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Land management Options and Supplements

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Hedgerow options

6	Management of hedgerows of very high environmental value (both sides)	HB11	£54	100 m
6	Management of hedgerows of very high environmental value (one side)	HB12	£27	100 m

Woodland, trees and scrub options

7	Ancient trees in arable fields	HC5	£25	tree
7	Ancient trees in intensively managed grass fields	HC6	£25	tree
8	Maintenance of wood pasture and parkland	HC12	£180	ha
8	Restoration of wood pasture and parkland	HC13	£180	ha
8	Creation of wood pasture	HC14	£180	ha
9	Maintenance of woodland	HC7	£100	ha
9	Restoration of woodland	HC8	£100	ha
10	Creation of woodland in the Severely Disadvantaged Area (SDA) of the Less Favoured Area (LFA)	HC9	£200	ha
10	Creation of woodland outside the LFA SDA and the Moorland Line	HC10	£315	ha
10	Maintenance of successional areas and scrub	HC15	£100	ha
10	Restoration of successional areas and scrub	HC16	£100	ha
10	Creation of successional areas and scrub	HC17	£100	ha
11	Woodland livestock exclusion supplement	HC11	£100	ha

Orchard options

11	Maintenance of high-value traditional orchards	HC18	£250	ha
11	Restoration of traditional orchards	HC20	£250	ha
12	Maintenance of traditional orchards in production	HC19	£95	ha
12	Creation of traditional orchards	HC21	£190	ha

Historic environment options

13	Crop establishment by direct drilling (non-rotational)	HD6	£70	ha
14	Arable reversion by natural regeneration	HD7	£500	ha
14	Maintaining high water levels to protect archaeology	HD8	£240	ha
14	Maintenance of designed/engineered water bodies	HD9	£295	ha
15	Maintenance of traditional water meadows	HD10	£350	ha
15	Restoration of traditional water meadows	HD11	£350	ha

Arable options

16	Floristically enhanced grass margin (non-rotational)	HE10	£485	ha
16	Enhanced wild bird seed mix plots (rotational or non-rotational)	HF12	£475	ha
16	Fallow plots for ground-nesting birds (rotational or non-rotational)	HF13	£360	ha
16	Unharvested, fertiliser-free conservation headland	HF14	£440	ha
17	Reduced herbicide cereal crop preceding overwintered stubble	HF15	£195	ha
17	Cultivated fallow plots or margins for arable plants	HF20	£440	ha
17	Brassica fodder crops followed by overwintered stubble	HG5	£90	ha
17	Fodder crop management to retain or recreate an arable mosaic	HG6	£150	ha
18	Low-input spring cereal to retain or recreate an arable mosaic	HG7	£250	ha

Resource protection options

18	Arable reversion to unfertilised grassland to prevent erosion or run off	HJ3	£280	ha
18	Arable reversion to grassland with low fertiliser input to prevent erosion or run-off	HJ4	£210	ha
19	In-field grass areas to prevent erosion or run-off	HJ5	£350	ha
20	Preventing erosion or run-off from intensively managed, improved grassland	HJ6	£280	ha
20	Seasonal livestock removal on grassland with no input restriction	HJ7	£40	ha
20	Nil fertiliser supplement	HJ8	£55	ha

Grassland options

22	Maintenance of species-rich, semi-natural grassland	HK6	£200	ha
22	Restoration of species-rich, semi-natural grassland	HK7	£200	ha
22	Creation of species-rich, semi-natural grassland	HK8	£280	ha
23	Maintenance of wet grassland for breeding waders	HK9	£335	ha
23	Maintenance of wet grassland for wintering waders and wildfowl	HK10	£255	ha
24	Restoration of wet grassland for breeding waders	HK11	£335	ha
24	Restoration of wet grassland for wintering waders and wildfowl	HK12	£255	ha
24	Creation of wet grassland for breeding waders	HK13	£355	ha
24	Creation of wet grassland for wintering waders and wildfowl	HK14	£285	ha
25	Maintenance of grassland for target features	HK15	£130	ha
25	Restoration of grassland for target features	HK16	£130	ha
25	Creation of grassland for target features	HK17	£210	ha

