

Higher Level Stewardship

Payments for Land Management Options,
Supplements and Capital Items

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Land Management Options and Supplements

Handbook page		Code	Payment	Units
HEDGEROW OPTION				
60	Maintenance of hedgerows of very high environmental value	HB12	£27	100 m
WOODLAND OPTIONS				
62	Ancient trees in arable fields	HC5	£25	tree
62	Ancient trees in intensively-managed grass fields	HC6	£25	tree
62	Maintenance of wood pasture and parkland	HC12	£180	ha
62	Restoration of wood pasture and parkland	HC13	£180	ha
64	Creation of wood pasture	HC14	£180	ha
64	Maintenance of woodland	HC7	£100	ha
64	Restoration of woodland	HC8	£100	ha
65	Creation of woodland in the LFA	HC9	£200	ha
65	Creation of woodland outside of the LFA	HC10	£315	ha
65	Maintenance of successional areas and scrub	HC15	£100	ha
65	Restoration of successional areas and scrub	HC16	£100	ha
65	Creation of successional areas and scrub	HC17	£100	ha
66	Woodland livestock exclusion supplement	HC11	£100	ha
66	Maintenance of high value traditional orchards	HC18	£250	ha
66	Restoration of traditional orchards	HC20	£250	ha
67	Maintenance of traditional orchards in production	HC19	£95	ha
67	Creation of traditional orchards	HC21	£190	ha
HISTORIC OPTIONS				
68	Arable reversion by natural regeneration	HD7	£500	ha
69	Crop establishment by direct drilling (non-rotational)	HD6	£70	ha
69	Maintaining high water levels to protect archaeology	HD8	£240	ha
69	Maintenance of designed/engineered water bodies	HD9	£295	ha
70	Maintenance of traditional water meadows	HD10	£350	ha
70	Restoration of traditional water meadows	HD11	£350	ha

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ARABLE OPTIONS				
72	Floristically enhanced grass margin	HE10	£485	ha
72	Enhanced wild bird seed mix plots (rotational or non-rotational)	HF12	£475	ha
73	Fallow plots for ground-nesting birds (rotational or non-rotational)	HF13	£360	ha
73	Unharvested, fertiliser-free conservation headlands (rotational)	HF14	£440	ha
73	Reduced herbicide, cereal crop management preceding over-wintered stubble and a spring crop (rotational)	HF15	£195	ha
74	Fodder crop management to retain or re-create an arable mosaic (rotational)	HG6	£150	ha
75	Cultivated fallow plots or margins for arable flora as an enhanced set-aside option (rotational or non-rotational)	HF16	£80	ha
75	Fallow plots for ground-nesting birds as an enhanced set-aside option	HF17	£80	ha
75	Reduced herbicide, cereal crop management preceding enhanced set-aside (rotational)	HF18	£140	ha
76	Unharvested, fertiliser-free conservation headlands preceding enhanced set-aside	HF19	£400	ha
76	Low input spring cereal to retain or re-create an arable mosaic	HG7	£250	ha
77	Cultivated fallow plots or margins for arable flora (rotational or non-rotational)	HF20	£440	ha
RESOURCE PROTECTION OPTIONS				
79	Arable reversion to unfertilised grassland to prevent erosion or run-off	HJ3	£280	ha
79	Arable reversion to grassland with low fertiliser input to prevent erosion or run-off	HJ4	£210	ha
79	Infield grass areas to prevent erosion or run-off	HJ5	£350	ha
80	Preventing erosion or run-off from intensively managed improved grassland	HJ6	£280	ha
80	Seasonal livestock removal on grassland with no input restriction	HJ7	£40	ha
80	Nil fertiliser supplement	HJ8	£55	ha

