

Appendix 3: Countryside Stewardship Scheme Graphs and Analysis

COUNTRYSIDE STEWARDSHIP SCHEME

The Countryside Stewardship Schemes provided funding to farmers for environmental management.

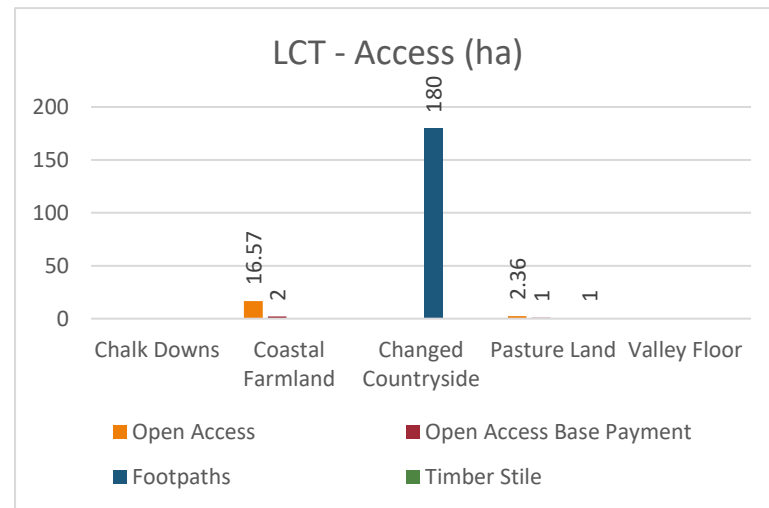
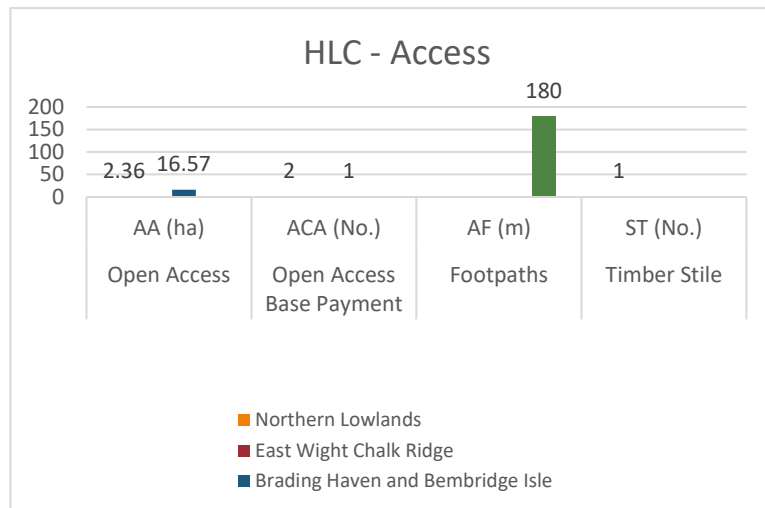
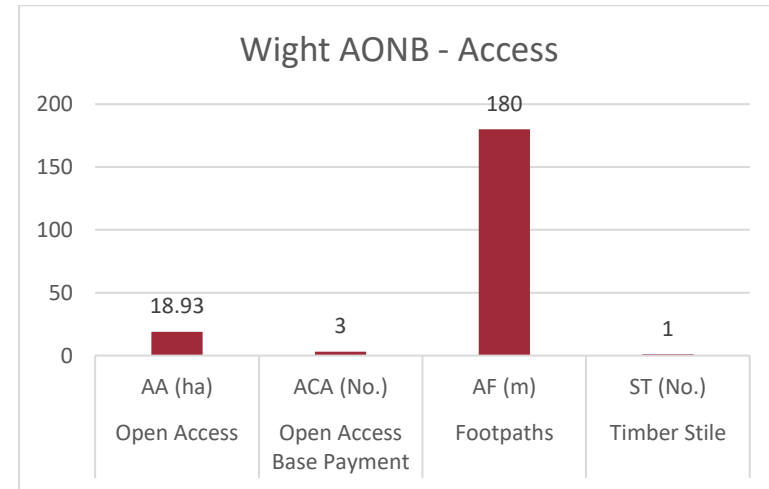
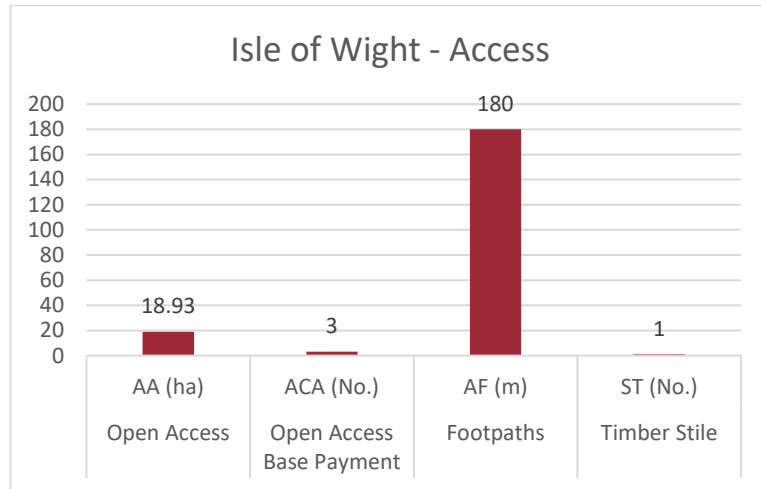
The Countryside Stewardship Scheme was set up by the Countryside Commission in 1991 and taken over by the Ministry of Agriculture Fisheries and Food (MAFF) in 1996. In 2000 the scheme became part of the England Rural Development Programme. This scheme closed to new applications in 2004 just prior to the commencement of the replacement Environmental Stewardship Scheme. Schemes funded through Countryside Stewardship expired in 2014.

The scheme used European funding to promote agri-environmental approaches on farmland

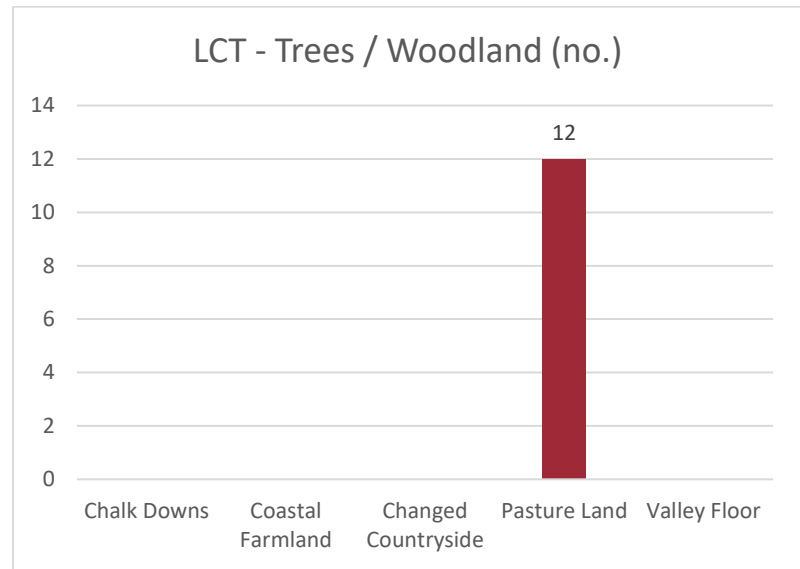
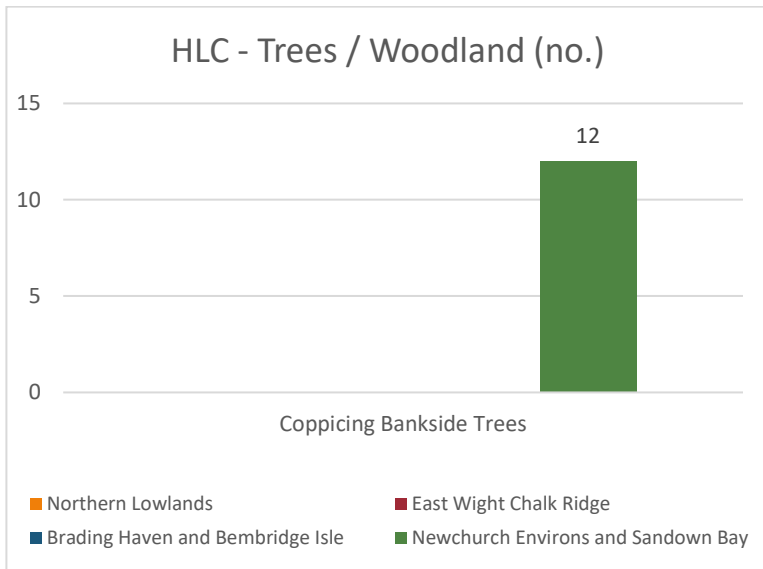
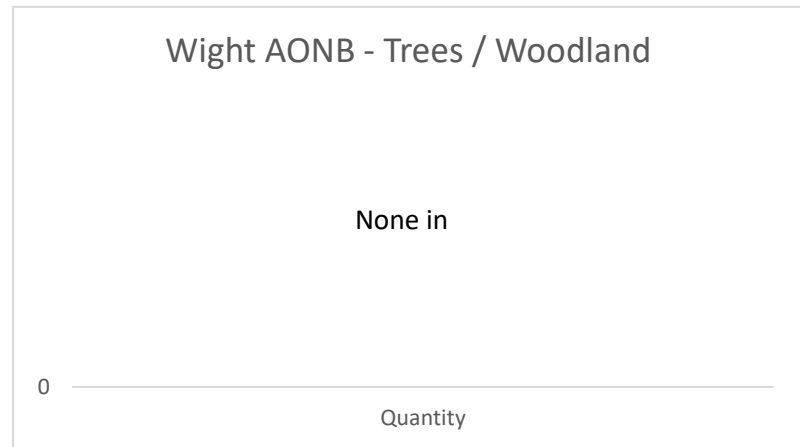
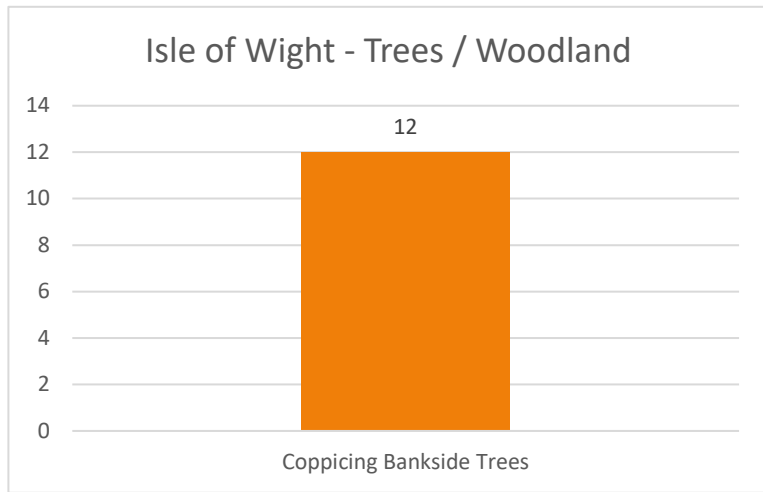
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Countryside Stewardship

