

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.



New Countryside Stewardship Hedgerows and Boundaries Grant

For landowners and farmers who wish to carry out **restoration** works to hedgerows and boundaries.

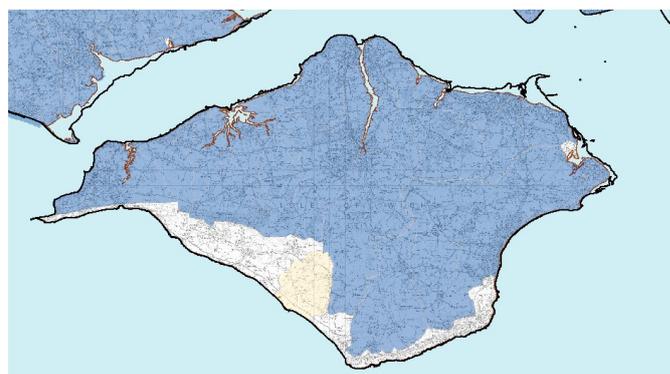
- Application window is **1st February—30th April 2016**.
- Maximum £5000 worth of capital works for up to 12 hedge and wall items with the same payment rates as Countryside Stewardship.
- Successful applicants will have up to 2 years to deliver the works.

There are also grants available for woodland creation, woodland planning, tree health and woodland improvement.

On-going IWCSF advisory service

The new Countryside Stewardship Scheme (CSS) Mid Tier was launched in July 2015 and the IWCSF Officer has been helping applicants with a free no obligation 1:2:1 farm visit and officers report. Some 28 farms have received a farm visit to date. 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.

The new CSS Mid Tier Scheme is a 5 year scheme with the option for a 2 year capital works plan. The target area for this year (2016-2017) is shown in blue on the map below (a more detailed version of this map is available on www.magic.gov.uk).



Application forms will be available from 14th March 2016 and the deadline for submission is 30th September 2016.

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



Woodland Grants

There are grants available for woodland creation, woodland planning, tree health and woodland improvement as part of the CSS Higher Tier.

- Woodland creation: Initial application window: 16th February—31st March Full application window: 16th February—31st May 2016
- Woodland planning & tree health: Rolling application window.
- Woodland improvement: Initial application Early March—May 2016, Full application June—30th September

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 Richard Grogan or 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.

There is an Isle of Wight Woodland Forum Meeting hosted by the Forestry Commission for all woodland owners and managers on Friday 11th March 2016 at the Riverside Centre, Newport. Contact: Georgianna.barnard@forestry.gsi.gov.uk

Water Capital Grants

Water Capital Grants will continue to be 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. **If you would like to know more, please contact Lucy Temple on 01983 760016 or by e-mail at lucy.temple@hiwwt.org.uk**

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