

## **Forest of Bowland Farmer Group** Contact List for advice within the AONB

### Woodland Trust –

Contact: **Hannah Marshall**

**Outreach Adviser - Northern Forest**

Telephone: 03437 705 463

Email: [HannahMarshall@woodlandtrust.org.uk](mailto:HannahMarshall@woodlandtrust.org.uk)

Hannah can advise on woodland and hedgerow creation at all scales, site visits available for woodland creation that is a minimum of 0.5ha in total (can be split across different areas of the farm). She can complete constraints checks on behalf of landowners including on priority habitats present, breeding bird suitability, archaeology, peaty soils and other ecologically important areas. Hannah can also help in decision making over most appropriate grants and funding available for woodland and hedgerow creation and complete site designs and species mixes for sites suitable for Woodland Trust funding.

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### Environment Agency –

Contact: **Sue Larty**

**Senior Officer for Cumbria and Lancashire Agricultural Regulatory Team; OR**

Contact: **Jackie Monk**

**Senior Agricultural Officer for the Ribble & Douglas Catchment ('TARA' project)**

Telephone: 03708 506506

Email: [CLA\\_ARIO@environment-agency.gov.uk](mailto:CLA_ARIO@environment-agency.gov.uk)

If you are planning to build new storage for silage, slurry or agricultural fuel oil, or make substantial changes to an existing store, you must tell the Environment Agency at least 14 days before you start. You can also contact Sue or Jackie with general environment agency queries. More details can be found here <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/storing-silage-slurry-and-agricultural-fuel-oil>

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### RSPB –

Contact: **Philip Miller**

**Conservation Officer**

Telephone: 07506 281576

Email: [philip.miller@rspb.org.uk](mailto:philip.miller@rspb.org.uk)

At the RSPB we are happy to help provide free farmland advice and support to help encourage and protect wildlife on farms. We can help support farmers with applications into stewardship or one-off habitat management grants. We have a special interest in breeding Wading Birds including Curlew, Lapwing Oystercatcher, Redshank and Snipe, we have an annual survey taking place on around 70 farms in Bowland undertaken by Volunteers. This data is hugely important to farmers trying to access new stewardship schemes whilst helping us to provide advice tailored specifically to each farm.

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### Natural England

North West mailbox is [csf.northwest@naturalengland.org.uk](mailto:csf.northwest@naturalengland.org.uk) where your email will be directed to the relevant officer, or for direct contacts please see below.

Contact: **Lynsey Mitchell**

Catchment Sensitive Farming Adviser – Ribble Catchment

Telephone: 07787 147 668 (Monday – Thursday, 8am – 6pm)

Email: [Lynsey.Mitchell@naturalengland.org.uk](mailto:Lynsey.Mitchell@naturalengland.org.uk)

Contact: **Kirsty Burrow**

Catchment Sensitive Farming Adviser – Lune Catchment

Telephone: 07789 282 897

Email: [Kirsty.Burrow@naturalengland.org.uk](mailto:Kirsty.Burrow@naturalengland.org.uk)

Contact: **Michael Graham**

Catchment Sensitive Farming North West & Cheshire to Lancashire Uplands

Telephone: 07770 700 830

Email: [michael.graham@naturalengland.org.uk](mailto:michael.graham@naturalengland.org.uk)

Catchment Sensitive Farming provides locally informed, confidential, on-farm advice to help you make decisions on soil management, nutrient, slurry, and manure management, ammonia emission reduction, farm infrastructure and machinery set-up, pesticide handling, water resources and natural flood management, local environmental priorities, land management, and agricultural transition advice including grants. More information can be found here [Catchment Sensitive Farming: advice for farmers and land managers - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/catchment-sensitive-farming-advice-for-farmers-and-land-managers)

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### Forest of Bowland AONB

Contact: **Sarah Robinson and Tarja Wilson**

Farming in Protected Landscapes Programme Officers

Telephone: 01200 448 000

Email: [Sarah.Robinson@lancashire.gov.uk](mailto:Sarah.Robinson@lancashire.gov.uk) or [Tarja.Wilson2@lancashire.gov.uk](mailto:Tarja.Wilson2@lancashire.gov.uk)

The Farming in Protected Landscapes programme runs until March 2025. It can help fund projects that support nature recovery, mitigate the impacts of climate change, provide opportunities for people to discover, enjoy and understand the landscape and cultural heritage, or support nature-friendly, sustainable farm businesses. This is a programme of funding for one-off projects covering these areas of work, not an agri-environment scheme. If you are interested and would like to arrange a discussion then please register your interest on the link below, where more detailed information can be found [Farming in Protected Landscapes in the Forest of Bowland | Forest of Bowland AONB](#)

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Contact: Sarah Dornan

Countryside Access Officer

Mobile: 07917 836 606

Email: [Sarah.Dornan@lancashire.gov.uk](mailto:Sarah.Dornan@lancashire.gov.uk)

Sarah can offer advice concerning access routes, way markers and your rights and responsibilities with maintenance to public access routes.

