

CS Options, Payments, Measures

Note on CS payment rates:

Below is the full list of current Countryside Stewardship payment rates which are applicable to FiPL projects. Once a grant has been offered, these payment rates will not change whilst the project is ongoing, the payment rate given when the agreement is made will be the payment rate throughout the project. For more information please go to <https://www.gov.uk/countryside-stewardship-grants>

A small number of payments for capital items are based on the **actual cost** and are paid as a % of the cost (known as the intervention rate). Applicants will need to provide quotes for these particular capital items and must get a minimum of three quotes in writing. In exceptional circumstances involving highly specialised works fewer than three quotations may be accepted, but this must be agreed in writing by the Protected Landscape team in advance.

Green highlighted payment rates have increased for 2023 and red highlighted payment rates have decreased for 2023.

CS - Payment rates for multi-annual options			
Arable	Countryside Stewardship payment rates		% of costs if based on actual cost
AB1	Nectar flower mix	£614 per hectare (ha)	N/a
AB2	Basic overwinter stubble	£58 per hectare (ha).	
AB3	Beetle banks	£667 per hectare (ha).	
AB4	Skylark plots	£20 (£10.38 per plot, minimum 2 plots per hectare (ha)).	
AB5	Nesting plots for lapwing and stone curlew	£587 per hectare (ha).	
AB6	Enhanced overwinter stubble	£522 per hectare (ha).	
AB7	Whole crop cereals	£584 per hectare (ha).	
AB8	Flower-rich margins and plots	£673 per hectare (ha).	
AB9	Winter bird food	£732 per hectare (ha).	
AB10	Unharvested cereal headland	£822 per hectare (ha).	
AB11	Cultivated areas for arable plants	£550 per hectare (ha).	
AB12	Supplementary winter feeding for farmland birds	£669 per tonne for every 2 hectares (ha) of winter bird food.	
AB13	Brassica fodder crop	No longer available.	
AB14	Harvested low input cereal	£236 per hectare (ha).	
AB15	Two year sown legume fallow	£593 hectare (ha).	
AB16	Autumn sown bumblebird mix	£637 per hectare (ha).	
Boundaries, trees and orchards	Cost		% of costs if based on actual cost
BE1	Protection of in-field trees on arable land	£503 per hectare (ha)	N/a
BE2	Protection of in-field trees on intensive grassland	£295 per hectare (ha)	
BE3	Management of hedgerows	£10 per 100m for 1 side of a hedge.	
BE4	Management of traditional orchards	£264 per hectare (ha)	
BE5	Creation of traditional orchards	£373 per hectare (ha).	
BE6	Veteran tree surgery	£379 for each veteran tree, contained within the agreement management plan, that receives veteran tree surgery in the claim year.	
BE7	Supplement for restorative pruning of fruit trees	£113 per tree	
Coastal	Cost		% of costs if based on actual cost

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CT1	Management of coastal sand dunes and vegetated shingle	£339 per hectare (ha).	N/a
CT2	Creation of coastal sand dunes and vegetated shingle on arable land and improved grassland	£474 per hectare (ha).	
CT3	Management of coastal saltmarsh	£97 per hectare (ha).	
CT4	Creation of inter-tidal and saline habitat on arable land	£670 per hectare (ha).	
CT5	Creation of inter-tidal and saline habitat by non-intervention	£494 per hectare (ha).	
CT6	Coastal vegetation management supplement	£117 per hectare (ha).	
CT7	Creation of inter-tidal and saline habitat on intensive grassland	£494 per hectare (ha).	
Grassland		Cost	% of costs if based on actual cost
GS1	Take field corners out of management	£333 per hectare (ha)	N/a
GS2	Permanent grassland with very low inputs (outside SDAs)	£151 per hectare (ha)	
GS3	Ryegrass seed-set as winter food for birds	£474 per hectare (ha).	
GS4	Legume and herb-rich swards	£382 per hectare (ha).	
GS5	Permanent grassland with very low inputs in SDAs	£151 per hectare (ha)	
GS6	Management of species-rich grassland	£182 per hectare (ha)	
GS7	Restoration towards species-rich grassland	£235 per hectare (ha).	
GS8	Creation of species-rich grassland	£428 per hectare (ha).	
GS9	Management of wet grassland for breeding waders	£353 per hectare (ha)	
GS10	Management of wet grassland for wintering waders and wildfowl	£217 per hectare (ha).	
GS11	Creation of wet grassland for breeding waders	£547 per hectare (ha).	
GS12	Creation of wet grassland for wintering waders and wildfowl	£450 per hectare (ha).	
GS13	Management of grassland for target features	£152 per hectare (ha).	
GS14	Creation of grassland for target features	£432 per hectare (ha).	
GS15	Haymaking supplement	£37 per hectare (ha).	
GS16	Rush infestation control supplement	£79 per hectare (ha).	
GS17	Lenient grazing supplement	£23 per hectare (ha)	
Historic Environment and Landscape		Cost	% of costs if based on actual cost
HS1	Maintenance of weatherproof traditional farm buildings	£4.42 per square metre	

