



Weaver Gowy Agricultural Sub Group Update

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Agenda



- Future Farming Resilience Fund
- Sustainable Farming Incentive and Countryside Stewardship
- Business planning, cashflow forecasts and Succession planning
- Technical advice such as nutrient planning, Integrated Pest management,

Future Farming Resilience Fund

- Free Advice for Farmers to help businesses deal with the loss of the BPS income.
- Available from a number of businesses including ADAS. You can only be registered with one delivery business.
- Up to 4 interventions from interventions 2, 3 and 4
- To register with ADAS either call Freephone **03301 755839**
- or email resilience@adas.co.uk
- or go to the ADAS Website
<https://survey123.arcgis.com/share/1374d448939748159db552ed31c0bc11>



What are the types of interventions?

Beneficiaries can participate in more than one intervention type and can enter the project at any point. 'Detailed support offers', as defined by Defra, are Interventions 2, 3, 4.

- **Intervention 1: awareness raising events**(open to all)
- **Intervention 2: 1:1 Farm Business Review** (advice/action planning/signposting –(requires submission of SBI)
- **Intervention 3: 1: many skills development workshops** (requires submission of SBI)
- **Intervention 4: 1:1 tailored advice options** (requires submission of SBI)
- **Intervention 5: Access to online content** such as 'how to' videos, guidance sheets and case studies (open to all)

As well as the five main interventions above there will be a **helpline** for farmers to chat with a consultant if they have specific questions.

Interventions 1-4, will be delivered physically or digitally depending on location and farmer preference.

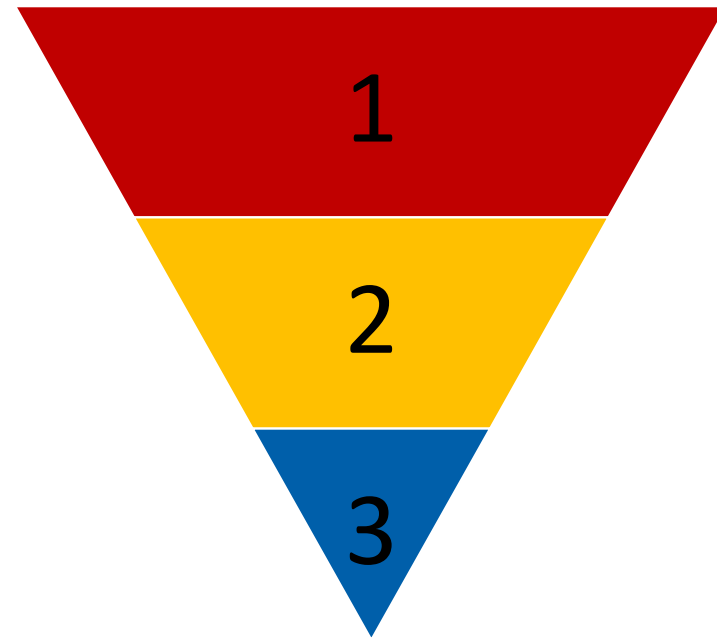




Agri- environment schemes – What's new for 2023?

ELM Scheme overview

1. Component 1 – SFI
 - Simple actions that achieve environmental outcomes – a foundation
2. Component 2 – Countryside Stewardship Plus
 - Locally-targeted environmental goals. Encourages collaboration
 - Retains Mid Tier & Higher Tier
3. Component 3 - Landscape Recovery
 - Landscape and ecosystem recovery through long-term, land use change projects



Sustainable Farming Incentive (SFI)

The SFI has been introduced as a low-level intervention, with the aim of being applicable to most farmers & land managers.

Offered as a selection of 'Standards':

- Soils standards based on 'Ambition Levels' in 2022 -changed for 2023
- New standards adopting 'Action' based approach from 2023 (CS overlap)
- Also includes Animal Health and Welfare Pathway

Participation payment of £20/ha up to a maximum £1,000

Agreements last 3 years, with flexibility to amend each year.