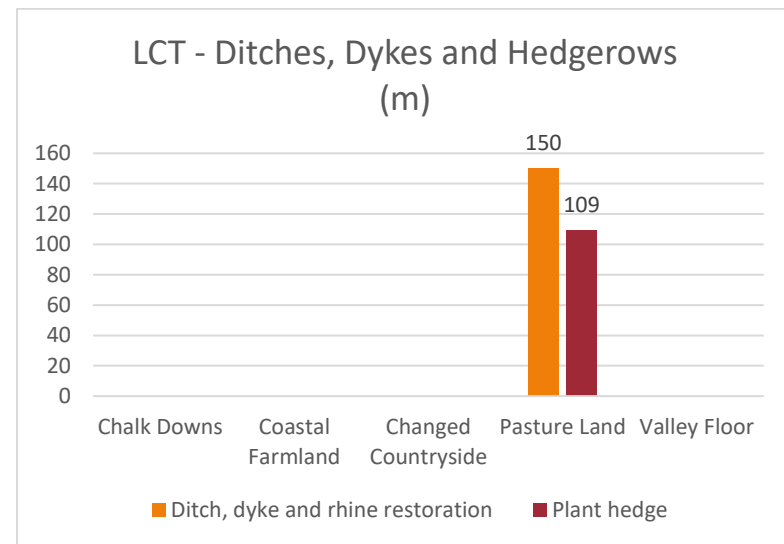
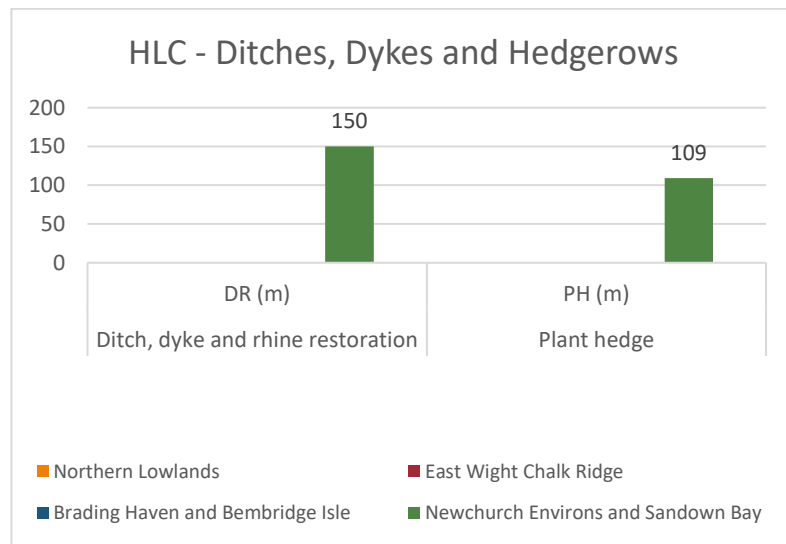
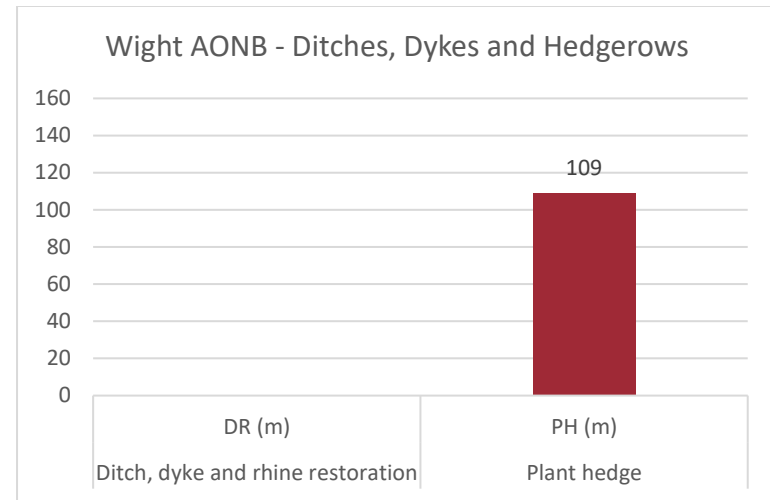
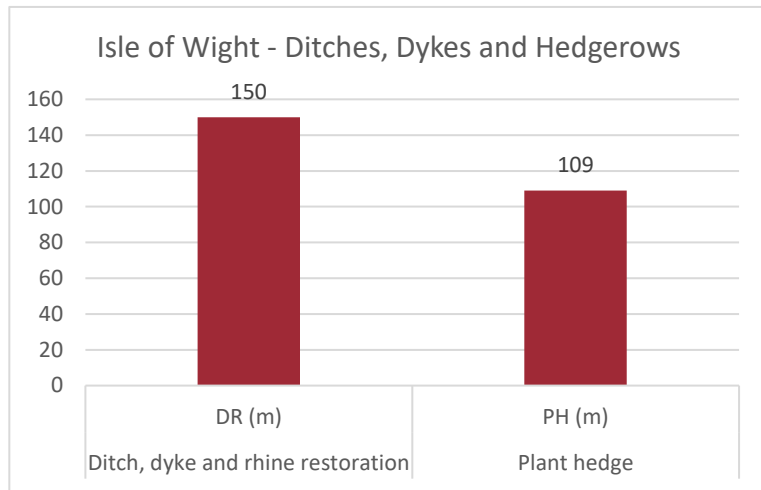
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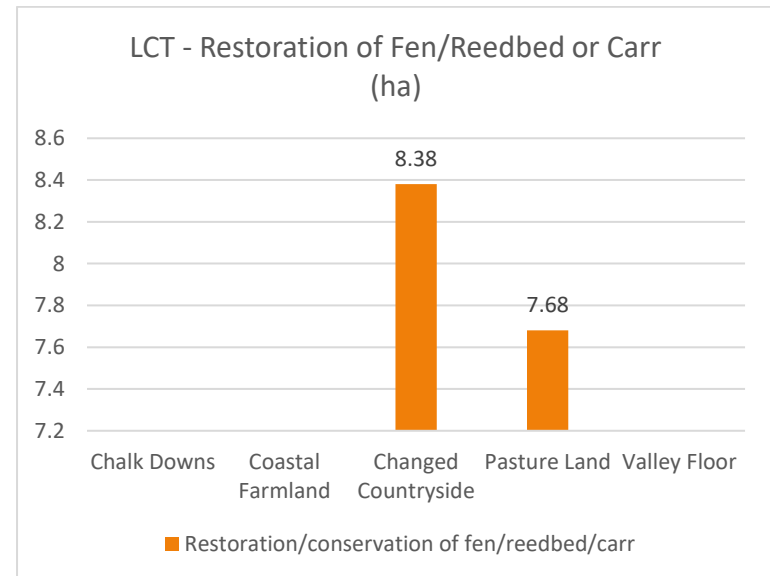
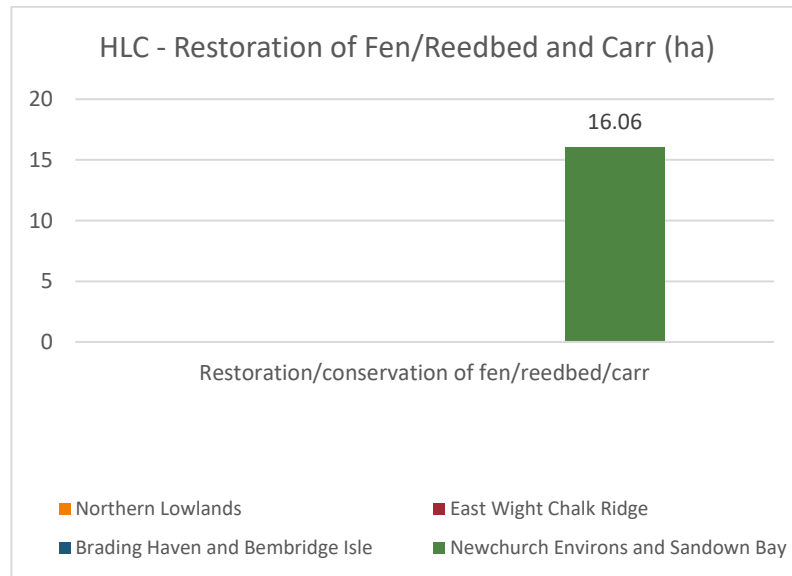
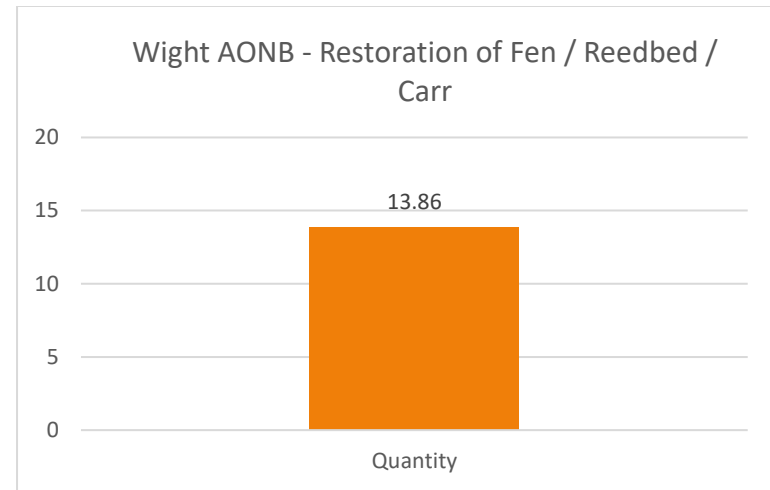
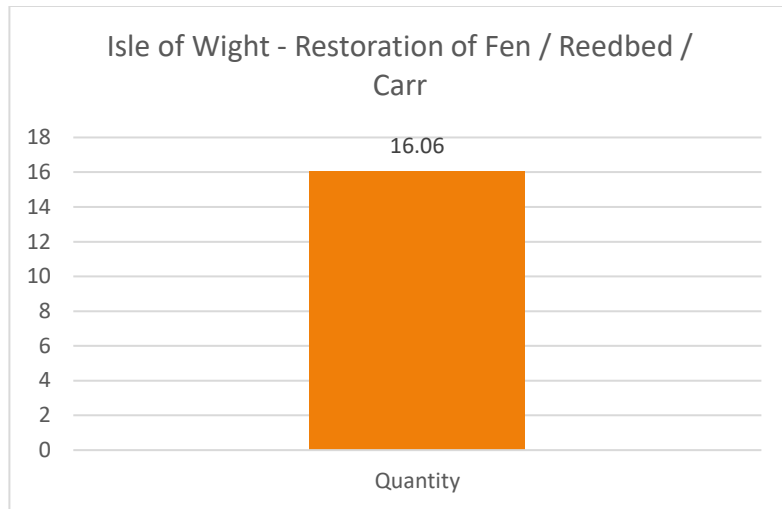
Under Countryside Stewardship there were 150 metres of ditch maintained/restored and 109 metres of hedgerow planted (all of which was in the AONB). All this activity took place in pasture land.



