SFI) Offer 2024:** You may have seen the announcements regarding the Expanded Sustainable Farming Incentive offer for 2024. With 102 actions available including more than 20 new actions to support more sustainable food production, with payments for precision farming, agroforestry, a new and expanded offer for upland farmers and more actions for tenants on short-term contracts. This offer includes what was available through Mid-Tier previously. The RPA are currently carrying out a controlled roll out for signing up to this scheme, but we are expecting the application portal to open to everyone towards the end of summer. More information on this can be found following this link; <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/sustainable-farming-incentive-scheme-expanded-offer-for-2024/sfi-scheme-information-expanded-offer-for-2024>
- **Farming Equipment and Technology Fund (FETF):** Although the Farming Equipment and Technology Fund is currently closed, we are expecting a second round in 2024 to open for Animal Health and Welfare, Productivity and Slurry items. More information can be found here; [Farming Equipment and Technology Fund 2024 \(closed\) - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/farming-equipment-and-technology-fund-2024-closed)
- **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: [Tree planting and woodland creation: overview - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/tree-planting-and-woodland-creation-overview)      [England Woodland Creation Offer - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/england-woodland-creation-offer)  
[Local Authority Treescaping Fund - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/local-authority-treescaping-fund)
- **Forest of Bowland Farmer Group** - The Forest of Bowland Farmer Group has been developed by the Forest of Bowland National Landscape, through the Farming in Protected Landscapes programme. It aims to act as a contact group for Farmers within the Forest of Bowland National Landscape to provide support and connectivity during the agricultural transition. To find out more and to join the group click here; [Forest of Bowland Farmer Group | Forest of Bowland National Landscape](https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/forest-of-bowland-farmer-group)