

Harlings Farm



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TV007 - TV027 - TV048

Accredited Education Facility creation in a safe,
accessible, Nature friendly setting

Farming in Protected
Landscapes programme



Project Overview:

- Accessible access including woodland trails.
- Wildflower meadows and Hedgerows.
- Collaborative Gardens, Classrooms and Polytunnel
- Base for Farm Shop and Cafe

Total funding - £ 49,793.31

“Farming in Protected Landscapes has changed the direction of our business for the better. We can now provide safe, accessible alternative learning opportunities in a Nature enhanced environment” Farm owner



Key Benefits:

Enabled the creation of Danial's Ride CIC which delivers 50+ alternative learning and wellbeing interventions per year using a farm that is now accessible, safe and welcoming.

Enabled a more environmentally responsible approach to farming, recovering 1.35 Ha of species rich grazing for Rare breeds and creating wildflower margins, nest boxes, new hedges and trees.

A gravity field watering system has been installed which in time will connect to a rain water harvesting system.

Further details:

The current owners moved into Harlings in 2019. The 17.4 acre site was essentially a large field with just under 4 ha of woodland and 1.35 Ha of gorse on a steep valley side.

Nature

The land has been subdivided into paddocks and TV007 had many of the tracks planted with wild flower margins established to create connected habitats.

A natural Bee hive was installed.

A Brush Cutter was 80% FiPL funded in order to maintain the pathways and to clear gorse, and encourage paddocks of species rich grassland for native rare breeds. This is available for subsidised hire.



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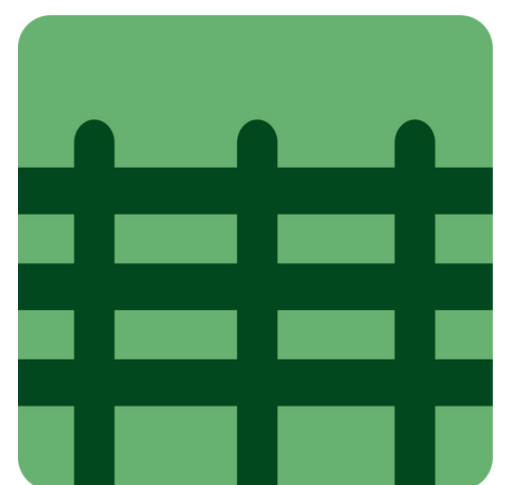
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Wood burner in classroom



Species rich grazing





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The improved site facilitates, accessibility and safety enable more volunteering activities which help with the site.

850m of hedgerows have been created and 60 new trees, improving habitat and contributing to carbon absorption.

Previously one of the owners had been a commercial farmer and very sceptical, but is now convinced of the benefits of Nature Friendly farming.

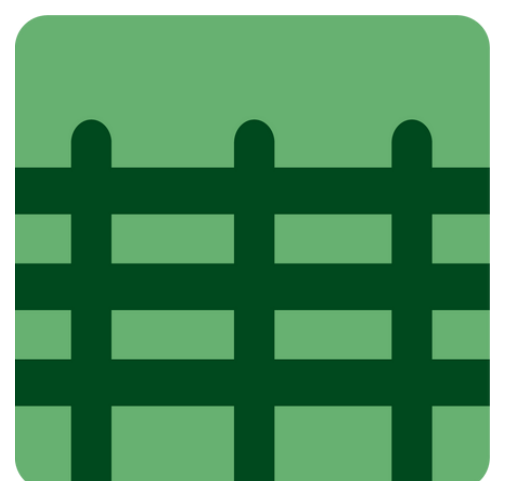
Climate

Heating in the buildings of TV027 and TV048 enables harvested wood from 'dead' trees to be used or pelleted.

People

The FiPL grant in TV027 has paid for the footings of a Farm shop, cafe and education facilities which otherwise could not have been built. Once complete (April 2025) this will generate vital revenue for the farm - enabling it support staff and activities. The cafe and retail will focus heavily on locally produce and crafts/ (75% from within 6 mile) to a local audience on the Bere Peninsular.

“The process was very straight forward and all the FiPL staff have been very supportive and helpful” Farm owner





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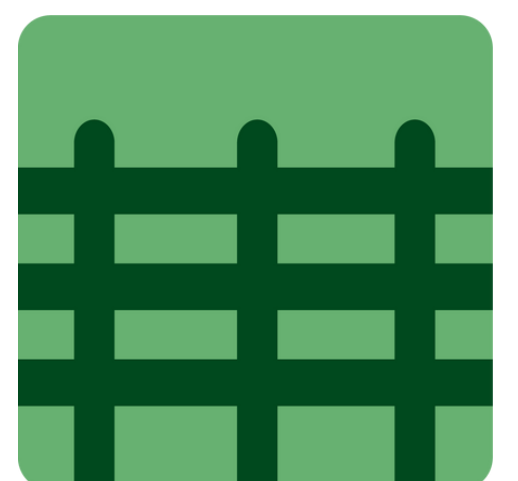
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The retail unit has made incredible use of recycled components in order to complete at about 10% of a 2025 quote for the same space, preventing many items going to waste and reducing the resources involved in manufacturing.

TV007 enables a network of accessible tracks around the paddocks and woodland that enable the farm to be safely used for accredited educational and wellbeing activities by diverse and underserved groups. This exposes many people to Nature who have limited or no Nature connectedness in their normal lives.

TV048 focused on an approx ½ Ha collaboration garden. The Polly Tunnel is fully accessible with an efficient drip feed system supplied from a rain water harvesting system. Along with a fruit cage and accessible sensory planters this area enables a range of hands on activities to be delivered.

Currently two repurposed containers are used as outdoor classrooms, one is fitted with a wood burner to enable winter use. Benches and shady areas enable complete the space which is sheltered by a significant amount of newly installed hedging. All the facilities are accessible and a waste water management unit has also been installed.





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Conclusions

The Owners found the FiPL process to be straight forward with excellent support by the Tamar Valley National Landscape Staff.

They would definitely recommend the scheme to others.

In some projects the funding enabled them to upgrade the delivery beyond its original scope with their own funds , for example the polytunnel is slightly bigger than originally planned.

They explained that initially the Farm would have been equine, doggie day care and container storage, with the pasture to sheep. However FiPL has contributed massively to a more Nature focused farming approach by enabling them to focus on native rare breeds and mentioned enhancements, along with enabling the farm to provide alternative education provision and welfare.

The demand for this provision has lead to the creation of a Danial's Rides CIC in order to develop these sustainably, maximising the legacy of the FiPL project. While an exact monetary benefit is not possible within the scope of this report, the real but anecdotal benefits from this projects impact on the lives of many people is already clear.