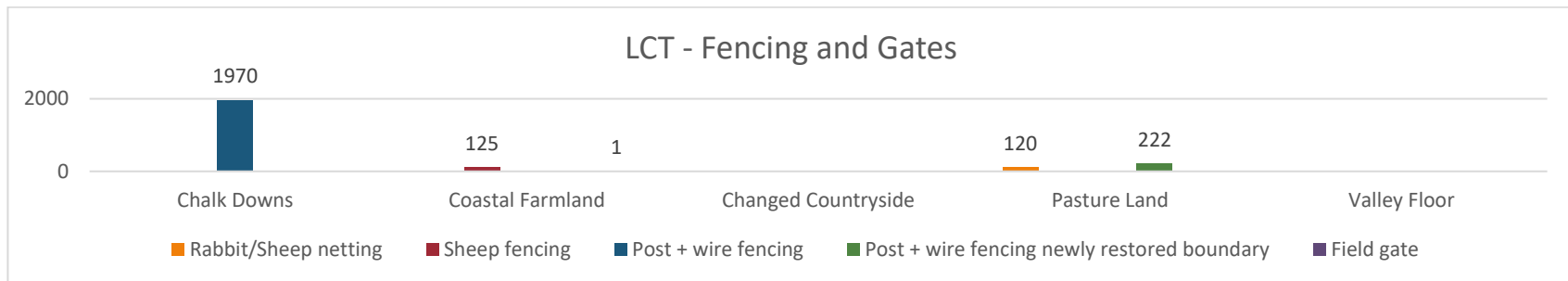
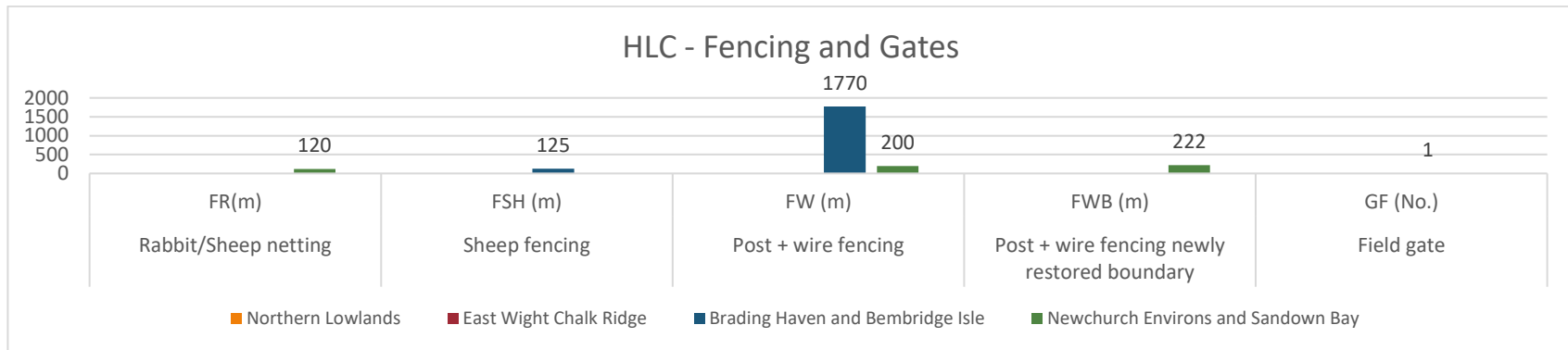
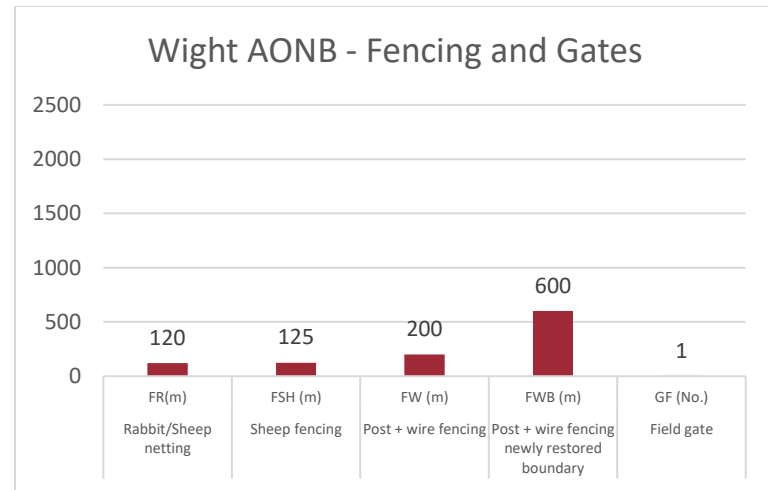
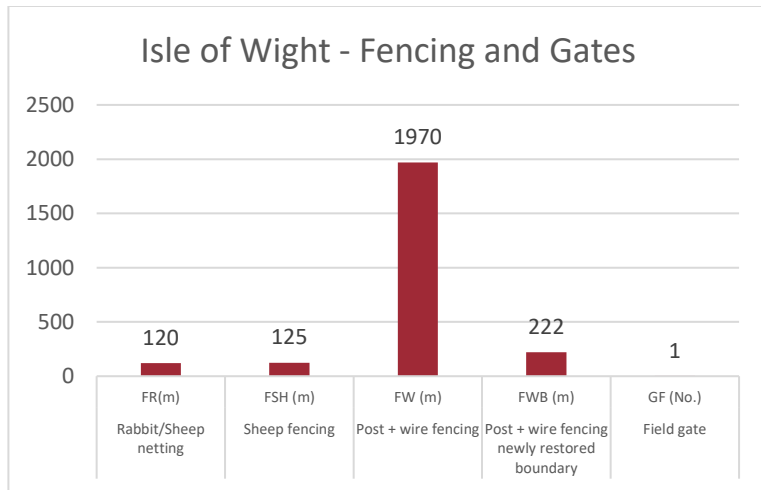
There was little investment in trees and woodland under the Countryside Stewardship Scheme.



There was some limited management of ditches, dykes and hedgerows under the Countryside Stewardship scheme largely focused in pastoral landscapes close in the East Wight.

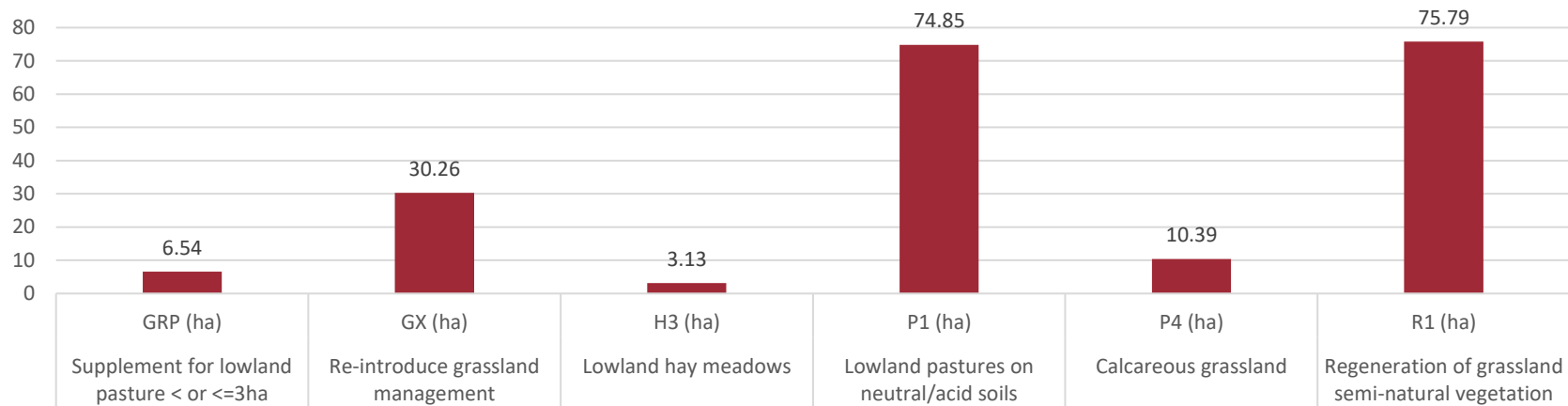


16 hectares of fen restoration on the Isle of Wight under Countryside Stewardship (87.5% in AONB) focused in pastoral and changing landscapes.