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GRASSLAND OPTIONS				
82	Maintenance of species-rich, semi-natural grassland	HK6	£200	ha
82	Restoration of species-rich, semi-natural grassland	HK7	£200	ha
82	Creation of species-rich, semi-natural grassland	HK8	£280	ha
83	Maintenance of wet grassland for breeding waders	HK9	£335	ha
84	Maintenance of wet grassland for wintering waders and wildfowl	HK10	£255	ha
84	Restoration of wet grassland for breeding waders	HK11	£335	ha
84	Restoration of wet grassland for wintering waders and wildfowl	HK12	£255	ha
85	Creation of wet grassland for breeding waders	HK13	£355	ha
85	Creation of wet grassland for wintering waders and wildfowl	HK14	£285	ha
85	Maintenance of semi-improved or rough grassland for target species	HK15	£130	ha
85	Restoration of semi-improved or rough grassland for target species	HK16	£130	ha
86	Creation of semi-improved or rough grassland for target species	HK17	£210	ha
86	Enhanced buffer strips on intensive grassland	HE11	£590	ha
86	Supplement for hay-making	HK18	£75	ha
87	Raised water levels supplement	HK19	£80	ha
87	Inundation grassland supplement	HQ13	£85	ha
MOORLAND AND UPLAND ROUGH GRAZING OPTIONS				
89	Maintenance of moorland	HL9	£40	ha
89	Restoration of moorland	HL10	£40	ha
89	Creation of upland heathland	HL11	£60	ha
89	Maintenance of rough grazing for birds	HL7	£80	ha
89	Restoration of rough grazing for birds	HL8	£80	ha
90	Shepherding supplement	HL16	£5	ha
90	Seasonal livestock exclusion supplement	HL15	£10	ha
90	Moorland re-wetting supplement	HL13	£10	ha
91	Supplement for management of heather, gorse and grass by burning, cutting or swiping	HL12	£7	ha

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ACCESS OPTIONS				
92	Permissive open access	HN2	£41	ha
93	Permissive footpath access	HN3	£45	100m
94	Access for people with reduced mobility	HN5	£100	100m
94	Upgrading CRoW access for people with reduced mobility	HN7	£105	100m
94	Permissive bridleway / cycle path access	HN4	£90	100m
94	Upgrading CRoW access for cyclists/horses	HN6	£90	100m
94	Educational access – payment per visit	HN9	£100	visit
95	Linear and open access base payment	HN1	£350	agmt./year
95	Educational access – base payment	HN8	£500	agmt.
LOWLAND HEATHLAND OPTIONS				
96	Maintenance of lowland heathland	HO1	£200	ha
97	Restoration of heathland from neglected sites	HO2	£200	ha
97	Restoration of forestry areas to lowland heathland	HO3	£200	ha
97	Creation of lowland heathland from arable or improved grassland	HO4	£450	ha
97	Creation of lowland heathland on worked mineral sites	HO5	£150	ha
INTER-TIDAL AND COASTAL OPTIONS				
100	Maintenance of coastal saltmarsh	HP5	£30	ha
100	Restoration of coastal saltmarsh	HP6	£30	ha
100	Creation of inter-tidal and saline habitat on arable land	HP7	£700	ha
100	Creation of inter-tidal and saline habitat on grassland	HP8	£500	ha
101	Creation of inter-tidal and saline habitats by unmanaged breach or regular inundation	HP9	£150	ha
101	Maintenance of sand dunes	HP1	£140	ha
101	Restoration of sand dunes	HP2	£140	ha
101	Creation of coastal vegetated shingle and sand dunes on arable land	HP3	£320	ha
101	Creation of coastal vegetated shingle and sand dunes on grassland	HP4	£200	ha
102	Supplement for extensive grazing on saltmarsh	HP10	£70	ha
102	Saltmarsh livestock exclusion supplement	HP11	£40	ha

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WETLAND OPTIONS				
103	Maintenance of ponds of high wildlife value < 100 sq m	HQ1	£90	pond
103	Maintenance of ponds of high wildlife value > 100 sq m	HQ2	£180	pond
104	Maintenance of reedbeds	HQ3	£60	ha
104	Restoration of reedbeds	HQ4	£60	ha
104	Creation of reedbeds	HQ5	£380	ha
105	Maintenance of fen	HQ6	£60	ha
105	Restoration of fen	HQ7	£60	ha
105	Creation of fen	HQ8	£380	ha
106	Maintenance of lowland raised bog	HQ9	£150	ha
106	Restoration of lowland raised bog	HQ10	£150	ha
106	Wetland cutting supplement	HQ11	£350	ha
106	Wetland grazing supplement	HQ12	£200	ha
ADDITIONAL SUPPLEMENTS				
107	Supplement for control of invasive plant species	HR4	£60	ha
107	Bracken control supplement	HR5	£35	ha
108	Supplement for small fields	HR6	£35	ha
108	Supplement for difficult sites	HR7	£50	ha
108	Supplement for group applications	HR8	£10	ha

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Entry Level Options that are also available under Higher Level Stewardship

