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Farm Improvement Programme 2025-2026 Application Form

APPLICANT

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ELIGIBILITY

You must meet the following criteria:

Did you submit an Agricultural Return (Part A and B) for 2024-2025?

YES	NO
X	

You must meet **one** of the following criteria:

Are you the owner of the farm?

YES	NO
	X

If you lease the farm, can you provide evidence of secure tenancy?

X	
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You must meet **at least one** of the following criteria:

Do you have current total stock of at least 2,000 DSE?

YES	NO
	X

Did you sell at least £1,000 of agricultural products in FY 2024-2025?

X	
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Have you received FIP funding within the last five years?

	X
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SUMMARY

Brief project summary (max. 15 words)
<i>Protection of Saladero ruins and reclamation of adjacent clay-patches</i>
Which priorities best describe your project? (please select all that apply)
<input type="checkbox"/> Enhancing the Agricultural Economy <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sustainable Land and Grazing Systems <input type="checkbox"/> Food Security <input type="checkbox"/> Capital Improvement <input type="checkbox"/> Monitoring, Innovation and Adaptation <input type="checkbox"/> New Farm Business
Letter of support
Please indicate which Agricultural Advisor is supporting your application
Erica Berntsen
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> I confirm I have attached a letter or email of support from the above Agricultural Advisor

NOTE: This is a hypothetical example – The DoA’s Saladero Farm is not eligible for, and does not receive, funding from the Farm Improvement Programme

PROPOSAL

Project goals (max. 50 words) Please provide a summary of the key goals and/or outcomes you hope to achieve through this project
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Fence off the Saladero ruins from grazing in O4E to reduce further damage from livestock• Improve soil in areas of clay patch surrounding the ruins• Establish vegetation to prevent further erosion
Project plan and schedule (max. 100 words) Please describe how and when you will implement your project ensuring you provide sufficient information to determine the appropriateness of any agronomic, environmental or management interventions
<p>I will erect a 5-wire fence immediately, using standard post and dropper spacing, to protect the heritage site and clay patch. In early spring (September), I will lightly scarify the clay patch using quad-mounted discs. Sheep dung from the shearing shed will be mixed with wool dags and incorporated into the top 5–10 cm of soil. The area will be seeded with Yorkshire fog. A light mulch of whitegrass will be spread over the seed to help retain moisture. Jute erosion matting will be pegged down to prevent wind erosion. Restoration timing ensures good ground moisture for seed establishment and successful vegetation growth.</p>
Assessing project completion (max. 50 words) Please describe what you intend to do to evaluate the outcome of your project
<p>Project outcomes will be assessed through annual photo monitoring, visual checks of vegetation cover, and signs of erosion. Fence integrity will be regularly inspected. Successful establishment will be indicated by dense ground cover, reduced bare soil, and no further soil loss by autumn following the first growing season.</p>
Follow-up and feedback method (max. 50 words) Please describe how you will provide feedback to the DoA on the outcomes and/or lessons learned from your project
<p>Feedback will include photos of completed fencing with a GPS track of the new fenceline. Photos of the reclamation work will be compiled into a short report. A summary article will also be written for <i>The Wool Press</i>, sharing methods, outcomes, and lessons learned with the wider farming community.</p>

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BUDGET JUSTIFICATION

Funding requested Please ensure your application includes a completed budget spreadsheet: LINK
Total project request: £ 2,500 Total in-kind matched funding provided: £ 375 Total cash matched funding provided: £ 375
Requested funding (max. 100 words) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Please provide a brief explanation of costs. For example: labour, equipment, materials, consumables, capital items.• Ensure that all line items on your budget spreadsheet are fully described• Ensure any necessary quotes are attached to your application• For multi-year projects, if costs are different between years, provide an estimated breakdown for each year.
<p><i>The total project cost is £3,000, with 25% (£750) matched funding. Fencing materials for 1.5 km cost £2,700 (£1,800/km), essential to exclude stock and protect the site. The remaining £300 covers erosion control: £150 for jute matting, £75 for Yorkshire fog seed and whitegrass mulch, and £75 for pegs, fuel, and other materials. This budget supports practical, cost-effective restoration using on-farm resources where possible</i></p>
<input type="checkbox"/> I confirm I have attached a completed budget spreadsheet
Matched funding Briefly describe the matched funding you will provide for the project. In the case of in-kind matched funding, for example ensure you explain how the provided labour and equipment is appropriate and necessary for completion of the project.
<p><i>The total project cost is £3,000, with £750 (25%) provided as matched funding. Half (£375) is an in-kind contribution from the farmer. This includes 20 hours of labour at £10/hour (£200), 7.5 hours of machinery use at £20/hour (£150), and 5 m³ of wool dags and sheep dung valued at £15/m³ (£75), totalling £375 in-kind. The remaining £375 is a direct cash contribution from the farm. This matched funding supports key tasks such as fencing, soil preparation, and amendment application, combining farmer input with project funds to protect the heritage site and restore the eroded clay patch.</i></p>
Multi-year funding Would you like your project to be considered for multi-year funding? If yes, please: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• State how many years funding will be split over• Briefly explain why multi-year funding is necessary• Provide an estimated annual breakdown in costs
<p><i>Not applicable</i></p>

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