

## Environmentally Sensitive Areas Information Sheet

### The Cotswold Hills ESA

This sheet contains essential information for farmers about the The Cotswold Hills ESA. It should be read in conjunction with the booklet *Guidelines for Farmers*.

You will need to refer to this information when making an application for a Management Agreement or Conservation Plan (Forms ERDP/GEN1 and ERDP/ESA1) in the The Cotswold Hills ESA.

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#### Tiers and Payment Rates

Tier 1A – All Land	£15 per ha	Tier 3A – Overwintered Cereal Stubbles	£80 per ha
Tier 1B – Improved Permanent Grassland	£30 per ha	Tier 3B – Conservation Headlands	£120 per ha
Tier 1C – Extensive Permanent Grassland	£70 per ha	Wall Restoration Supplement	£28/m
Tier 2 – Reversion of Arable Land to Extensive Permanent Grassland	£290 per ha	Hedgerow Supplement	£5/m
		Public Access Tier	£350 per ha



## Conservation Plans (Rates as from 1 January 2004)

For those items with a Standard Payment Rate, payment at the corresponding percentage of actual costs may be given at the Department's discretion where the necessary costs of the work are exceptionally high.

Defra Work Code	Eligible Item	Standard Payment Rates	Percentage Grant
1	Protection of Historic Features	–	80
2	Tree Planting	£1.60 each	60
	– spiral rabbit guard	£0.20 each	
	– tree tube	£0.50 each	
	– protective fencing for individual trees	£64/tree	
3	Hedge Planting and restoration of non-stockproof hedges		40
	– hedge planting	£5/m	
	– protective fencing: sheep fencing	£1.80/m	
	post and wire fencing	£1.20/m	
4	Hedge laying	£5/m	50
	– protective fencing: sheep fencing	£1.80/m	
	post and wire fencing	£1.20/m	
5	Creation of Ponds	–	50
6	Restoration of Ponds	–	50
7	Management of Scrub	–	50
	– 25% density	£228/ha	
	– 25% to 75% density	£376/ha	
	– over 75% density	£583/ha	
10	Restoration of Farm Buildings using traditional materials	–	60
11	Hedge Coppicing	£5/m	50
	– protective fencing: sheep fencing	£1.80/m	
	post and wire fencing	£1.20/m	
17	Provision of Stone Walls	–	40
22	Provision of Water Supplies and Fencing associated with the Reintroduction of Grazing		40
	– supply	£2/m	
	– trough	£85 each	
	– post and wire fencing	£1.20/m	
	– sheep fencing	£1.80/m	
23	Control of Bracken		50
	– mechanical	£50/ha	
	– chemical	£112/ha	
25	Re-introduction of tree Pollarding	£89/tree	50
37	Restoration and replanting of traditional orchards		80
	– tree surgery	£89/tree	
	– frameworking	£43/tree	
	– maiden fruit trees	} £17 each	
	– standard fruit trees		
	– orchard tree guards	£3.30 each	
40	Provision and restoration of gates for public access		80
	– bridle gate	£220 each	
	– kissing gate	£245 each	
	– kissing gate for the disabled	£290 each	
41	Provision and restoration of stiles for public access		80
	– timber stile	£100 each	
	– ladder stile	£125 each	
	– step-over stile in stone wall	£115 each	
	– step-through stile in stone wall	£85 each	
42	Provision and restoration of footbridges for public access	£315 each	80
45	Fencing to protect habitats		80
	– post and wire fencing	£1.20/m	
	– sheep fencing	£1.80/m	
48	Purchase of a diverse seed mix for arable reversion to limestone grassland	–	75
50	Other works for the restoration or enhancement of wildlife habitats	–	80