

Isle of Wight

Catchment Sensitive Farming Project

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Hampshire & Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust

Welcome

The Isle of Wight Catchment Sensitive Farming (IWCSF) Project is co-ordinated by the Hampshire & Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust. This project aims to provide well informed advice and guidance to farmers and landowners on all aspects of catchment sensitive farming. The project officer may also provide assistance with applications for grant funding to protect water resources, address diffuse and point source pollution and enhance wetland habitats.



Countryside Stewardship Scheme Hedgerows & Boundaries Grant

For landowners and farmers who wish to carry out works to hedgerows and boundary features.

- Application window is **1st February—28th April 2017**
- Maximum £5000 worth of capital works for up to 12 hedge and wall items with the same payment rates as Countryside Stewardship.
- Successful applicants will have up to 2 years to deliver the works.

Find out more at <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/countryside-stewardship-hedgerows-and-boundaries-grant-manual-2017>

Wight Rural Business Event

The Isle of Wight Catchment Sensitive Farming Project will be supporting the return of the Wight Farm Business Event this year. The Event will take place on **March 22nd at Lakeside Hotel, Wootton, Isle of Wight**. With guest speakers and stands covering a range of topics from BPS to Brexit and from Biobeds to Grassland management.

There will be an opportunity to talk to the IWCSF Project Officer on all aspects of catchment sensitive farming at our stand and follow up visits from the project officer or a technical specialist will be available following the event.

*****Entry is free and a locally sourced lunch will be provided*****

To book your place please contact Lucy Tem-



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Woodland Grants

Tree Planting may be a useful tool in the reduction of surface water runoff by breaking the pathways of flow and enhancing the infiltration of rainwater into the soil. There are grants available for woodland creation, woodland planning, tree health and woodland improvement as part of the CSS Higher Tier.

- Woodland creation— Open for applications from 3rd January 2017
- Developing Woodland Management Plans— Open for applications from 3rd January 2017
- Woodland planning & tree health: Year round applications.

For further details on the Woodland Grants Available please visit <https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/countryside-stewardship-woodland-support>

We are particularly interested to hear from anyone in the North-West of the Island between Yarmouth, Newport and Cowes.

Woodland grant assistance is available from the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust. Please contact Lucy Temple for further details (contact details below). We are particularly interested to hear from anyone in the North-West of the Island between Yarmouth, Newport and Cowes who may be interested in a collaborative project to include smaller woodland and grassland habitats. Around the Newtown Estuary.

On-going IWCSF advisory service

The IWCSF Officer has been helping applicants for the Mid Tier Countryside Stewardship Scheme with a free no obligation 1:2:1 farm visit and officers report. Some As a competitive scheme, applicants may benefit from the advice given and submission of the IWCSF Officer's report with their application forms may enhance their application. Since the launch of the new Countryside Stewardship Scheme 76 farm visits have been undertaken.

The CSS Mid Tier Scheme is a 5 year scheme with the option for a 2 year capital works plan.

Stand-alone Capital Grants are also available as part of the Mid Tier Countryside Stewardship Scheme. These are grants up to £10,000 are for one off capital items such as:

- Hard bases for livestock drinkers and feeders
- Cross drains
- Sediment ponds and traps
- Roofing of manure storage and livestock gathering areas
- Roofs for slurry and silage stores
- Yard works for clean and dirty water separation
- Rainwater storage tanks
- Relocation of sheep dips
- Livestock and machinery tracks and associated livestock fencing
- Lined biobeds

A more comprehensive list is available online at: www.gov.uk. The IWCSF Officer may provide assistance with an application or source specialist advice where this is needed.

For further information about the IWCSF advisory service, please contact Lucy Temple on 01983 760016 or by e-mail: lucy.temple@hiwwt.org.uk

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