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HS2	Take historic and archaeological features out of cultivation	£476 per hectare (ha)	N/a
HS3	Reduced-depth, non-inversion cultivation on historic and archaeological features	£92 per hectare (ha)	
HS4	Scrub control on historic and archaeological features	£175 per hectare (ha)	
HS5	Management of historic and archaeological features on grassland	£44 per hectare (ha)	
HS6	Maintenance of designed/ engineered water bodies	£82,129 per hectare (ha)	
HS7	Management of historic water meadows through traditional irrigation	£808 per hectare (ha)	
HS8	Maintenance of weatherproof traditional farm buildings in remote areas	£6.93 per square metre	
HS9	Restricted depth crop establishment to protect archaeology under an arable rotation	£211 per hectare (ha)	
Lowland Heathland		Cost	
LH1	Management of lowland heathland	£366 per hectare (ha).	N/a
LH2	Restoration of forestry and woodland to lowland heathland	£229 per hectare (ha).	
LH3	Creation of heathland from arable or improved grassland	£607 per hectare (ha).	
Soil and Water		Cost	% of costs if based on actual cost
SW1	4-6m buffer strip on cultivated land	£451 per hectare (ha)	N/a
SW2	4-6m buffer strip on intensive grassland	£235 per hectare (ha)	
SW3	In-field grass strips	£658 per hectare (ha)	
SW4	12-24m watercourse buffer strip on cultivated land	£612 per hectare (ha)	
SW5	Enhanced management of maize crops	£172 per hectare (ha)	
SW6	Winter cover crops	£129 per hectare (ha)	
SW7	Arable reversion to grassland with low fertiliser input	£326 per hectare (ha)	
SW8	Management of intensive grassland adjacent to a watercourse	£207 per hectare (ha)	
SW9	Seasonal livestock removal on intensive grassland	£115 per hectare (ha)	
SW10	Seasonal livestock removal on grassland in SDAs next to streams, rivers and lakes.	£115 per hectare (ha)	
SW11	Riparian management strip	£596 per hectare (ha)	
SW12	Making space for water	£781 per hectare (ha).	
SW13	Very low nitrogen inputs to groundwaters	£396 per hectare (ha)	
SW14	Nil fertiliser supplement	£156 per hectare (ha)	

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SW15	Flood mitigation on arable land	£493 per ha	
SW16	Flood mitigation on permanent grassland	£281 per ha	
Uplands		Cost	% of costs if based on actual cost
UP1	Enclosed rough grazing	£45 per hectare (ha)	N/a
UP2	Management of rough grazing for birds	£121 per hectare (ha).	
UP3	Management of moorland	£55 per hectare (ha).	
UP4	Management of moorland vegetation supplement	£10 per hectare (ha).	
UP5	Moorland re-wetting supplement	£25 per hectare (ha).	
UP6	Upland livestock exclusion supplement	£19 per hectare (ha).	
Woodland and Scrub		Cost	% of costs if based on actual cost
WD1	Woodland creation – Maintenance Payments	£350 per hectare (ha)	N/a
WD2	Woodland Improvement	£100 per hectare (ha) per year.	
WD3	Woodland edges on arable land	£402 per hectare (ha)	
WD4	Management of wood pasture and parkland in the lowlands	£212 per hectare (ha)	
WD5	Restoration of wood pasture and parkland in the lowlands	£371 per hectare (ha).	
WD6	Creation of wood pasture in the lowlands	£544 per hectare (ha)	
WD7	Management of successional areas and scrub	£88 per hectare (ha).	
WD8	Creation of successional areas and scrub	£149 per hectare (ha)	
WD9	Livestock exclusion supplement – scrub and successional areas.	£74 per hectare (ha).	
WD10	Management of wood pasture and parkland in the uplands	£212 per hectare (ha)	
WD11	Restoration of wood pasture and parkland in the uplands	£371 per hectare (ha).	
WD12	Creation of wood pasture in the uplands	£544 per hectare (ha).	
Wetlands		Cost	% of costs if based on actual cost
WT1	Buffering in-field ponds and ditches in improved grassland	£311 per hectare (ha).	N/a
WT2	Buffering in-field ponds and ditches on arable land	£594 per hectare (ha).	
WT3	Management of ditches of high environmental value	£44 per 100 metres (m) for the management of both sides of the ditch.	
WT4	Management of ponds of high wildlife value (100 sq m or less)	£119 per pond.	
WT5	Management of ponds of high wildlife value (more than 100 sq m)	£211 per pond.	
WT6	Management of reedbed	£81 per hectare (ha)	