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Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust –

Contact: Carol Edmondson

Bowland Hay Time Project Officer

Mobile: 07775 793283

Email: [Carol.Edmondson@lancashire.gov.uk](mailto:Carol.Edmondson@lancashire.gov.uk)

Working with landowners and communities to restore and enhance wildflower meadows in the Forest of Bowland AONB. Carol can provide advice and support and may be able to provide funding for the restoration of grasslands to species-rich hay meadows.

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Ribble Rivers Trust

Contact: Heather Whalley

Senior Farm Advisor

Mobile: 07794 229 794

Office: 01200 444452

Email: [heather@ribbletrust.com](mailto:heather@ribbletrust.com)

Heather works with landowners to deliver environmental mitigation methods to target Natural Flood Management and Diffuse Water Pollution. Heather assists farmers with Countryside Stewardship applications, Sustainable Farming Incentive applications, and tries to source funding to support landowners delivering infrastructure to help reduce agricultural pollution and provide public goods through natural flood management opportunities. Competent to provide agricultural consultancy, she aims to support farmers with business planning, budgets, applying for grants, and using farmland economically for environmental outcomes. Heather is also FACTs qualified advisor for nutrient and soil management advice and planning.

Kathryn (details below) can also offer free and confidential farm advice and reports to farmers within the Ribble Catchment.

Ribble Rivers Trust

Contact: Kathryn Oddie

Head of Land Management

Mobile: 07398 622010

Office: 01200 444452

Email: [Kathryn.oddie@ribbletrust.com](mailto:Kathryn.oddie@ribbletrust.com)

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### Wyre Rivers Trust

Contacts as below:

- Water and Habitat Quality and any other queries – Thomas Myerscough (General Manager) [tom@wyriverstrust.org](mailto:tom@wyriverstrust.org)
- Farm Advice & Soil Management – Dr Heather Stott [heather@wyriverstrust.org](mailto:heather@wyriverstrust.org)
- Natural Flood Management – Sam Hopes [sam@wyriverstrust.org](mailto:sam@wyriverstrust.org)
- Woodland Creation – Sam Marshall [sam.marshall@wyriverstrust.org](mailto:sam.marshall@wyriverstrust.org)

The Wyre Rivers Trust are happy to provide free and confidential advice on a range of topics to farmers within the Wyre Catchment. We have a wide range of knowledge and experience in working with farmers and farming communities in the Wyre Catchment to provide advice which highlight financial and environmental win/wins that can be made on farms. We have successfully provided funding to farmers for a range of projects and would be delighted to help with any query, no matter how big or small.

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### Lune Rivers Trust

Contact: [Louisa Blundell](#) or [Jemma Wilson](#)

Farm Advisors / Project Officers

Telephone: Louisa on 07814 694129 or Jemma on 07949196695

Email: [louisa@luneriverstrust.org.uk](mailto:louisa@luneriverstrust.org.uk) or [jemma@luneriverstrust.org.uk](mailto:jemma@luneriverstrust.org.uk)

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### *~Other useful contacts for support and advice~*

#### TB Advisory Service

National Helpline: 01306 779410

Email: [info@tbas.org.uk](mailto:info@tbas.org.uk)

The TB Advisory Service is a DEFRA funded project that offers FREE, bespoke, practical, and cost-effective advice to all eligible farmers in England to help reduce the risks associated with TB.

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#### The Farming Community Network

National helpline: 03000 111 999

Email helpline: [help@fcn.org.uk](mailto:help@fcn.org.uk)

The Farming Community Network run a confidential helpline which is open every day of the year 7am - 11pm with volunteers providing free, confidential, pastoral and practical support to anyone within the farming community. Their volunteers, many of whom are involved in farming, or have close links with agriculture, have a great understanding of the issues that farmers, farm workers and farming families regularly face. They can offer a wide range of support from help with paperwork, to acting as family mediators, and even supporting farmers through legal issues – or you might just need someone to listen. This is a fantastic voluntary organisation and charity that supports farmers and families within the farming community through difficult times.

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**Field Nurse** is a small charity supporting healthcare in rural areas. They provide 'drop-in' medical clinics at local auction marts, offering health advice and basic checks such as blood pressure, and a friendly face to chat to for anyone struggling with their mental health or just feeling lonely.

Drop-in Clinics at -

- Clitheroe Auction Mart & Brock Auction Mart every Tuesday from 10:30am to 12.30pm
- Gisburn Auction Mart every Thursday & Saturday on sales days
- Craven Cattle Marts in Skipton at the fortnightly store cattle sales on a Wednesday