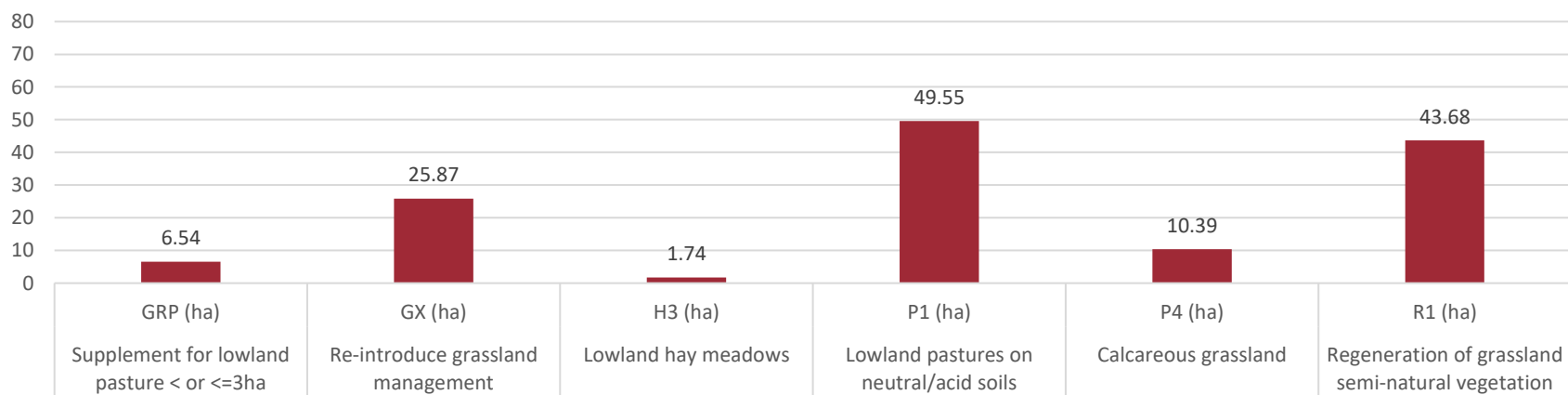


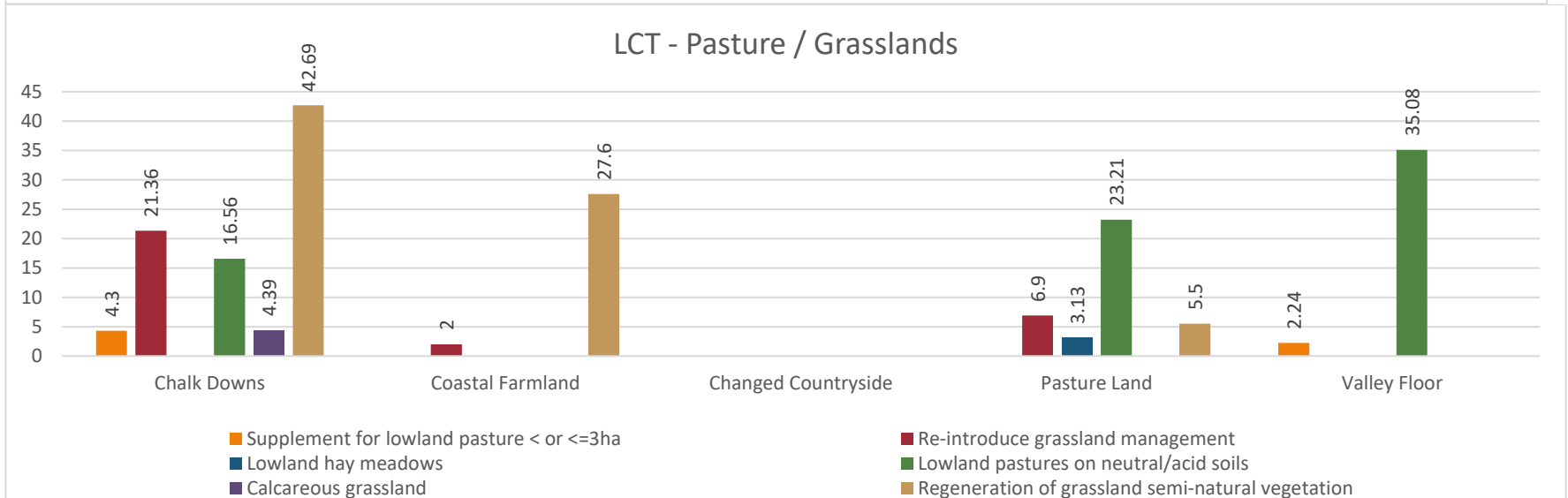
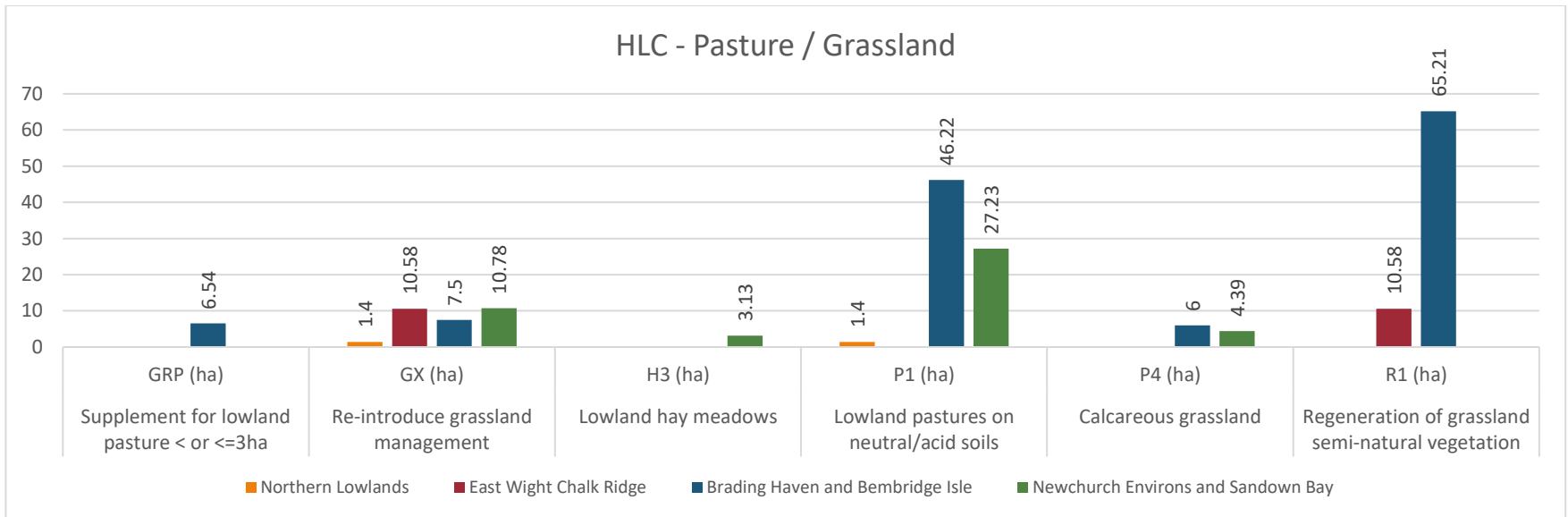
Countryside Stewardship funded fencing for protection and to restore lost boundaries. This was largely in chalk landscapes and some in pastoral and coastal areas.

Isle of Wight - Pasture / Grassland

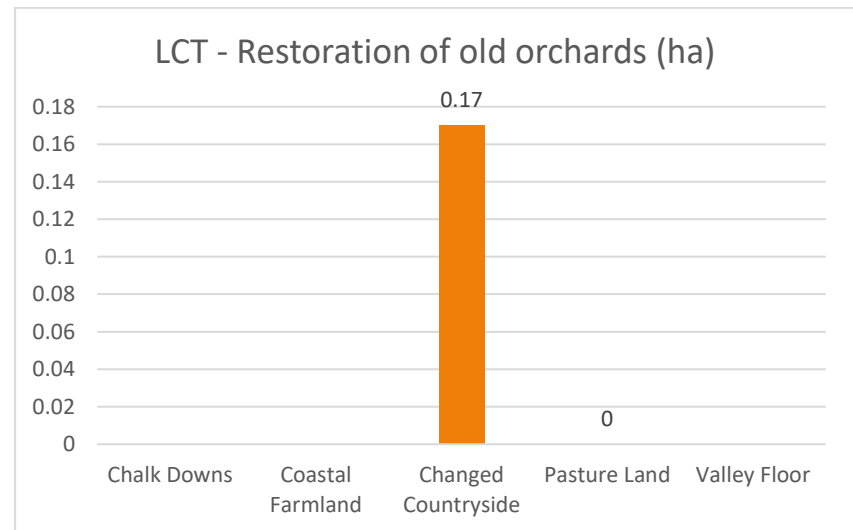
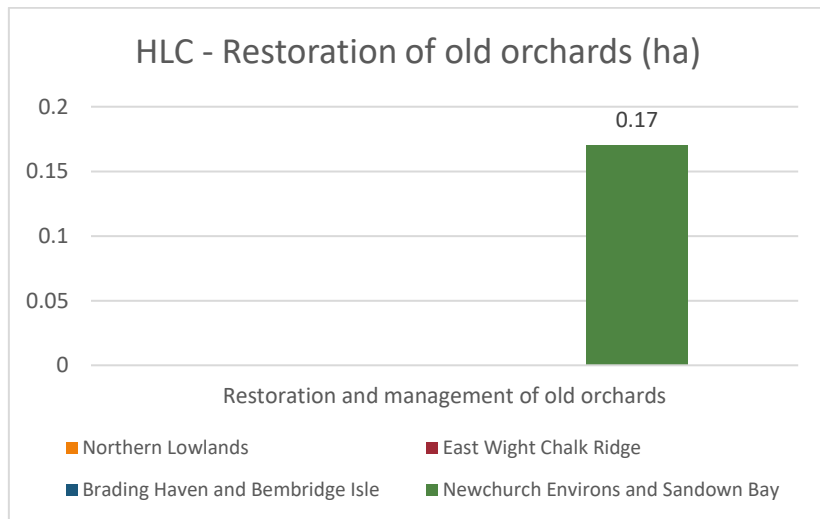
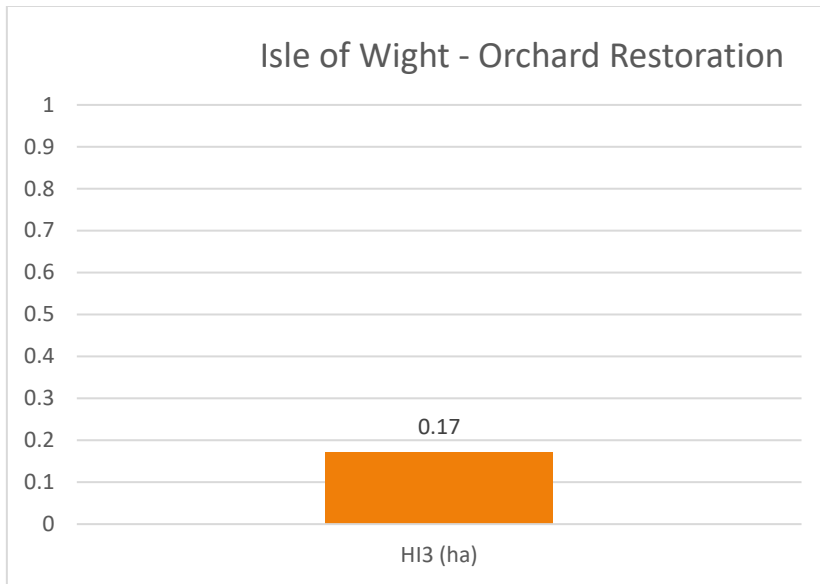


