

## Environmentally Sensitive Areas Information Sheet

### South Downs ESA

This sheet contains essential information for farmers about the South Downs 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 South Downs ESA.

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#### Tiers and Payment Rates

Tier 1 – Permanent Grassland on the Chalk	£60 per ha	Tier 4A – Winter Stubbles with Undersowing	£125 per ha
Tier 2 – Permanent Grassland in the River Valleys	£60 per ha	Tier 4B – Winter Stubbles without Undersowing	£53 per ha
Tier 3A – Arable Reversion to Chalk Grassland	£330 per ha	Tier 4C – Conservation Headlands	£90 per ha
Tier 3B – Arable Reversion to Permanent Grassland	£240 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 Features	–	80
2	Tree Planting	£1.60 each	60
3	Hedge Planting	£5/m	40
	– protective fencing: sheep fencing	£1.80/m	
	post and wire fencing	£1.20/m	
4	Hedge laying	£5/m	40
	– protective fencing: sheep fencing	£1.80/m	
	post and wire fencing	£1.20/m	
5	Creation of New 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	
	A single payment is available for management of scrub on small free-standing features of archaeological interest	£50	
8	Provision and Repair of Stiles		60
	– timber stile	£100 each	
	– ladder stile	£125 each	
	– step-over stile in stone wall	£115 each	
	– step-through stile in stone wall	£85 each	
9	Rebuilding of Stone Walls	£16/m each	60
	– £30/m supplement payable where significant quantities of stone need to be brought in		
10	Renovation of Traditional Farm Buildings – Field Barns	–	40
11	Hedge Coppicing	£5/m	40
	– protective fencing: sheep fencing	£1.80/m	
	post and wire fencing	£1.20/m	
12	Creation of Scrapes	–	50
13	Creation, Reinstatement of Dykes and Ditches	–	30
14	Construction of Water Penning Structures (Bunds, Sluices and other works)	–	80
16	Creation of Reedbeds (including Sedgebeds)	–	50
17	Provision of Stone Walls	£16/m	60
	– £30/m supplement payable where significant quantities of stone need to be brought in		
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	
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
48	Purchase of a diverse seed mix for arable reversion to chalk grassland	–	100
49	Sward-enhancement on permanent grassland reverted from arable	–	75
50	Other works for the restoration or enhancement of wildlife habitats	–	80