

Landscape Recovery Round 2: Be part of the White Peak Landscape Recovery Scheme

PLEASE JOIN US FOR AN NFU-HOSTED MEETING WHERE WE CAN TELL YOU
MORE AND ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS

FRIDAY 8 SEPTEMBER, 7.30 pm

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Apologies for an impersonal flyer; you may already be aware of this opportunity, but we want to ensure that as many White Peak farmers as possible can be part of the White Peak Landscape Recovery bid and **the deadline (21 September) is rapidly approaching**. This flyer contains information to help you decide whether you'd like to be part of it.

What is the White Peak Landscape Recovery?

Landscape Recovery is a new Defra scheme to benefit farming and recover nature across whole landscapes. The Peak District National Park Authority is making an application on behalf of a **partnership that is open to all White Peak farmers and land managers**. We recognise it would be a huge ask of farmers to deliver the application themselves, which is why the National Park is submitting the bid as lead applicant.

What exactly would I be signing up to?

Initially, **you'll only be signing up to a two-year period** known as the **Development Phase**. You are not committing to anything more than this.

During this period you will contribute, as little or as much as you feel able, and with financial support for the time involved, to develop a bespoke land management scheme, tailored for the White Peak, that will support profitable and nature-friendly farming.

By joining the bid, you'll simply ensure that your holding is included in the area covered by the scheme and therefore is eligible for funding. This way you will have the chance to shape the future scheme to meet the needs of your farm.

While signed up you'll be able to continue as normal with respect to existing schemes, and decide later if you wish to transition, partially or fully, into the new Landscape Recovery Scheme.

What area of the White Peak will the application cover?

The boundary of the application will be determined by the land holdings that sign up, and the funding that the National Park application bids for will depend on the extent of that area.

If you feel you might be interested, you need to include your land in the bid now.

Can I wait and decide to join later during the Development phase?

We are recommending that farmers sign up now as we do not yet know whether additional land can be added once the Development Phase has started. The funding received will be based on how many farms sign up initially. It makes more sense, if you are unsure, to become part of it now as you can simply leave at any stage of the development phase if you feel you no longer want to be part of it.

What sort of work might this support?

The scheme and the options included will be shaped by the participating farmers.

There will need to be a range of options to suit all farms. That's why the Development phase, and your participation in it, is important; it will provide the understanding of what White Peak farms need and collect the evidence to show this.

We do know the White Peak Landscape Recovery Scheme will need to take a broad approach, and could fund options such as:

- Nature-friendly farming with legume-rich grassland swards
- planting scattered trees along field edges and corners
- enhancing existing flower-rich grasslands and hay meadows
- low-input woody pasture or agro-forestry on the dale-tops

Different options will be appropriate for different land, and you will not commit to signing your land up to anything during the Development Phase. Developing a wider range of options for all circumstances is more likely to be achieved with a wider range of farms signed up. See our information sheet for additional details.

How will I directly benefit from being part of the Development Phase?

- You will be eligible for the bespoke White Peak Landscape Recovery Scheme when the Development Phase ends.
- You will have a say in the land management options produced and contribute to the evidence needed to inform payment rates.
- You will receive payment for any time you spend contributing during the Development Phase.
- You will not have to enter the Landscape Recovery Scheme- when the Development Phase ends you can decide to carry on with any existing scheme instead. But you will be eligible to transition to the new scheme, for all or part of your holding.
- As part of the Development Phase, you will be offered, for example, surveys to support future green finance, and you may also obtain farm business advice. This will be at no cost to you and will be available for your future use regardless of whether you decide to enter the Landscape Recovery Scheme at the end of the development phase.

What information do I have to supply to be part of this?

You can see the information required in the support form. **Fill in the form to register your interest now and be part of this bid.**

You will need to submit your holding boundary, or the boundary of the land you are prepared to consider entering. Maps can be sent to the National Park in any form. You do not have to include your whole holding boundary though, if you do, it means you will be able to consider options across your whole holding later.

You will only be sharing this information with the National Park (and the contractor who will do the mapping) and Defra (on submission).

The deadline for Landscape Recovery applications is **21 September**. You need to submit your forms to the National Park by **14 September**. Please submit forms by post to PDNPA, Aldern House, Baslow Road, bakewell DE45 1AE or email farming@peakdistrict.gov.uk

Thank you for reading, and please get in touch via the contacts below if you have any questions.

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