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Grassland options - continued

26	Enhanced strips for target species on intensive grassland	HE11	£590	ha
26	Hay-making supplement	HK18	£75	ha
27	Raised water levels supplement	HK19	£80	ha
27	Inundation grassland supplement	HQ13	£85	ha
27	Cattle grazing supplement	HR1	Up to £35	ha
27	Native breeds at risk grazing supplement	HR2	Up to £70	ha

Moorland and upland rough grazing options

30	Maintenance of moorland	HL9	£20/£40	ha
30	Restoration of moorland	HL10	£40	ha
30	Creation of upland heathland	HL11	£60	ha
30	Maintenance of rough grazing for birds	HL7	£80	ha
30	Restoration of rough grazing for birds	HL8	£80	ha
31	Supplement for management of heather, gorse and grass by burning, cutting or swiping	HL12	£7	ha
31	Moorland re-wetting supplement	HL13	£10	ha
31	Seasonal livestock exclusion supplement	HL15	£10	ha

Access options

33	Linear and open access base payment	HN1	£350	Agreement/ year
33	Permissive open access	HN2	£41	ha
33	Permissive footpath access	HN3	£45	100 m
33	Permissive bridleway/cycle path access	HN4	£90	100 m
34	Access for people with reduced mobility	HN5	£100	100 m
34	Upgrading Countryside and Rights of Way (CRoW) Act access for people with reduced mobility	HN7	£105	100 m
34	Upgrading CRoW Act access for cyclists/horses	HN6	£90	100 m
34	Educational access – base payment	HN8	£500	Agreement/ year
34	Educational access – payment per visit	HN9	£100	visit

Lowland heathland options

35	Maintenance of lowland heathland	HO1	£200	ha
36	Restoration of heathland from neglected sites	HO2	£200	ha
36	Restoration of forestry areas to lowland heathland	HO3	£200	ha
36	Creation of lowland heathland from arable or improved grassland	HO4	£450	ha
37	Creation of lowland heathland on worked mineral sites	HO5	£150	ha

Inter-tidal and coastal options

38	Maintenance of sand dunes	HP1	£140	ha
38	Restoration of sand dunes	HP2	£140	ha
38	Creation of coastal vegetated shingle and sand dunes on arable land	HP3	£320	ha
38	Creation of coastal vegetated shingle and sand dunes on grassland	HP4	£200	ha
39	Maintenance of coastal salt marsh	HP5	£30	ha
39	Restoration of coastal salt marsh	HP6	£30	ha
40	Creation of inter-tidal and saline habitat on arable land	HP7	£700	ha
40	Creation of inter-tidal and saline habitat on grassland	HP8	£500	ha
40	Creation of inter-tidal and saline habitats by non-intervention	HP9	£150	ha
40	Supplement for extensive grazing on salt marsh	HP10	£70	ha
40	Salt marsh livestock exclusion supplement	HP11	£40	ha

Wetland options

41	Maintenance of ponds of high wildlife value (less than 100 m ²)	HQ1	£90	pond
41	Maintenance of ponds of high wildlife value (more than 100 m ²)	HQ2	£180	pond
42	Maintenance of reedbeds	HQ3	£60	ha
42	Restoration of reedbeds	HQ4	£60	ha
42	Creation of reedbeds	HQ5	£380	ha
43	Maintenance of fen	HQ6	£60	ha
43	Restoration of fen	HQ7	£60	ha
43	Creation of fen	HQ8	£380	ha
43	Maintenance of lowland raised bog	HQ9	£150	ha
43	Restoration of lowland raised bog	HQ10	£150	ha
44	Wetland cutting supplement	HQ11	£350	ha
44	Wetland grazing supplement	HQ12	£200	ha

Additional supplements

45	Shepherding supplement	HL16	£5	ha
45	Supplement for control of invasive plant species	HR4	£60	ha
45	Bracken control supplement	HR5	£35	ha
45	Supplement for small fields	HR6	£35	ha
45	Supplement for difficult sites	HR7	£50	ha
46	Supplement for group applications	HR8	£10	ha