	Code	Payment	Units
OPTIONS FOR TREES AND WOODLAND			
Protection of in-field trees – arable	HC1	£12	tree
Protection of in-field trees – grassland	HC2	£8	tree
Management of woodland edges	HC4	£380	ha
OPTIONS FOR HISTORIC AND LANDSCAPE FEATURES			
Take archaeological features out of cultivation	HD2	£460	ha
Reduce cultivation depth	HD3	£60	ha
Management of scrub on archaeological sites	HD4	£120	ha
Archaeological features on grassland	HD5	£16	ha
OPTIONS FOR BUFFER STRIPS			
2m buffer strips on cultivated land	HE1	£300	ha
4m buffer strips on cultivated land	HE2	£400	ha
6m buffer strips on cultivated land	HE3	£400	ha
2m buffer strip on intensive grassland	HE4	£300	ha
4m buffer strip on intensive grassland	HE5	£400	ha
6m buffer strip on intensive grassland	HE6	£400	ha
Buffering in-field ponds in improved grassland	HE7	£400	ha
Buffering in-field ponds in arable land	HE8	£400	ha
OPTIONS FOR ARABLE LAND			
Field corner management	HF1	£400	ha
Wild bird seed mixture	HF2	£450	ha
Wild bird seed mixture on set-aside land	HF3	£85	ha
Pollen and nectar flower mixture	HF4	£450	ha
Pollen and nectar flower mixture on set-aside land	HF5	£85	ha
Over-wintered stubbles	HF6	£120	ha
Beetle banks	HF7	£580	ha
Skylark plots	HF8	£5	plot
Conservation headlands in cereal fields	HF9	£100	ha
Conservation headlands in cereal fields with no fertilisers or manure	HF10	£330	ha
6m Uncropped, cultivated margins on arable land	HF11	£400	ha

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OPTIONS FOR FORAGE CROP MANAGEMENT			
Cereals for whole crop silage followed by over-wintered stubbles	HG4	£230	ha
Brassica fodder crops followed by over-wintered stubbles	HG5	£90	ha
OPTIONS TO PROTECT SOILS			
Management of high erosion risk cultivated land	HJ1	£18	ha
Management of maize crops to reduce soil erosion	HJ2	£18	ha
OPTIONS TO ENCOURAGE A RANGE OF CROP TYPE			
Under sown spring cereals	HG1	£200	ha
Wild bird seed mixture in grassland areas	HG2	£450	ha
Pollen and nectar seed mixtures in grassland areas	HG3	£450	ha
OPTIONS FOR LOWLAND GRASSLAND OUTSIDE THE LFA			
Take field corners out of management	HK1	£400	ha
Permanent grassland with low inputs	HK2	£85	ha
Permanent grassland with very low inputs	HK3	£150	ha
Management of rush pastures (outside of LFA)	HK4	£150	ha
Mixed stocking	HK5	£8	ha
OPTIONS FOR THE UPLANDS (LFA LAND)			
Field corner management (LFA land)	HL1	£100	ha
Manage in-bye grassland with low inputs	HL2	£35	ha
Manage in-bye pasture and meadows with very low inputs	HL3	£60	ha
Management of rush pastures (LFA land)	HL4	£60	ha
Enclosed rough grazing	HL5	£35	ha
Moorland rough grazing	HL6	£5	ha
MANAGEMENT PLANS			
Soil management plan	HM1	£3	ha
Nutrient management plan	HM2	£2	ha
Manure management plan	HM3	£2	ha
Crop protection management plan	HM4	£2	ha

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Organic Entry Level Options that are also available under Higher Level Stewardship

