



Department  
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Food & Rural Affairs



**Forest of  
Bowland  
National  
Landscape**

**List of Useful Links & Contacts:**

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- **Countryside Stewardship Capital Grant:** *(Currently paused, reopening in summer 2025):* 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. 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):** *(To open in Spring):* Although the Farming Equipment and Technology Fund is currently closed, we are told we are told the next round will open in Spring 2025 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) <https://wyrivertrust.org/> <https://ribbletrust.org.uk/> <https://lunerivertrust.org.uk/>
- **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](https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/forest-of-bowland-farmer-group)