Entry Level Stewardship options that are also available under Higher Level Stewardship

(NB These codes are formed by replacing the 'E' with 'H' at the start of the relevant Entry Level Stewardship option)

	Code	Payment	Units
Options for trees and woodlands			
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

Maintenance of weatherproof traditional farm buildings	HD1	£2	m ² of ground floor area
Take out of cultivation archaeological features that are currently on cultivated land	HD2	£460	ha
Reduced-depth, non-inversion cultivation on land where there are archaeological features	HD3	£60	ha
Management of scrub on archaeological features	HD4	£120	ha
Management of archaeological features on grassland	HD5	£16	ha

Options for buffer strips

2 m buffer strips on cultivated land	HE1	£300	ha
4 m buffer strips on cultivated land	HE2	£400	ha
6 m buffer strips on cultivated land	HE3	£400	ha
2 m buffer strips on intensive grassland	HE4	£300	ha
4 m buffer strips on intensive grassland	HE5	£400	ha
6 m buffer strips on intensive grassland	HE6	£400	ha
Buffering in-field ponds in improved permanent grassland	HE7	£400	ha
Buffering in-field ponds in arable land	HE8	£400	ha

Options for arable land

Management of field corners	HF1	£400	ha
Wild bird seed mixture	HF2	£450	ha
Nectar flower mixture	HF4	£450	ha
Overwintered stubbles	HF6	£120	ha
Beetle banks	HF7	£580	ha
Skylark plots	HF8	£5	plot
Unfertilised cereal headlands within arable fields	HF9	£100	ha
Unharvested cereal headlands within arable fields	HF10	£330	ha
Uncropped, cultivated margins for rare plants on arable land	HF11	£400	ha

Options to encourage a range of crop types

Undersown spring cereals	HG1	£200	ha
Wild bird seed mixture in grassland areas	HG2	£450	ha
Nectar flower mixture in grassland areas	HG3	£450	ha
Cereals for whole-crop silage followed by overwintered stubbles	HG4	£230	ha

Option to protect soils

Management of maize crops to reduce soil erosion	HJ2	£18	ha
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Options for grassland outside the Severely Disadvantaged Areas

Take field corners out of management outside the SDA (of the LFA) and the Moorland Line	HK1	£400	ha
Permanent grassland with low inputs outside the SDA (of the LFA) and the Moorland Line	HK2	£85	ha
Permanent grassland with very low inputs outside the SDA (of the LFA) and the Moorland Line	HK3	£150	ha
Management of rush pastures outside the SDA (of the LFA) and the Moorland Line	HK4	£150	ha

Option for mixed stocking on grassland

Mixed stocking	HK5	£8	ha
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Options for Severely Disadvantaged Areas including moorland

Take field corners out of management (SDA land within the LFA – excluding parcels within the Moorland Line)	HL1	£100	ha
Permanent grassland with low inputs (SDA land within the LFA – excluding parcels within the Moorland Line)	HL2	£35	ha
Permanent grassland with very low inputs (SDA land within the LFA – excluding parcels within the Moorland Line)	HL3	£60	ha
Management of rush pastures (SDA land within the LFA and Moorland Line parcels under 15 ha)	HL4	£60	ha
Enclosed rough grazing (SDA land within the LFA and Moorland Line parcels under 15 ha)	HL5	£35	ha
Unenclosed moorland rough grazing (Moorland Line land only)	HL6	£5	ha

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

(NB These codes are formed by replacing the 'O' with 'OH' at the start of the relevant Organic Entry Level Stewardship option)

