

Upper Aire Habitat and Land Management Improvement Project

Low Green Farm, Skipton

Low Green Farm is a 142 hectare dairy farm located on the main river Aire at Gargrave. The farm has a 300 cow dairy unit and 300 breeding ewes, and was one of the first to engage with the Project in 2012.



Timeline

Winter 2012

Contact made following EA referral with the objective of creating a demonstration project to establish the credentials of the Project.

Whole Farm Appraisal prepared which identified opportunities for:

- Works to restore a very badly eroded section of main riverbank above Gargrave weir.
- Additional fencing to protect riparian areas suffering from poaching.
- The adoption of a formal Nutrient Planning System on the farm to ensure that the optimum amounts of nutrients are applied to grassland to maximise production with minimal risk of environmental impact.

Detailed specification for bank restoration work prepared and agreed with farmer.

Land Drainage Consent applied for and obtained for proposed works.

Spring 2013

Bank restoration and associated works co-ordinated, carried out by local contractors, with £14,000 Project funding and £6336 farmer funding.

Work including:

- **30m of regrading and stone revetment.**
- **120m of riparian fencing.**
- **Track realignment and resurfacing.**

Autumn 2012

Well attended event *Rivers & Wildlife, How Healthy is Your River?* organised to showcase the Project with technical input from Yorkshire Dales Rivers Trust. Letter of appreciation received from Gargrave Parish Council.

Winter 2012/13

Nutrient Management Plan prepared for the farm highlighting opportunities for improved practice.



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