

Mr Tom Pope  
Fells Farm  
Wigglesworth road,  
Slaidburn BD23 4SY

Date 20<sup>th</sup> July 2026

Dear Mr Pope,

**BOWLAND HAYTIME – DONOR MEADOW & RECEPTOR MEADOW**

Donor Field parcel no.SD 7553 5859:

Receptor Field parcel no.SD 7553 6481

On behalf of Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust (YDMT), thank you for your interest in meadow restoration on your land, with support from the Farming in Protected Landscapes programme.

The attached Site Map shows the location of the donor field (1.6ha) & the fields to be restored (2.4ha) with a further potential area of 1.2ha.

**Meadow restoration:**

We have agreed that green brush harvesting will be collected from The Fells Farm meadow (your land) and used as green hay for restoration at Fells Farm and Stephen Moor Lodge meadows (as per the map below).

Once you have cut and cleared (or grazed very short) the meadow, and within a day or two of you planning to spread the seed, you need to chain harrow it to create bare ground (ideally 50%). You can then broadcast the green hay onto the field.

YDMT will arrange for the contractor (Steven Marsden of Marsden AES) to carry out the harrowing, collecting the seed and spreading onto the receptor sites.

**Meadow management:**

Traditional, low-intensity management of your restored meadow, in line with your Countryside Stewardship agreement, and our current guidance, is essential to provide the best opportunity for seed addition to be successful.

Following seed addition, the meadow should have short, intensive periods of grazing during August-November, preferably with cattle. This should bed the seeds in and prevent the sward from growing too tall, aiding germination of the introduced seeds. Prolonged grazing should initially be avoided to prevent selective grazing of new seedlings.

Short periods of intensive grazing with cattle or sheep should also be applied during the spring, before the meadow is shut-up by the end of April. The meadows should then be cut for hay, with repeated turning, to maximise seed shedding, in mid-July – mid-August.

Future management should continue to follow a traditional regime, as outlined in the enclosed guidance.

It is very important that you do not use inorganic fertilisers on the receptor meadow, as even very low rates of application can encourage competitive grasses at the expense of traditional wildflower meadow species. Use of farmyard manure can be part of a traditional meadow management regime and, as the soil fertility of the meadows is already reasonably low, it is fine to apply farmyard manure, if the dressing is light and the manure is well-rotted.

Aftermath grazing is imperative to keep the sward open and prevent scrub encroachment and vigorous grasses dominating and creating a sward of varying heights. This also creates suitable ground nesting bird habitat.

If ownership or tenancy of the land transfers to another owner or tenant, you agree to ensure that the new owner or tenant is made aware of the management requirements.

Public Access:

The general public will have visual access only to the site via the existing rights of way within or close to the field (as shown on the Site Map).

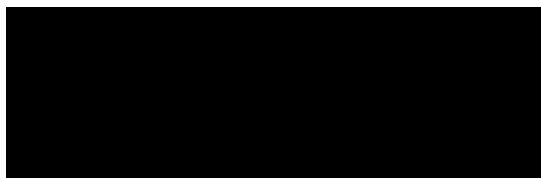
Publicity:

You agree that YDMT can refer to the project to publicise the support of YDMT, the Forest of Bowland National Landscape and Defra that has enabled the project to happen. In addition, you agree that YDMT has the option to use the site occasionally for photo opportunities and publicity about the restoration work. Any activity will be agreed with you in advance.

To confirm your acceptance of the project and these conditions, please sign and date the statement below and return it to me within one month of the date of this letter.

Thanks for helping to restore the Forest of Bowland's meadows!

Yours sincerely



Carol Edmondson  
Bowland Haytime Project Officer



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**Name of farm: Fells Farm & Stephen Moor Lodge**

I confirm that I am the owner/tenant of the land proposed to be used for this meadow restoration scheme.

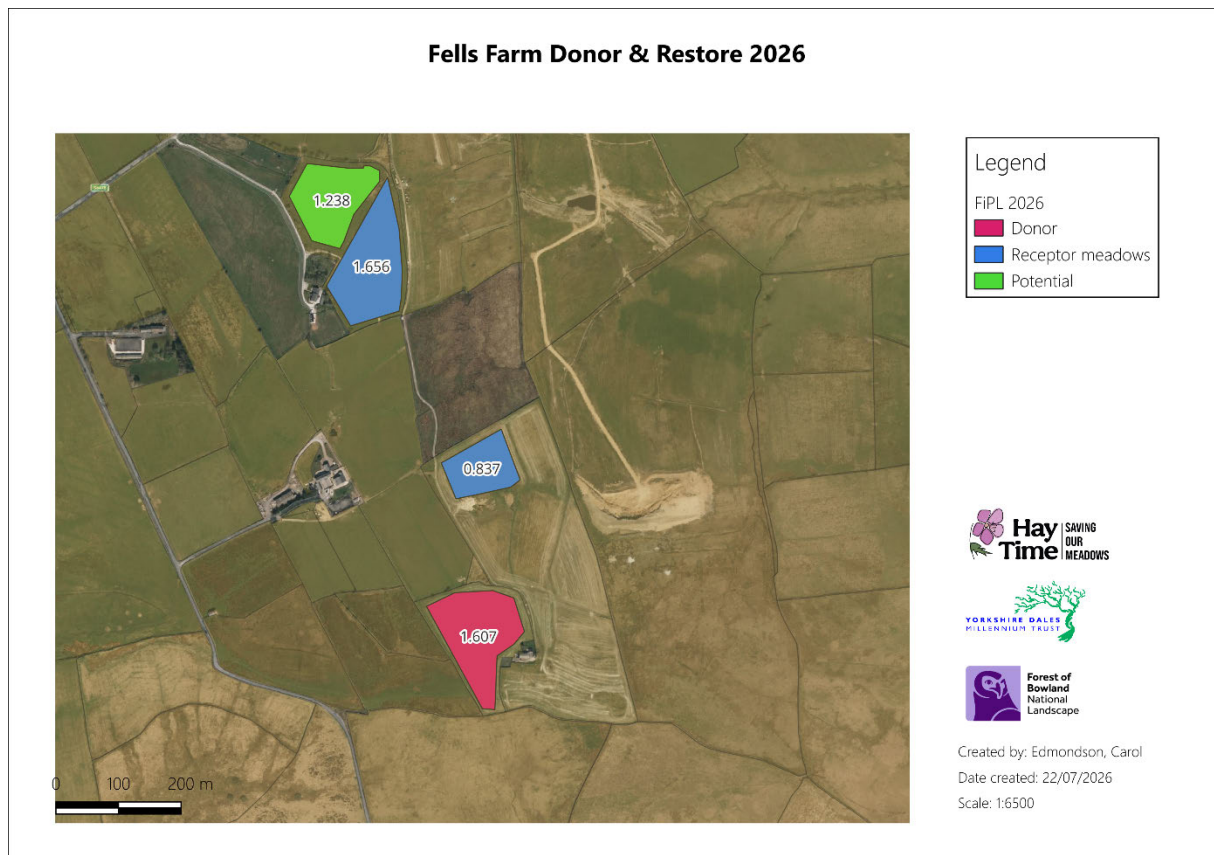
I confirm my acceptance of all the terms and conditions referred to in this letter.

[Signed]



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