	Code	Payment	Units
Options for trees and woodlands			
Protection of in-field trees on rotational 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			
Maintenance of weatherproof traditional farm buildings	OHD1	£2	m ² of ground floor area
Take out of cultivation archaeological features that are currently on cultivated land	OHD2	£600	ha
Reduced-depth, non-inversion cultivation on land where there are archaeological features	OHD3	£100	ha
Management of scrub on archaeological features	OHD4	£120	ha
Management of 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 strips on organic grassland	OHE4	£400	ha
4 m buffer strips on organic grassland	OHE5	£500	ha
6 m buffer strips 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
Management of field corners	OHF1	£500	ha
Wild bird seed mixture	OHF2	£550	ha
Nectar flower mixture	OHF4	£550	ha
Overwintered stubbles	OHF6	£150	ha
Beetle banks	OHF7	£750	ha
Skylark plots	OHF8	£5	plot

Options to encourage a range of crop types

Undersown spring cereals	OHG1	£150	ha
Wild bird seed mixture in grassland areas	OHG2	£550	ha
Nectar flower mixtures in grassland areas	OHG3	£550	ha
Cereals for whole-crop silage followed by overwintered stubbles	OHG4	£250	ha

Option to protect soils

Management of maize crops to reduce soil erosion	OJ2	£18	ha
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Options for grassland outside the Severely Disadvantaged Area

Take field corners out of management outside the SDA (of the LFA) and the Moorland Line	OHK1	£500	ha
Permanent grassland with low inputs outside the SDA (of the LFA) and the Moorland Line	OHK2	£115	ha
Permanent grassland with very low inputs outside the SDA (of the LFA) and the Moorland Line	OHK3	£180	ha
Management of rush pastures outside the SDA (of the LFA) and the Moorland Line	OHK4	£180	ha

Option for mixed stocking on grassland

Mixed stocking	OHK5	£8	ha
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Options for the Severely Disadvantaged Areas and moorland

Take field corners out of management (SDA land within the LFA – excluding parcels within the Moorland Line)	OHL1	£100	ha
Permanent grassland with low inputs (SDA land within the LFA – excluding parcels within the Moorland Line)	OHL2	£35	ha
Permanent grassland with very low inputs (SDA land within the LFA – excluding parcels within the Moorland Line)	OHL3	£60	ha
Management of rush pastures (SDA land within the LFA and Moorland Line parcels under 15 ha)	OHL4	£60	ha
Enclosed rough grazing (SDA land within the LFA and Moorland Line parcels under 15 ha)	OHL5	£35	ha

Capital Items

	Code	Payment (£ or percentage of cost)	Units
Boundaries			
Hedgerow restoration including 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
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 hedge bank repair	BR	£16.00	m
Stone-faced hedge bank restoration	BS	£34.00	m
Earth bank restoration	ER	£3.00	m
Casting up supplement hedge bank options	ERC	£1.20	m (per side)
Ditch, dyke and rhine restoration	DR	£2.90	m

Fencing in association with conservation work

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

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 ²

Upland management

Grip-blocking drainage channels	GBC	£3.40	block
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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 m ²	SCR	£1.40	m ²
Scrape creation – over 100 m ²	SCP	£0.90	m ²
Silt trap provision	STP	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	

Ponds

Pond creation – first 100 m ²	PC	£3.00	m ²
Pond creation – over 100 m ²	PCP	£1.00	m ²
Pond restoration – first 100 m ²	PR	£2.10	m ²
Pond restoration – over 100 m ²	PRP	£0.80	m ²

	Code	Payment (£ or percentage of cost)	Units
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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	agreement
Scrub management – less than 25% cover	SA	£228.00	ha
Scrub management – 25% to 75%	SB	£376.00	ha
Scrub management – over 75% cover	SC	£583.00	ha
Mechanical bracken control – base payment	BMB	£106.00	agreement
Mechanical bracken control – area payment	BMA	£48.00	ha
Chemical bracken control – base payment	BCB	£61.00	agreement
Chemical bracken control – area payment	BCA	£112.00	ha
Difficult site supplement for bracken and scrub control	BDS	£7.00	ha

Landscape items

Wooden field/river 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

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	Up to 80% of costs	

Other environmental issues

Special projects	OES	No set payment	
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Payment for advice

Professional help with management plan	PAH	£400.00	each
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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