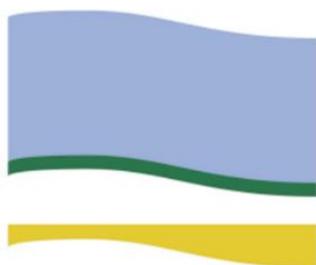


Isle of Wight Catchment Sensitive Farming Spring 2022



Isle of Wight
area of outstanding
natural beauty

Welcome

February brings a new opportunity to make an application to join the Countryside Stewardship scheme. Defra are encouraging farms to sign-up to bridge the gap before Environmental Land Management (ELM) gets fully underway. There is no risk at being at a disadvantage if ELM offers a more attractive set of options as you can leave Stewardship without penalty. These are the important dates to note:

Higher Tier

- 8 February 2022: applications open
- 31 March 2022: deadline to request a paper or online application pack
- 29 April 2022: deadline for applications

Mid Tier and Wildlife Offers

- 8 February 2022: applications open
- 27 May 2022: deadline to request a paper application pack. No need to request a pack for online applications
- 29 July 2022: deadline for applications

There are some schemes available all year...

- Protection and Infrastructure (from 8 February 2022) – in conjunction with woodland infrastructure to improve access.

Capital Grants (from 8 February 2022)

These capital grants include...

Boundaries, Trees and Orchards item group of which hedge laying, coppicing, gapping-up, coppicing bankside trees and tree surgery are most likely to be of interest.

Water quality items – this includes 40 different grants from sediment traps to water storage tanks and pesticide washdown infrastructure.

Air quality items – the six items include an automatic slurry scraper, flooring for livestock buildings and covers for slurry stores.

Woodland Tree Health grants are one-off payments towards the cost of restocking woodland after a tree health problem or felling diseased trees or rhododendron control

Woodland Management Plan offers a minimum £1,000 to produce a plan which can include the license necessary for felling. It also enables the Stewardship 'Woodland Improvement' grant to be accessed with a further payment of at least £1,000/year for woodland between 3 and 10ha and a further £100/ha/year for areas more than 10 ha.

Note, owners of SSSI woodland will require the plan to be in place when applying to join Countryside Stewardship and this must be submitted to the FC in the year before the Stewardship application window opens.

Farming in Protected Landscapes - This grant scheme, administered by the Island's Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB), is continuing to roll out funding for a wide range of farm-based projects. Funding will continue in 2022/23 and the next financial year. A high uptake will confirm to Defra that farmers are keen to support environmental management across the Island's landscape.

See...

<https://www.wightaonb.org.uk/farming-in-protected-landscapes/>

...where the application form can be completed or printed for posting to the AONB.

CSF can arrange a completely free visit by qualified external consultants to advise on soil and nutrient management planning, slurry/manure handling storage, machinery testing and calibration (fertiliser and manure spreaders), soil sampling and slurry/manure sampling and analysis. Contact us for further details.

Catchment Sensitive Farming

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