	Code	Payment	Units
OPTIONS FOR TREES AND WOODLAND			
Protection of in-field trees – rotational/arable land	OHC1	£12	tree
Protection of in-field trees – grassland	OHC2	£8	tree
Management of woodland edges	OHC4	£380	ha
OPTIONS FOR HISTORIC AND LANDSCAPE FEATURES			
Take archaeological features out of cultivation	OHD2	£600	ha
Reduce cultivation depth	OHD3	£100	ha
Management of scrub on archaeological sites	OHD4	£120	ha
Archaeological features on grassland	OHD5	£16	ha
OPTIONS FOR ARABLE LAND			
2 m buffer strips on rotational land	OHE1	£400	ha
4 m buffer strips on rotational land	OHE2	£500	ha
6 m buffer strips on rotational land	OHE3	£500	ha
2 m buffer strip on organic grassland	OHE4	£400	ha
4 m buffer strip on organic grassland	OHE5	£500	ha
6 m buffer strip on organic grassland	OHE6	£500	ha
Buffering in-field ponds in organic grassland	OHE7	£500	ha
Buffering in-field ponds in rotational land	OHE8	£500	ha
Field corner management	OHF1	£500	ha
Wild bird seed mixture	OHF2	£550	ha
Pollen and nectar flower mixture	OHF4	£550	ha
Over-wintered stubbles	OHF6	£150	ha
Beetle banks	OHF7	£750	ha
Skylark plots	OHF8	£5	plot
OPTIONS TO ENCOURAGE A RANGE OF CROP TYPE			
Under sown spring cereals	OHG1	£150	ha
Wild bird seed mixture in grassland areas	OHG2	£550	ha
Pollen and nectar seed mixtures in grassland areas	OHG3	£550	ha
Cereals for whole crop silage followed by over-wintered stubbles	OHG4	£250	ha
Brassica fodder crops followed by over-wintered stubbles	OHG5	£110	ha

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OPTIONS TO PROTECT SOILS			
Management of high erosion risk cultivated land	OHJ1	£18	ha
Management of maize crops to reduce soil erosion	OHJ2	£18	ha
OPTIONS FOR LOWLAND GRASSLAND OUTSIDE THE LFA			
Take field corners out of management	OHK1	£500	ha
Permanent grassland with low inputs	OHK2	£115	ha
Permanent grassland with very low inputs	OHK3	£180	ha
Management of rush pastures (outside of LFA)	OHK4	£180	ha
Mixed stocking	OHK5	£8	ha
OPTIONS FOR THE UPLANDS (LFA LAND)			
Field corner management (LFA land)	OHL1	£100	ha
Manage in-bye grassland with low inputs	OHL2	£35	ha
Manage in-bye pasture and meadows with very low inputs	OHL3	£60	ha
Management of rush pastures (LFA land)	OHL4	£60	ha
Enclosed rough grazing	OHL5	£35	ha
MANAGEMENT PLANS			
Soil management plan	OHM1	£3	ha
Nutrient management plan	OHM2	£2	ha
Manure management plan	OHM3	£2	ha

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Capital items

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BOUNDARIES			
Hedgerow restoration includes laying, coppicing and gapping up	HR	£5.00	m
Hedgerow planting – new hedges	PH	£5.00	m
Hedgerow supplement removal of old fence lines	HF	£0.60	m
Hedgerow supplement – substantial pre-work	HSC	£2.40	m
Hedgerow supplement – top binding and staking	HSL	£2.40	m
New stone walls	W	£52.00	m
Stone wall restoration	WR	£16.00	m
Stone wall supplement – stone from holding	WRS	£6.00	m
Stone wall supplement – stone from quarry	WRQ	£30.00	m
Stone wall supplement – difficult sites	WRD	£7.00	m
Stone wall supplement – top wiring	TW	£1.80	m
Stone faced hedgebank repair	BR	£16.00	m
Stone faced hedgebank restoration	BS	£34.00	m
Earth bank restoration	ER	£3.00	m
Casting up supplement hedgebank options	ERC	£1.20	m
Ditch, dyke and rhine restoration	DR	£2.90	m
FENCING IN ASSOCIATION WITH CONSERVATION WORKS			
Sheep fencing	FSB/H	£1.80	m
Post and wire	FW/B	£1.20	m
Deer fencing	FD	£4.00	m
Rabbit fencing supplement	FR/B	£1.50	m
Permanent electric fencing	FPE	£1.20	m
Fencing supplement – difficult sites	FDS	£2.50	m
High tensile fencing	FHT	£1.25	m