Sustainable Farming Incentive (SFI)

2022 Standards – All 2022 Agreements being cancelled

- Arable & horticultural soils standard
- Improved grassland soils standard
- Moorland standard

New standards for 2023 Roll out starting August 2023

- Actions for Soils
- Actions for Moorland
- Actions for Hedgerows
- Actions for Integrated Pest Management
- Actions for Nutrient Management
- Actions for Farmland Wildlife on arable and horticultural soils
- Actions for Farmland Wildlife on improved grassland
- Actions for Buffer strips
- Actions for low input grassland



Sustainable Farming Incentive (SFI)

Arable & Horticultural Soils Standard

- Introductory - £22/ha
 - Soil assessment & Management plan
 - Test soil OM
 - Add organic matter (includes manures, cover cropping, incorporate straw, grass)
 - Winter cover (70% - Crop, cover crop, weedy stubble)
- Intermediate - £40/ha
 - All introductory actions
 - Sown cover crops (20% - contributes to introductory area)

Withdrawn



Sustainable Farming Incentive (SFI)

Improved Grassland Soils Standard

- Introductory - £28/ha
 - Soil assessment & Management plan
 - Test soil OM
 - Minimise bare ground (5%)
- Intermediate - £58/ha
 - All introductory actions
 - Herbal leys (15%)

Withdrawn



Sustainable Farming Incentive (SFI)

Moorland Standard

- Introductory only £10.30/ha
 - Condition assessment
 - Identify public goods
 - Identify opportunities for enhancement
- Additional participation payment £265 per agreement

Withdrawn



Sustainable Farming Incentive (SFI)



Soil Standards

- Actions
 - Assess Soil, test Soil Organic matter and Produce a plan £5.80/ha + £95 per agreement
 - Multi Species Winter Cover Crops £129/ha (CS SW6)
 - Herbal Leys £382/ha (CS GS4)

Moorland Standard

- Actions
 - Assess Moorland and produce a written record £10.30/ha+ £265 per agreement



Sustainable Farming Incentive (SFI)



Nutrient Management Standard

- Actions:
- Complete an NMP assessment and plan £589/yr
- Establish & maintain legumes (on improved grassland) £102/ha (CS GS4*)
- Legume fallow (on arable/horticultural land) £593/ha (CS AB15)

Hedgerow Standard

- Actions:
 - Assess hedgerow condition £3/100m each side
 - Hedgerow management £10/100m each side (CS BE3)
 - Maintain hedgerow trees £10/100m both sides



Note: CS options are not necessarily direct equivalents



Sustainable Farming Incentive (SFI)

Arable & Horticultural Land Standard

- Actions:

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| • Pollen & nectar flower mix | £614/ha | (CS AB1) |
| • Winter bird food | £732/ha | (CS AB9) |
| • Grassy field corners & blocks | £590/ha | |
| • 4m-12m buffer strips | £451/ha | (CS SW1) |

Integrated Pest Management Standard

- Actions:

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| • Complete an IPM assessment & plan | £989/yr | |
| • Flower-rich grass margins/block/strips | £673/ha | (CS AB8) |
| • Companion crop | £55/ha | |
| • No insecticide use | £45/ha | |



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Sustainable Farming Incentive (SFI)

Improved Grassland Standard

- Actions:

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| • Take grassland corners out of management | £333/ha | (CS GS1) |
| • Manage grassland for winter bird food | £474/ha | (CS GS3) |
| • 4m-12m buffer strips | £235/ha | (CS SW2) |



Low Input Grassland Standard

- Actions:

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|---------------------------------------|---------|----------|
| • EITHER very low inputs outside SDAs | £151/ha | (CS GS2) |
| • OR very low inputs within SDAs | £151/ha | (CS GS5) |



Note: CS options are not necessarily direct equivalents

SFI Animal Health and welfare review

Funding for veterinary review:

- Testing for endemic diseases (BVD, PRRS, anthelmintic resistance)
- Veterinary advice (eg. Lameness, BCS, mobility scoring)
- Written veterinary report
- Medicine use eg. Antibiotics & vaccines (options)
- Biosecurity (optional)

Requires an SBI and a CPH

Test results shared with Defra

Report confidential

Funding:

- £522 beef cattle (Min 11)
- £372 dairy cattle (Min 11)
- £436 sheep (Min 21)
- £684 pigs (Min 51)



Landscape recovery

- Bespoke long-term, large-scale projects 500ha – 5000ha
- Long term 20+ years with blended finance
- Year 1, 2022, 22 projects focused on Species recovery, River restoration
- Year 2, open until midday on 21st September focus is on Net Zero, Protected sites and Habitat creation
- All applications assessed and the best will be offered funded project development planning
- Priorities will be habitats of principle importance
- These are open to any organisation or landowner, public bodies can be involved in collaboration



Countryside Stewardship and Countryside Stewardship Plus

Countryside Stewardship (CS) provides financial incentives for farmers, foresters and land managers to look after and improve the environment by.