Wight AONB - Pasture / Grassland

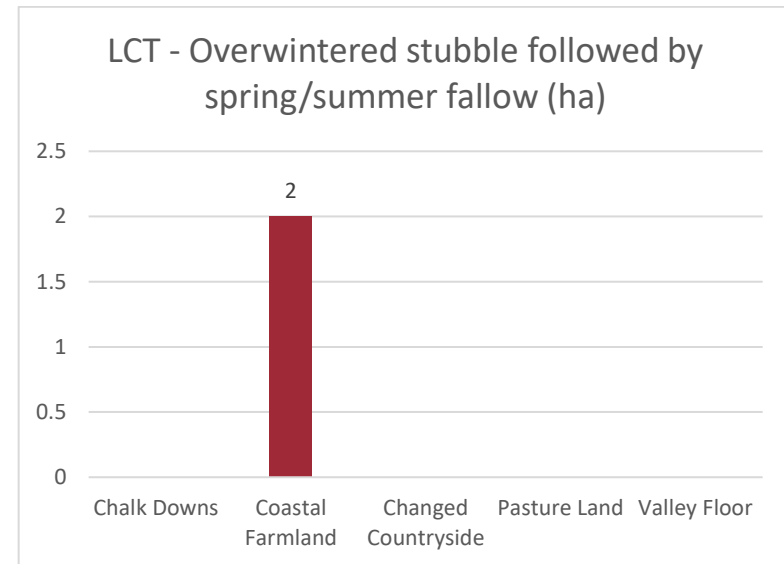
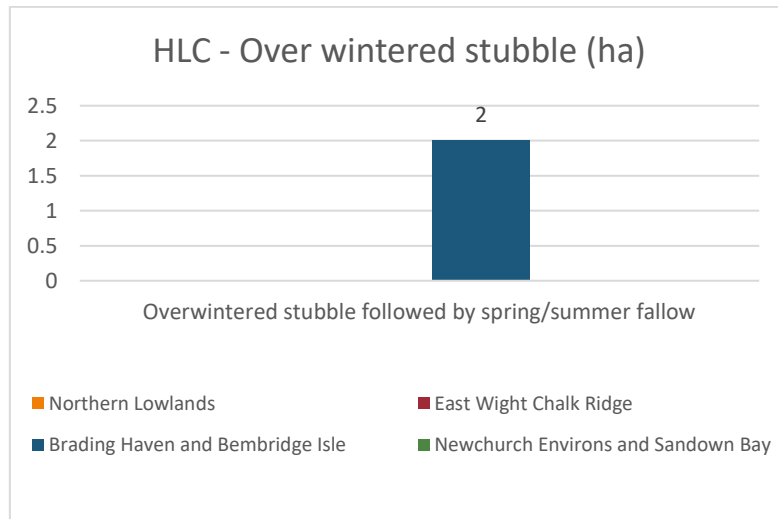
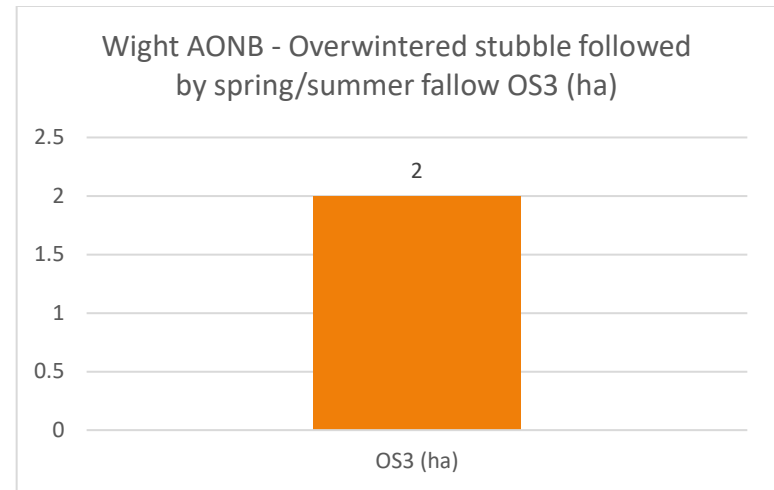
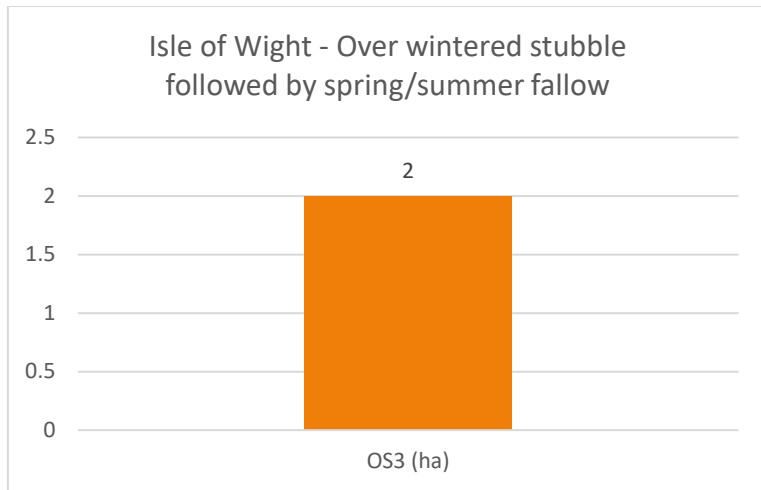




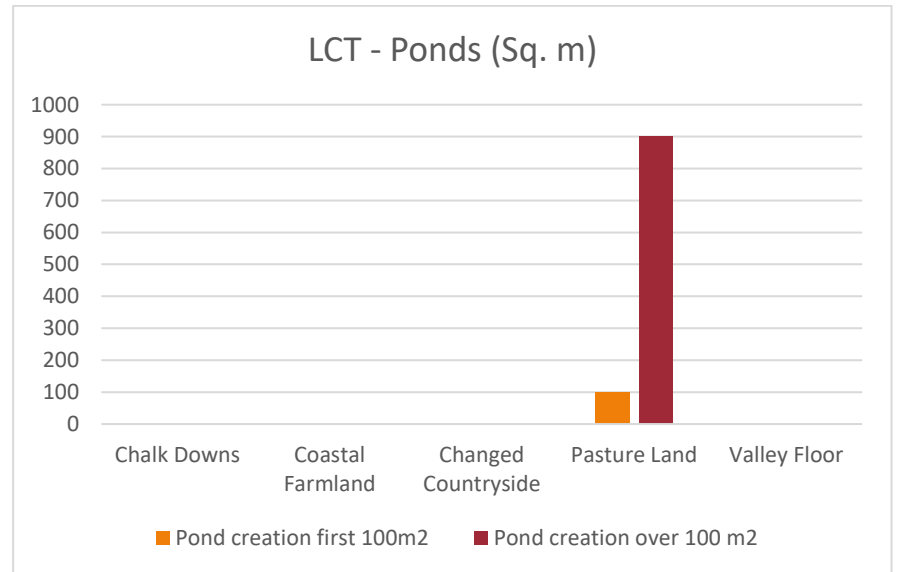
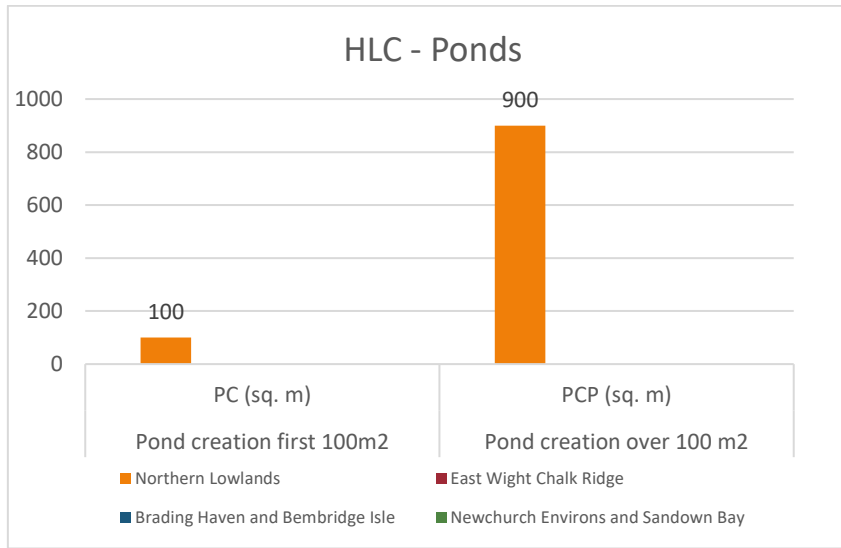
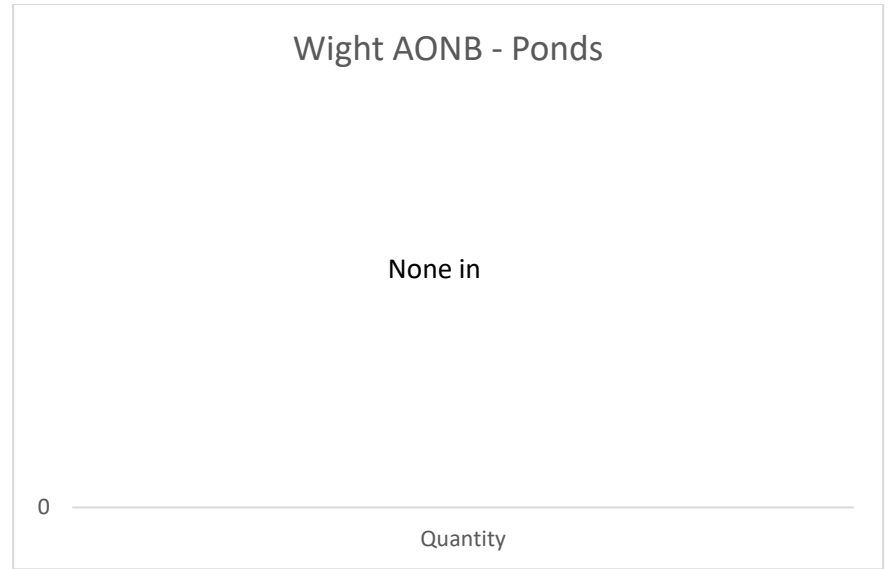
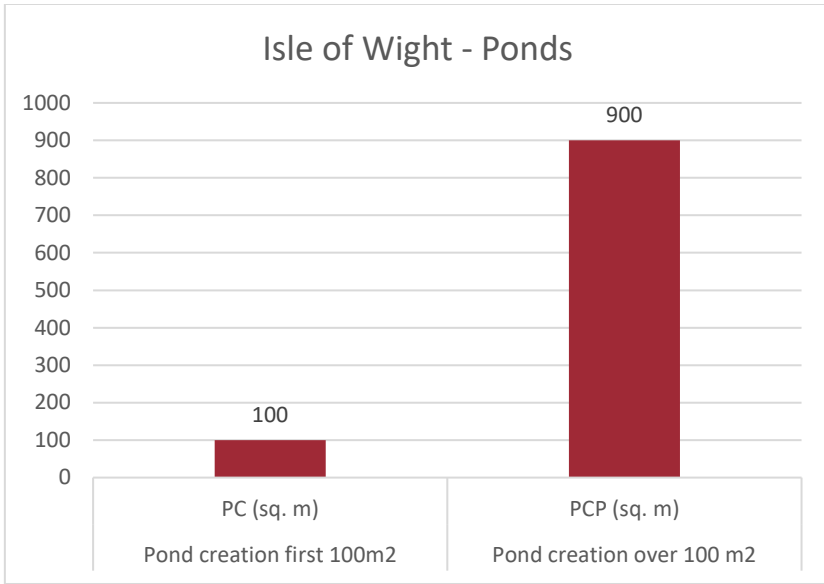
Countryside Stewardship saw funding for lowland pasture, reintroduction of grassland management 30.26 hectares (85% in AONB), 74.85 hectares of pasture on neutral/acid soils (66% in AONB) and 75.79 hectares of regeneration of grassland and semi-natural vegetation (57% in AONB). The focus for this being chalk downs, pasture lands and valley floor areas.



