

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

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| 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 |