

## Environmentally Sensitive Areas Information Sheet

### The Essex Coast ESA

This sheet contains essential information for farmers about the The Essex Coast 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 Essex Coast ESA.

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#### Tiers and Payment Rates

Tier 1A – Permanent Grassland	£70 per ha	Grazing Marsh Supplement	£80 per ha
Tier 2A – Wet Grassland	£190 per ha		
Tier 2B – Marshland	£250 per ha	Wildfowl Pasture Supplement	£50 per ha
Tier 3 – Reversion of Arable to Permanent Grassland	£275 per ha	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 and Archaeological Features	–	80
3	Planting of new Hedges – protective fencing: sheep fencing post and wire fencing	£5/m £1.80/m £1.20/m	40
4	Hedge laying – protective fencing: sheep fencing post and wire fencing	£5/m £1.80/m £1.20/m	40
5	Creation of Ponds	–	50
6	Restoration of Ponds	–	50
7	Control of Scrub – 25% density – 25% to 75% density – over 75% density  A single payment is available for management of scrub on small free-standing features of archaeological interest	– £228/ha £376/ha £583/ha  £50	50
11	Hedge Coppicing – protective fencing: sheep fencing post and wire fencing	£5/m £1.80/m £1.20/m	40
12	Creation of Scrapes	–	80
13	Creation, reinstatement or re-profiling of dykes, ditches footdrains and other surface water channels	–	80
14	Construction of Bunds or Sluices or Other Works to Control Water Levels	–	80
15	Re-creation of Herb-Rich Meadows	–	50
16	Creation of Reedbeds (including Sedgebeds)	–	50
22	Provision of water supplies and fencing associated with the reintroduction of grazing – supply – trough – post and wire fencing – sheep fencing	£2/m £85 each £1.20/m £1.80/m	40
29	Construction or Reconstruction of Culverts	–	50
40	Provision and restoration of gates for public access – bridle gate – kissing gate – kissing gate for the disabled	£220 each £245 each £290 each	80
41	Provision and restoration of stiles for public access – timber stile – ladder stile – step-over stile in stone wall – step-through stile in stone wall	£100 each £125 each £115 each £85 each	80
42	Provision and restoration of footbridges for public access	£315 each	80
43	Wind pumps for water level management	–	80
45	Fencing to protect habitats – post and wire fencing – sheep fencing	– £1.20/m £1.80/m	80
50	Other works for the restoration or enhancement of wildlife habitats	–	80