



Water Resources in the Alt & Crossens Catchment

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Today's Topics

- Planning Permission Update
- EA Charging Scheme
- Two Part Tariff
- Groundwater Availability
- Introduction to Water Abstractor Groups

Planning Permission for Storage Reservoirs

Defra's Plan for Water (April 2023) aims to:

- increase the amount of water stored by the farming sector by 66% by 2050 to support food production and protect the water environment.

Next phase of public consultation on West Lancashire's Local Plan will be at the end of 2024. Contact: localplan@westlancs.gov.uk

Abstraction Licence Charging Scheme

[The Environment Agency \(Environmental Permitting and Abstraction Licensing\) \(England\) Charging Scheme 2022 \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](https://publishing.service.gov.uk)

Main factors:

- Loss factor (high, medium and low)
- Water availability at location
- Licenced annual volume
- Tidal or non-tidal water
- 50% winter reduction



The Environment Agency (Environmental Permitting and Abstraction Licensing) (England) Charging Scheme 2022

Version 1.1

Loss Factor - Examples

High loss:

- Spray, trickle and horticultural irrigation

Medium loss:

- Public water supply
- Anti-frost spraying
- Abstraction for agriculture (excluding any irrigation)

Low loss:

- Transfer licences
- Vegetable washing

Water Availability

[Water Resources Charging Mapping Tool \(arcgis.com\)](http://arcgis.com)



Surface water availability

Restricted = red and yellow

Available = green and grey



Groundwater availability

Restricted = red

Available = green

Annual Licenced Volume

Rows highlighted in yellow applicable in the Alt & Crossens (there are no Tier 2 models here)

Bands:

- Up to 15 MI
- 15 to 50 MI
- 50 to 85 MI
- 85 to 120 MI

Table 4.6 High loss non-tidal abstractions

Charge reference	Activity description	Subsistence activity charge
4.6.1	High loss non-tidal abstraction of water up to and including 15 megalitres a year, where no model applies.	£97
4.6.2	High loss non-tidal abstraction of water up to and including 15 megalitres a year, where a Tier 1 model applies.	£102
4.6.3	High loss non-tidal abstraction of water up to and including 15 megalitres a year, where a Tier 2 model applies.	£110
4.6.4	High loss non-tidal abstraction of restricted ater up to and including 15 megalitres a year, where no model applies.	£115
4.6.5	High loss non-tidal abstraction of restricted water up to and including 15 megalitres a year, where a Tier 1 model applies.	£120
4.6.6	High loss non-tidal abstraction of restricted water up to and including 15 megalitres a year, where a Tier 2 model applies.	£128
4.6.7	High loss non-tidal abstraction of water greater than 15 up to and including 50 megalitres a year, where no model applies.	£513
4.6.8	High loss non-tidal abstraction of water greater than 15 up to and including 50 megalitres a year, where a Tier 1 model applies.	£538
4.6.9	High loss non-tidal abstraction of water greater than 15 up to and including 50 megalitres a year, where a Tier 2 model applies.	£588
4.6.10	High loss non-tidal abstraction of restricted water greater than 15 up to and including 50 megalitres a year, where no model applies.	£609
4.6.11	High loss non-tidal abstraction of restricted water greater than 15 up to and including 50 megalitres a year, where a Tier 1 model applies.	£634
4.6.12	High loss non-tidal abstraction of restricted water greater than 15 up to and including 50 megalitres a year, where a Tier 2 model applies.	£684

Reducing or Revoking Licences

It is **free** to revoke or reduce your licence.

To revoke your licence you need to complete a WR4 form:

[Form WR4: Application to revoke a water abstraction licence \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](https://publishing.service.gov.uk)

To reduce your licence volumes you need to complete a WR3:

[Form WR3: Application to reduce the amount you abstract under your licence \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](https://publishing.service.gov.uk)

Two Part Tariff

Annual charge is split into 2 parts:

- basic charge – you pay 50% of the charge based on your annual authorised quantity
- supplementary charge – this is 50% of the charge based on the **actual** abstracted quantity and is payable after the abstraction season

- Spray and trickle irrigators only
- You have to apply for the two part tariff
- You must submit abstraction returns even if you don't abstract
- Abstraction quantities measured daily with meter
- May not apply to some licences.

Manage your water abstraction licence online



Use this service to:

- view and share your licence information
- submit abstraction returns.

www.gov.uk/guidance/manage-your-water-abstraction-or-impoundment-licences-online