

Environmentally Sensitive Areas Information Sheet

Suffolk River Valleys ESA

This sheet contains essential information for farmers about the Suffolk River Valleys 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 Suffolk River Valleys ESA.

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Tiers and Payment Rates

Tier 1 – Permanent Grassland	£75 per ha	Tier 3 – Arable Reversion to Grassland	£290 per ha
Tier 1A – Permanent Grassland Reverted under a Previous ESA Management Agreement	£270 per ha	Marshland Supplement	£80 per ha
Tier 2 – Low Input Grassland	£190 per ha	Water Level Supplement	£60 per ha
Tier 2A – Low Input Grassland Reverted under a Previous ESA Management Agreement	£340 per ha	Buffer Strip Supplement	£55 per ha
		Fen Tier	£170 per ha
		Woodland Tier	£17 per ha
		Hedgerow Restoration Supplement	£4 per 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	Works to protect Historical and Archaeological Features	–	80
2	Tree planting – spiral rabbit guard – tree tube – protective fencing for individual trees	£1.60 each £0.20 each £0.50 each £64/tree	60
3	Planting of hedges not included in your Tier 1 hedge restoration programme – protective fencing: sheep fencing post and wire fencing	£5/m £1.80/m £1.20/m	40
4	Laying or coppicing of hedges not included in your Tier 1 hedge restoration programme – 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	Management of Scrub – 25% density – 25% to 75% density – over 75% density	– £228/ha £376/ha £583/ha	50
13	Creation, reinstatement or re-profiling of dykes, ditches and foot drains	–	80
14	Provision of water penning structures or other works designed to control water levels	–	80
15	Creation or improvement of herb rich meadows	–	50
16	Restoration and creation of reedbeds and 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
23	Control of Bracken – mechanical – chemical	– £50/ha £112/ha	50
25	Pollarding of trees	£89 each	80
34	Provision of rabbit fencing	£1.50/m	40
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
50	Other works for the restoration or enhancement of wildlife habitats	–	80