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ITEMS ASSOCIATED WITH TREE PLANTING AND MANAGEMENT			
Spiral rabbit guards	TR	£0.20	each
Tree and shrub/whips and transplants plus planting	TSP	£1.60	each
Tree tube and stake	TT	£0.50	each
Standard parkland tree/hedgerow tree and planting	STT	£7.50	each
Parkland tree guard post and wire (wood)	TP	£64.00	each
Welded steel tree guard	TGS	£106.00	each
Planting fruit trees	MT/SF	£17.00	each
Orchard tree guard (tube and mesh)	TO	£3.30	each
Orchard tree guard (post and rail)	TOF	£36.00	each
Orchard tree pruning	FP	£17.00	each
Coppicing bankside trees	CBT	£29.00	each
Tree surgery minor to include minor pollarding	TS1	£43.00	each
Tree surgery major to include major pollarding	TS2	£89.00	each
Tree removal	TRE	£25.00	m ³
UPLAND MANAGEMENT			
Grip blocking drainage channels	GBC	£3.40	m ²
ITEMS ASSOCIATED WITH WETLANDS			
Creation of ditches (rhines and dykes)	WDC	£3.60	m ²
Creation of gutters	WGC	£1.90	m ²
Soil bund	S1	£149.00	each
Culvert	C	£153.00	each
Timber sluice	S2	£314.00	each
Brick, stone or concrete sluice	S3	£960.00	each
Scrape creation, first 100 sq m	SCR	£1.40	m ²
Scrape creation >100m sq	SCP	£0.90	m ²
Silt trap provision	WST	60% of costs	
Wind pumps for water level measures	WWP	80% of costs	
Drove improvement	WDI	50% of costs	
Ligger and bridge provision	WLB	£46.00	each
Construction of water penning structures	WPS	80% of costs	

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PONDS			
Pond creation first 100 sq m	PC	£3.00	m ²
Pond creation >100 sq m	PCP	£1.00	m ²
Pond restoration first 100 sq m	PR	£2.10	m ²
Pond restoration >100 sq m	PRP	£0.80	m ²
REVERSION – HEATHLAND, GRASS, MEADOW			
Native seed mix	GS	100% of costs	
Major preparatory work for heathland recreation	LHX	100% of costs	
RE-INTRODUCTION OF LIVESTOCK			
Cattle drinking bay	CDB	£119.00	each
Cattle grids	CCG	£538.00	each
Water supply	WS	£2.00	m
Water trough	WT	£85.00	each
Livestock handling facilities	CLH	60% of costs	
SCRUB AND BRACKEN CONTROL			
Scrub management – base payment	SS	£76.00	agmt.
Scrub management – < 25% cover	SA	£228.00	ha
Scrub management – 25% -75% cover	SB	£376.00	ha
Scrub management – > 75% cover	SC	£583.00	ha
Mechanical bracken control – base payment	BMB	£106.00	agmt.
Mechanical bracken control – area payment	BMA	£48.00	ha
Chemical bracken control – base payment	BCB	£61.00	agmt.
Chemical bracken control – area payment	BCA	£112.00	ha
Difficult site supplement	BDS	£7.00	ha
LANDSCAPE ITEMS			
Wooden field gate	GF	£149.00	each
Stone gate post	LSP	£96.00	each
Removal of eyesore	E	£120.00	each
Wooden wings for gates	LWW	£70.00	each

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SPECIES			
Otter holt – log construction	OH1	£108.00	each
Otter holt – concrete pipe and chamber construction	OH2	£203.00	each
Bat/Bird box	SBB	£28.00	each
Bird strike markers	SBS	£1.50	each
Small mammal boxes	SSM	£10.00	each
Badger gates	SBG	£27.00	each
RESOURCE PROTECTION			
Cross drains under farm tracks	RPD	£139.00	each
Relocation of gates	RPG	£136.00	each
HISTORIC FEATURES			
Historical and archaeological feature protection	HAP	Up to 100% of costs	
Restoration of historic buildings	HTB	80% of costs	
OTHER ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES			
Special Projects	OES	No Set Payment	
PAYMENTS FOR ADVICE, ETC			
Professional help with management Plan	PAH	£400.00	each
Obtaining planning permission for new ponds, cattle grids, change of use etc	PPP	£180.00	each
ACCESS			
Hard standing for car parking	CP	£13.00	m ²
Hard standing for disabled paths	ADC	£15.00	m ²
Bridle gate	GB	£220.00	each
Kissing gate	GK	£245.00	each
Kissing gate for disabled access	GD	£290.00	each
Dog gate	ADG	£35.00	each
Timber stile	ST	£100.00	each
Ladder stile	LS	£125.00	each
Step over stile in a stone wall	WSS	£115.00	each
Step through stile in stone wall	WST	£85.00	each
Wooden footbridge	FB	£315.00	each
Bench	B	£115.00	each
Helping prepare Teachers' Information Pack	TN	£490.0	each

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