- increasing biodiversity
- improving habitat
- expanding woodland areas
- improving water quality
- improving air quality
- improving natural flood management

CS plus brings in the original Local Nature Recovery ambitions of collaboration and spatial prioritisation, targeting actions in places where they can have the biggest impacts, across larger areas, designed to deliver outstanding results

Agreement holders in CS can also have an SFI agreement if they are not funding the same or incompatible actions



CS Mid tier

Mid tier applications allow you to choose from a wide range of options and build an agreement that suits your circumstances.

- One application/agreement for revenue options and capital items
- Agreements last 5 years
- Options may be fixed or rotational
- Competitive scheme – applications scored
- Payments based on income foregone + cost



Use CS Grant finder for detailed information on the options <https://www.gov.uk/countryside-stewardship-grants>

Access Grant finder – Use filters or enter option code in search box
 access full Option guidance for all relevant details for the option

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Countryside Stewardship grant finder

From [Rural Payments Agency](#) and [Natural England](#)

Search for options, supplements and capital items to include in your Countryside Stewardship application. Find out about each [Countryside Stewardship](#) scheme and check if you're eligible before you apply for a grant.

Search

137 grants [Submit a filter](#)

Option Capital item Supplement

Land Use

- Air quality
- Arable land
- Biodiversity
- Boundaries
- Fences

Tier or Standstill tier

- Higher Tier
- Mid Tier
- OFN - Stable
- OFN - Lowland Grazing
- Other - Mixed Pasture

Funding (€) per hectare

Option list:

- W06: Livestock exclusion supplement – scrub and successional areas
- G00: Management of wet grassland for breeding waders
- S016: Flood mitigation on permanent grassland
- S017: Flood mitigation on arable reversion to grassland
- S012: Very low nitrogen inputs to groundwaters
- W07: Management of successional areas and scrub
- W08: Creation of successional areas and scrub
- W04: Management of lowland wetland pasture and parkland
- H04: Maintenance of designed/regulated water bodies
- S017: Arable reversion to grassland with low fertilizer input
- S013: Enhanced management of maize crops
- S014: 12m to 24m watercourse buffer strip on cultivated land
- EDr: Educational access
- G04: Legume and herb-rich swards
- L01: Exclusion rough grazing
- 2000: Management of non-productive woodland

GS6: Management of species-rich grassland

Find out about eligibility and requirements for the management of species-rich grassland option.

From [Rural Payments Agency](#) and [Natural England](#)

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Don't lose sight of
 Land use: All quality, Grazing, Priority habitats
 Tier or Standstill tier: Higher Tier, Mid Tier
 Funding (per hectare per year): £182 to £200

Related content

- [G02: Pasture with grassland with very low inputs \(GS02/2000\)](#)
- [G05: Cattle grazing supplement](#)
- [S02: Nitrogen supplement](#)
- [S07: Arable reversion to grassland with very low inputs](#)
- [G07: Lowest grazing supplement](#)

Comments

How much will be paid
 Where to use this option
 Features that can be included in this option
 Related options
 How this option will benefit the environment
 Also
 Prohibited activities
 Recommended management
 Keeping records
 Additional guidance and advice
 — Integrated Farm Management (IFM)
 Further information

How much will be paid

£182 per hectare (ha)

Where to use this option

It's available for Countryside Stewardship Mid Tier and Higher Tier on whole and part parcels on grassland priority habitat.

On Mid Tier you can only use this option if it meets the relevant criteria and you are not an Integrated Farm Management (IFM) participant (2022).