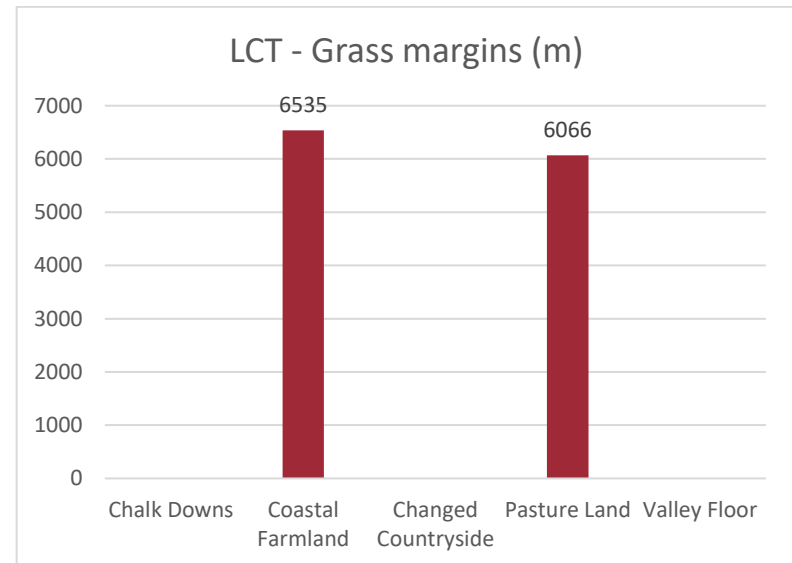
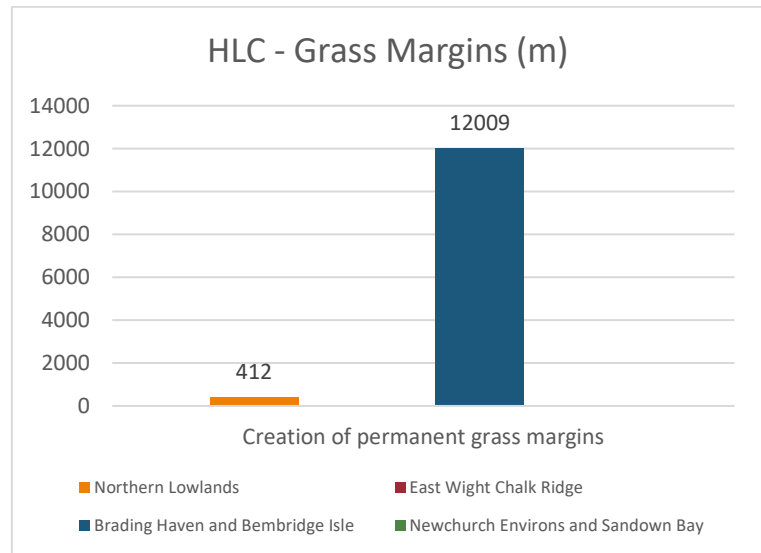
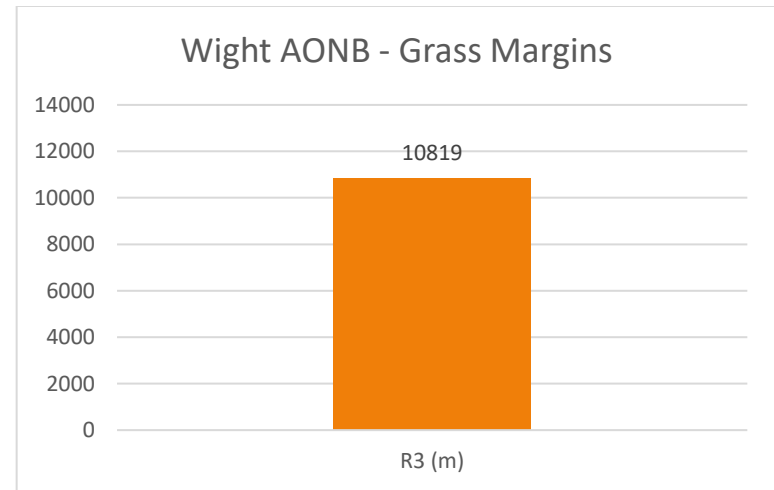
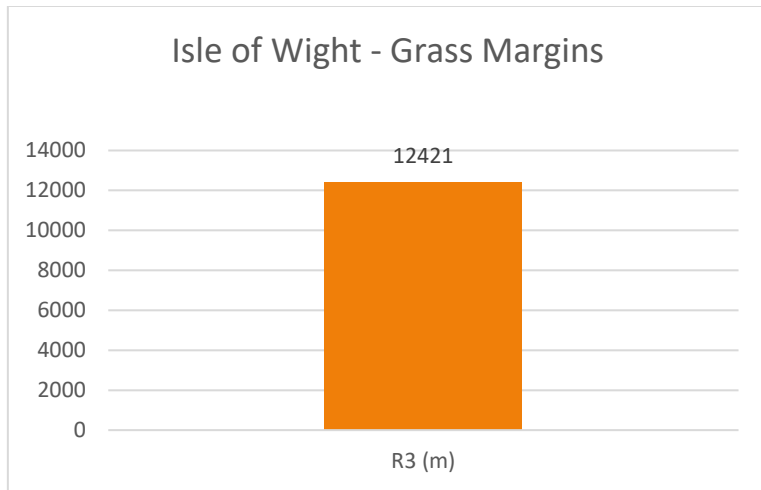
Only a small area of orchards benefitted from Countryside Stewardship and this was located in an area of landscape which had experienced change to its traditional character.



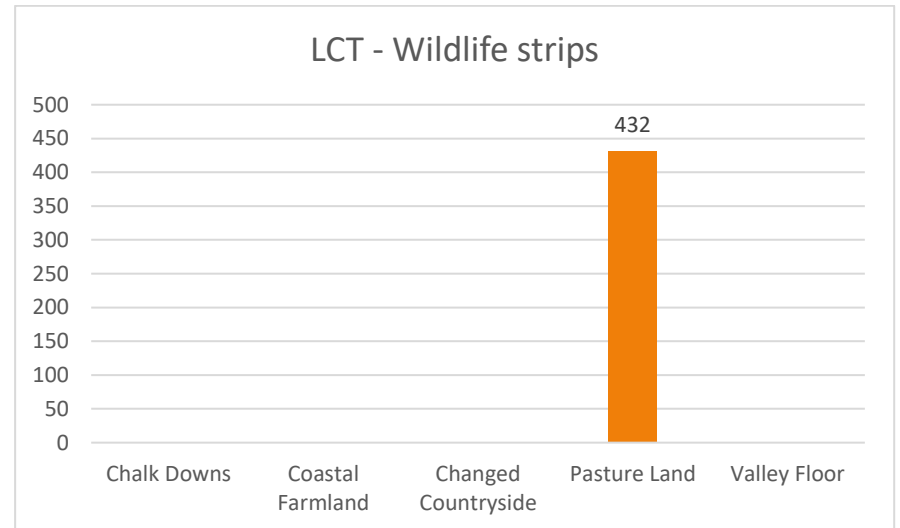
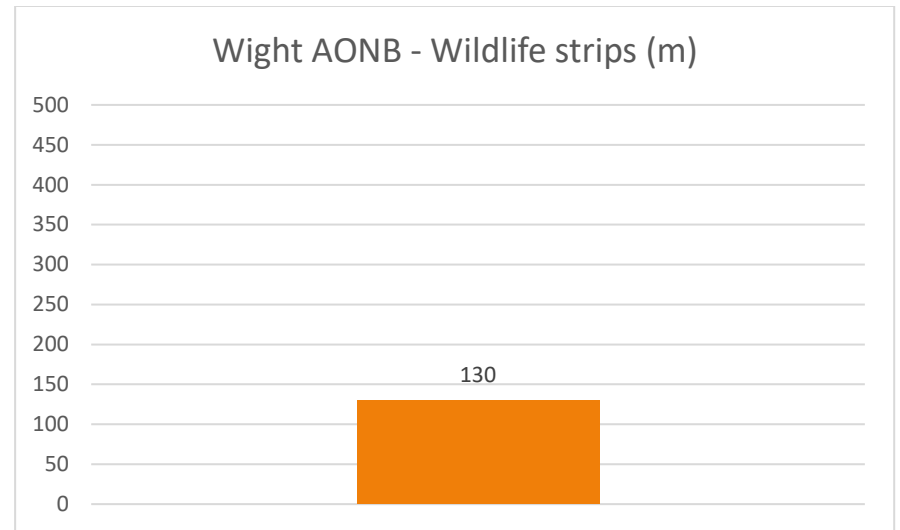
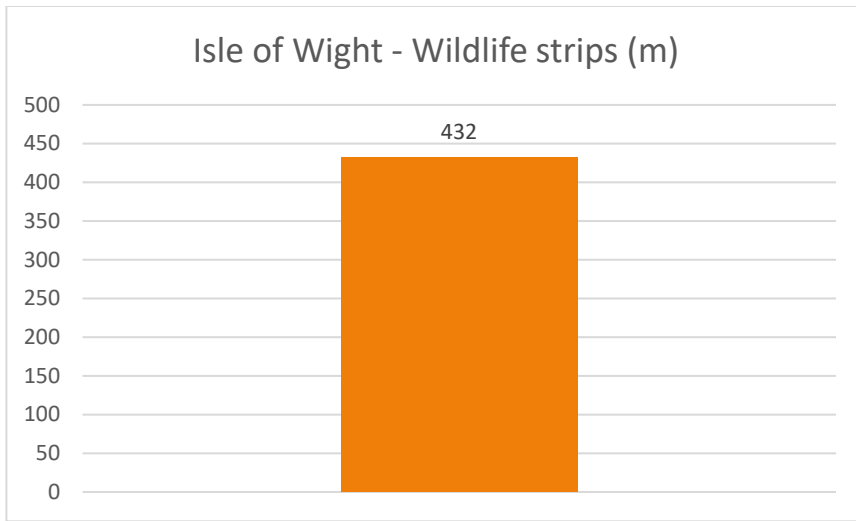
A very small area was funded through Countryside Stewardship.