CS Mid Tier – Building an Application

- Always prioritise what is practical!
 - Revenue for unproductive areas (eg. Birdseed mixes)
 - Payments for actions already carried out (eg. Buffer strips)
 - Payments to implement beneficial practices (eg. Herbal leys)
- Read the requirements fully
 - Aims & recommended management
 - Prohibited Activities

Prohibited activities

To achieve the aims and deliver the environmental benefits across the whole parcel, do not carry out any of the following activities:

- undertake any mechanical operations (including hay/silage cutting) between 15 March and 30 June, or allow activities outside these dates that disturb breeding birds, including ground nesting birds and their chicks
- cut rushes between 15 March and 31 July
- plough, cultivate or re-seed



Top tips for a competitive application

- Check the CS statements of priorities for your area and choose appropriate options
- Check Magic maps
 - Countryside Stewardship Targeting & Scoring Layers
 - Countryside Stewardship Water Quality Priority Areas
 - Priority habitats
- For options that require CSF support
 - Complete the CSF support request form 10 weeks pre application submission
- Wildlife Package
 - You can use WPFWP to increase your application's score. There is a calculator available to help you work out the requirements



CS Mid tier - Changes for 2024 Year Start

- Online application process improved and simplified
- CS Revenue and Capital rates have been updated (most increased)
- Window to complete capital items in an agreement increased to 3 years
- No limit on capital grant value - applications will be assessed for value for money (water & air quality, hedgerow & boundary and Natural flood management items).
- New items introduced - previously only available for Higher Tier (NFM)
- Land in SSSI's and Scheduled monuments now eligible for capital items in Mid Tier with NE consent
- Catchment Sensitive Farming is being expanded to cover all catchments (low, medium and high priority)
- introducing an annual declaration in 2024 in place of the current revenue claim process (for all CS agreements)



CS Wildlife Offers

A quicker and easier way to apply for funding: you can apply online using the Rural Payments service or by using a paper form.

Reduced range of options based on the Wildlife Offer selected:

- Arable Offer (19 options)
- Lowland grazing offer (13 options)
- Mixed Farming offer (26 options)
- Upland offer (10 options & 3 supplements)
- No capital items

Non-competitive: applications are not scored as the Wildlife Offers are designed to provide a sufficient level of environmental benefits. If you meet the minimum eligibility requirements for the offer, you will receive an agreement offer.

Percentage based (3% of land in options)



CS Capital Grant Schemes

- Available as part of a CS agreement (MT or HT) or as standalone grants
- Stand alone open for applications all year round
- Open to SFI and ES Higher level agreement holders.
- Rates updated January 2023
- 3 years to complete work
- In March 2023 Defra confirmed the removal of limits on the value of grants that can be included
- Fencing specifications have been updated (allows metal fencing)



Woodlands

Options for woodland creation and trees

- Woodland creation planning grant
- English Woodland Creation offer
- Countryside stewardship capital grants
- Farming in protected landscapes
- English community forests
- Local authority support
- Woodland Trust
- Forestry England



Farming Investment Fund Grants

The Farming Investment Fund (FIF) large grants for the improvement of productivity, environment & animal health.

- Water Management: between £35,000 and £500,000- Now closed for applications, but people awaiting outcome of part 1 of the process
- Calf Housing for Health and Welfare Grant Between £15,000 and £500,000 – awaiting launch



Application Windows

Scheme	2023 Application Window (current round)
CS Mid Tier & Wildlife Offers	21 March to 18 August
Sustainable Farming Incentive	Open year round starting from August 2023
Capital Grants (including HT grants)	Open year round
Woodland Grants	Open year round
Landscape Recovery	Round two closes midday 21 st September



Business Planning, Cashflow Forecasting and Monitoring

- Business Reviews
- Business planning including Succession planning
- Cashflow forecasts and monthly monitoring
- Training and help with running Xero Accounting software
- Tenancy Applications
- Dwelling House Appraisals

- Planning applications via Leeds based dedicated planning team



Technical Advice

- Soil Sampling and Analysis for nutrients and pests
- Nutrient planning and Farming Rules for Water and NVZ compliance
- CSS and SFI applications including support with producing reports
- Agronomy services including crop planning and rotations etc.
- Farm infrastructure assessment – slurry storage requirements and store design
- Soil Health assessments
- Ecology Surveys
- Arboricultural advice
- Land Drainage and Agricultural Land Classification



Technical Advice

- Integrated Pest Management
- Carbon Audits
- Biodiversity Net Gain Assessments
- Delivery of Catchment Sensitive Farming reports such as Pesticide Handling and Filling, Slurry and Manure Handling
- On Farm Trials and Research

‘Anything Done for the Appropriate Sum’





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