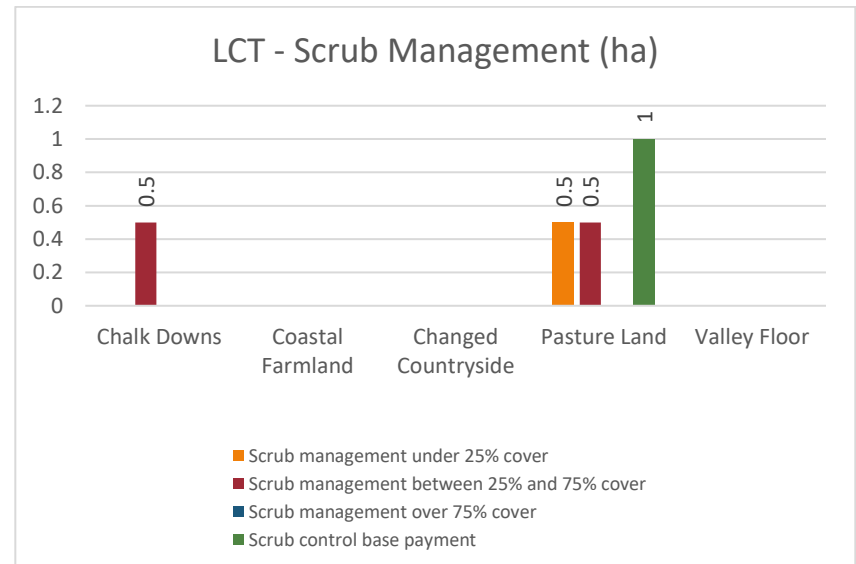
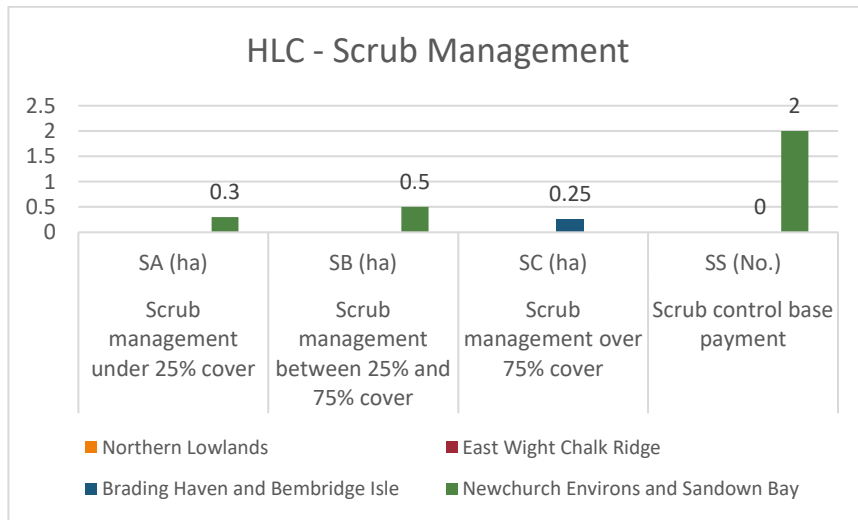
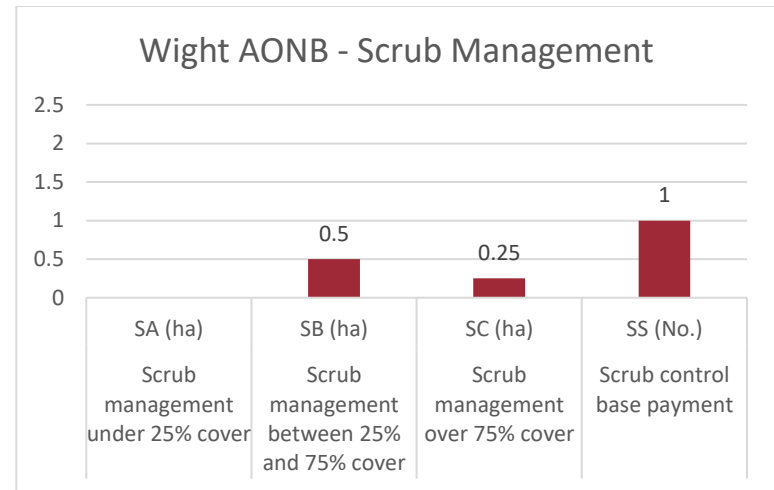
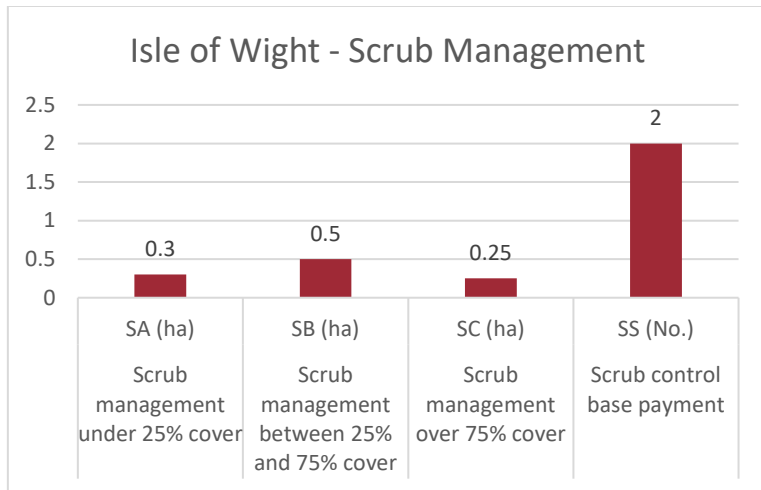
Pond creation took place in pastoral areas under the Countryside Stewardship Scheme, outside of the AONB.



Grass margins were established as part of this scheme (87% of which were in the AONB). The majority of these were located in the East Wight and largely in pastoral and coastal farmland areas.

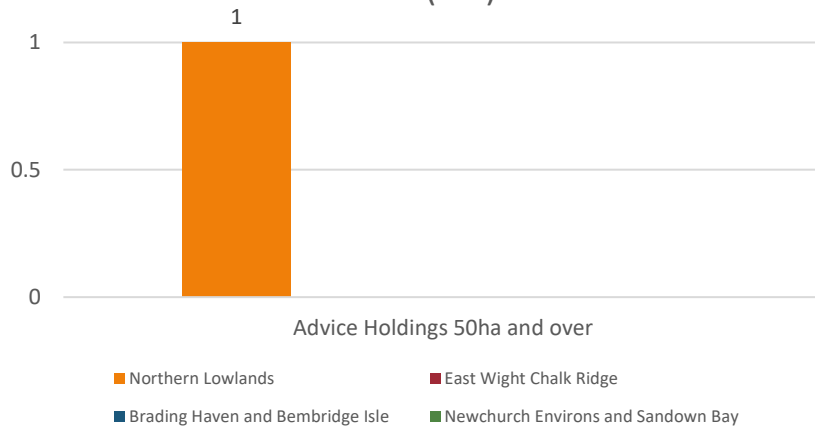


Nearly half a kilometer of wildlife strips were established through the scheme around 30% being in the AONB. These were all in pastoral areas.

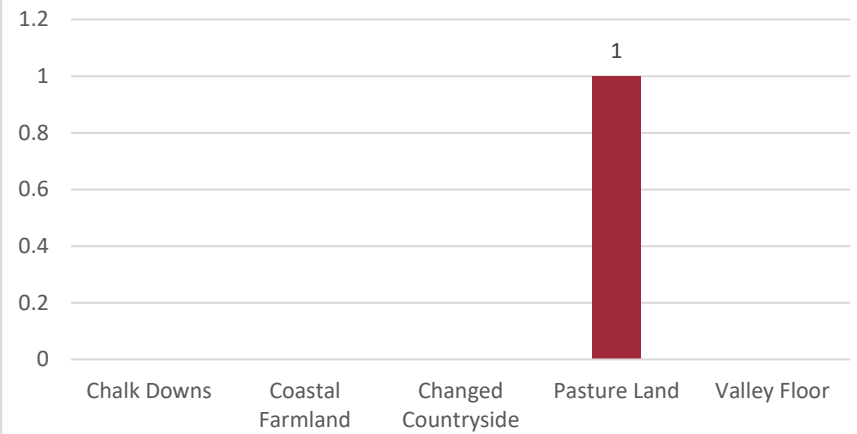


Countryside Stewardship included measures to manage scrub areas although only just over 1 hectare of land benefitted from this, in chalk downland areas and pastoral areas.

Isle of Wight - Advice for holdings 50ha and over (no.)



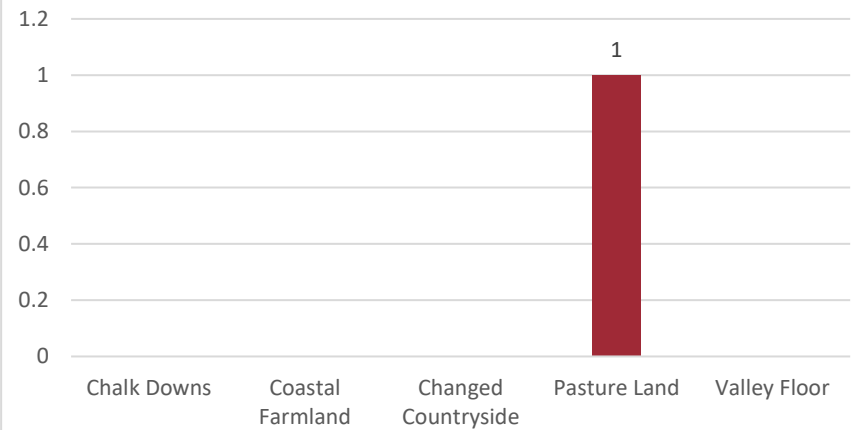
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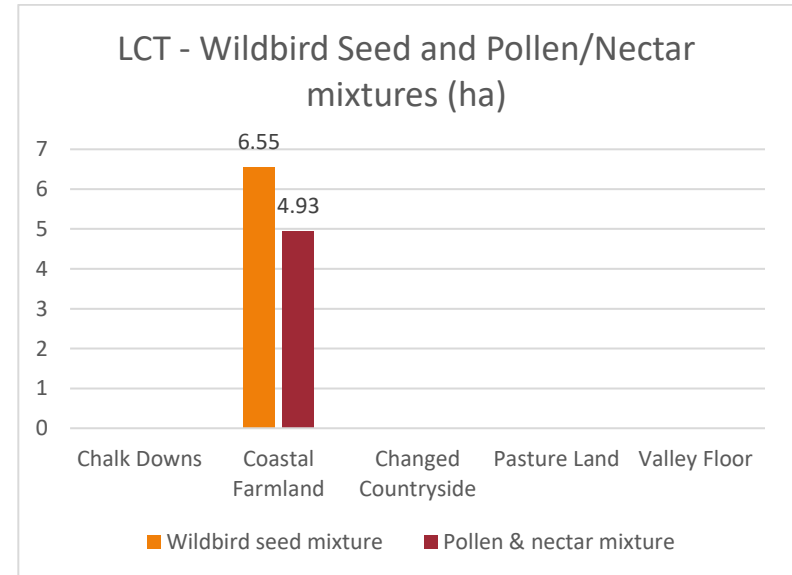
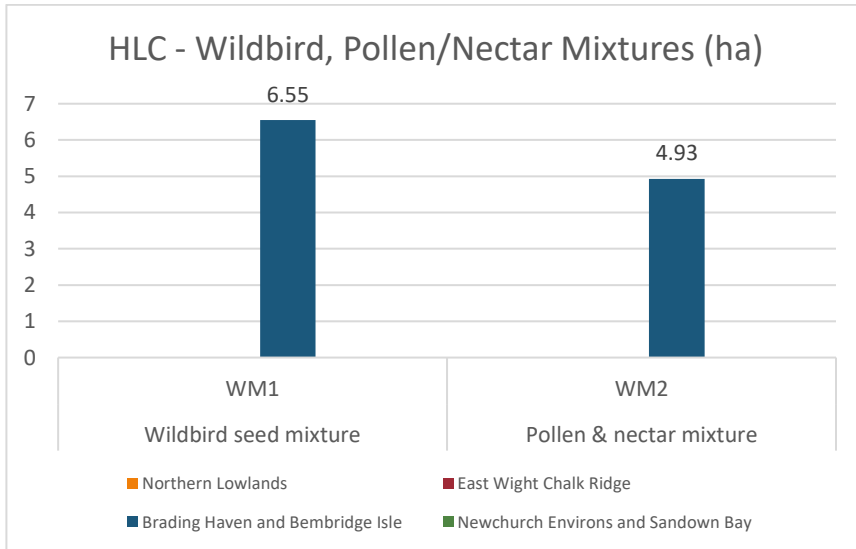
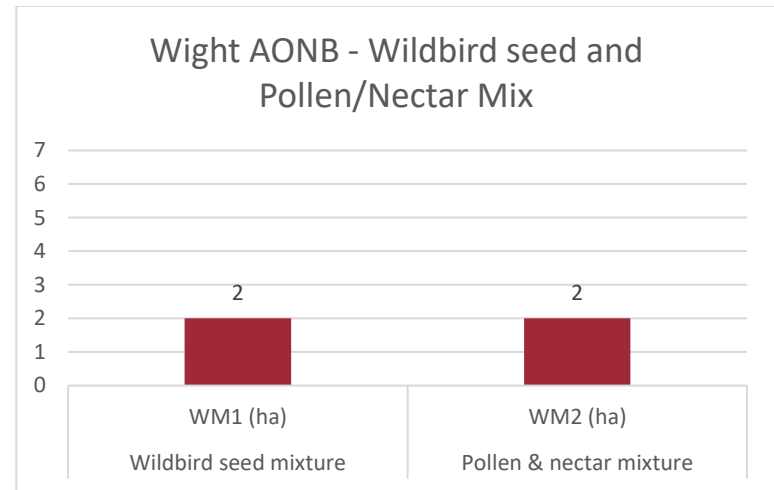
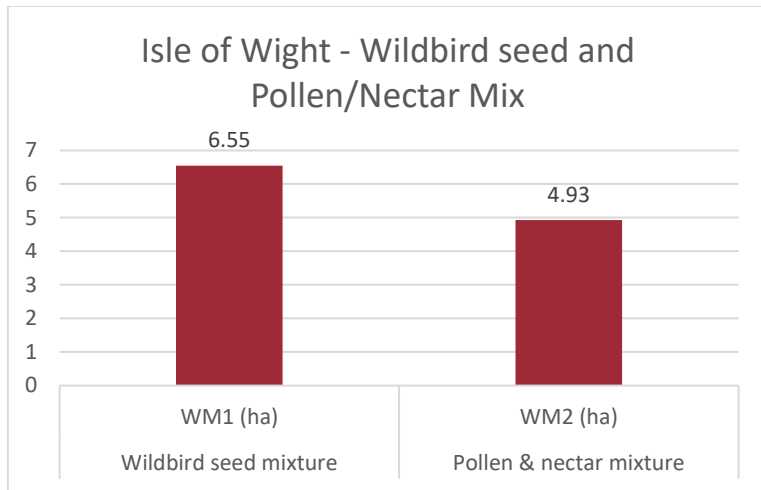


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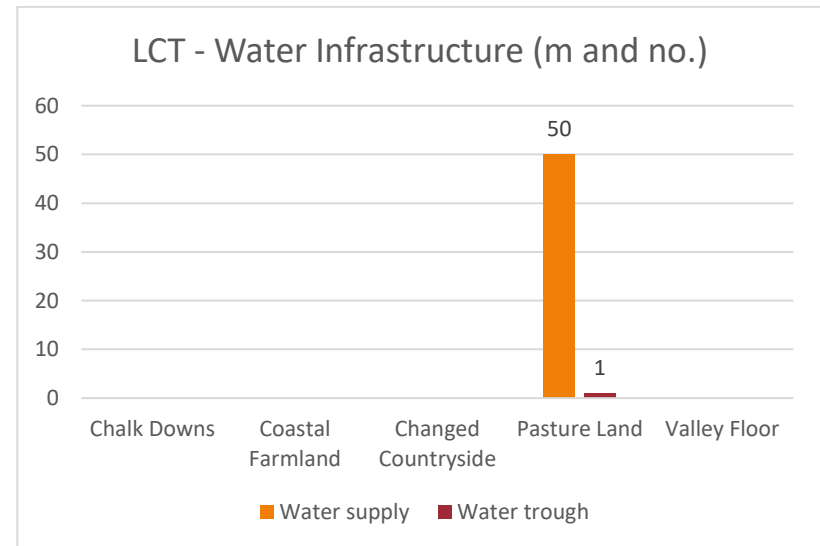
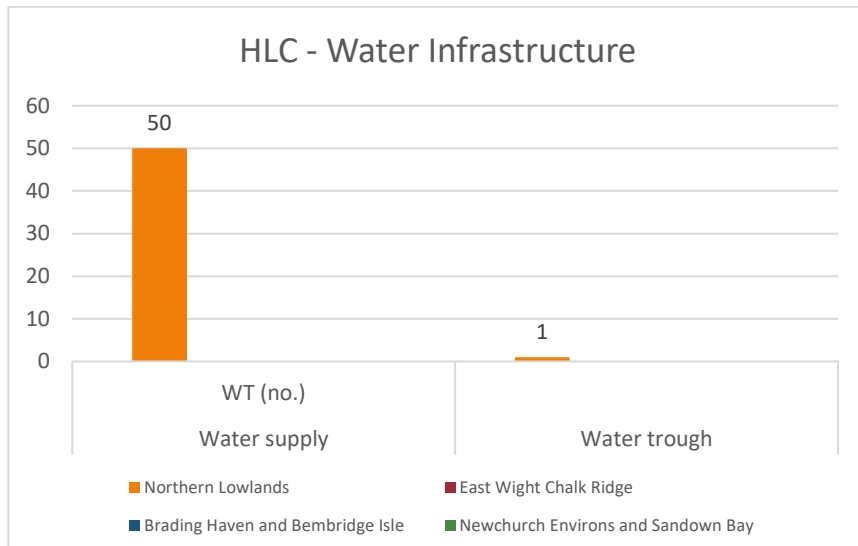
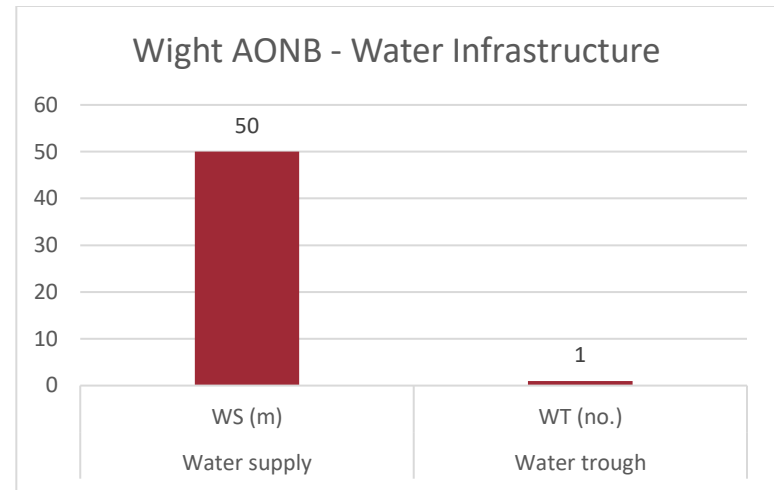
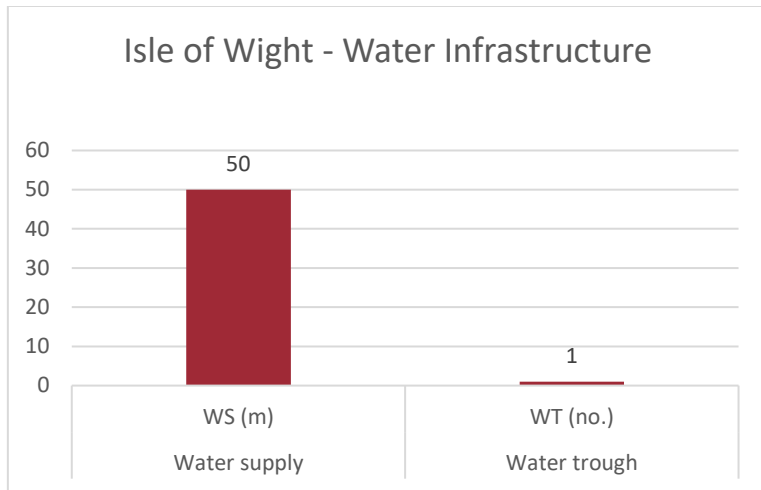


LCT - Advice Holdings 50ha and over (ha)





Countryside Stewardship saw 6.55 hectares of wildbird seed mix (30.5% in the AONB). Countryside Stewardship saw 4.93 hectares of pollen/nectar mix (40.5% in the AONB). These were in coastal farmland areas.



A small amount of water infrastructure was installed through this scheme in pasture areas in the AONB.