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WT7	Creation of reedbed	£328 per hectare (ha).	
WT8	Management of fen	£35 per hectare (ha)	
WT9	Creation of fen	£537 per hectare (ha).	
WT10	Management of lowland raised bog	£185 per hectare (ha).	
WT11	Wetland cutting supplement	£1,089 per hectare (ha).	
WT12	Wetland grazing supplement	£459 per hectare (ha).	
Options exclusive to organic land		Cost	% of costs if based on actual cost
OP1	Overwintered stubble	£176 per hectare (ha)	N/a
OP2	Wild bird seed mixture	£768 per hectare (ha).	
OP3	Supplementary feeding for farmland birds	£887 per tonne for every 2 hectares (ha) of wild bird seed mixture.	
OP4	Multi Species Ley	£115 per hectare (ha).	
OP5	Undersown cereal	£306 per hectare (ha)	
Organic conversion		Cost	% of costs if based on actual cost
OR1	Organic conversion – improved permanent grassland	£187 per hectare (ha) per year for up to 2 years	N/a
OR2	Organic conversion – unimproved permanent grassland	£89 per hectare (ha) per year for up to 2 years	
OR3	Organic conversion – rotational land	£296 per hectare (ha) per year, for up to 2 years	
OR4	Organic conversion – horticulture	£703 per hectare (ha) per year, for up to 2 years.	
OR5	Organic conversion – top fruit	£1,254 per hectare (ha) per year, for up to 3 years.	
Organic maintenance		Cost	% of costs if based on actual cost
OT1	Organic land management - improved permanent grassland	£20 per hectare (ha)	N/a
OT2	Organic land management - unimproved permanent grassland	£36 per hectare (ha)	
OT3	Organic land management - rotational land	£132 per hectare (ha)	
OT4	Organic land management - horticulture	£471 per hectare (ha)	
OT5	Organic land management - top fruit	£1,9207 per hectare (ha)	
OT6	Organic land management -enclosed rough grazing	£69 per hectare (ha)	
Additional Supplements		Cost	% of costs if based on actual cost
SP1	Difficult sites supplement	£76 per hectare (ha).	N/a
SP2	Raised water level supplement	£127 per hectare (ha).	
SP3	Bracken control supplement	£185 per hectare (ha).	
SP4	Control of invasive plant species supplement	£347 per hectare (ha).	
SP5	Shepherding supplement	£9 per hectare (ha)	
SP6	Cattle grazing supplement	£39 per hectare (ha)	
SP7	Introduction of cattle grazing on the Scilly Isles	£279 per hectare (ha).	
SP8	Native Breeds at Risk supplement	£167 per hectare (ha).	

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SP9	Threatened species supplement	£171 per hectare (ha).	
SP10	Administration of group managed agreements supplement	£6.07 per hectare (ha).	
Educational Access		Cost	% of costs if based on actual cost
ED1	Educational Access	£318 per visit.	N/a
CS - Payment rates for capital items			
Access and Engagement		Cost	% of costs if based on actual cost
AC1	Access capital items	Actual	100
AC2	Countryside Educational Access Visits Accreditation	£277.26 once per agreement.	N/a
Boundaries		Cost	% of costs if based on actual cost
BN1	Stone-faced bank repair/m	£67.25 per metre (m). The payment rate is for the total length of boundary under the option (not for each side of the boundary).	N/a
BN2	Stone-faced bank restoration/m	£163.26 per metre (m). The payment rate is for the total length of boundary under the option (not for each side of the boundary).	
BN3	Earth bank creation/m	£20.59 per metre (m). The payment rate is for the total length of boundary under the option (not for each side of the boundary).	
BN4	Earth bank restoration/m	£10.54 per metre (m). The payment rate is for the total length of boundary under the option (not for each side of the boundary).	
BN5	Hedgerow laying/m	£13.52 per metre (m). The payment rate is for the total length of boundary under the option (not for each side of the boundary).	
BN6	Hedgerow coppicing/m	£5.33 per metre (m). The payment rate is for the total length of boundary under the option (not for each side of the boundary).	
BN7	Hedgerow gapping-up/m	£17.22 per metre (m). The payment rate is for the total length of boundary under the option (not for each side of the boundary).	
BN8	Hedgerow supplement - casting up/m	£4.39 per metre (m). The payment rate is for the total length of boundary under the option (not for each side of the boundary).	
BN9	Hedgerow supplement – substantial pre-work/m	£7.06 per metre (m). The payment rate is for the total length of boundary under the option (not for each side of the boundary).	
BN10	Hedgerow supplement – top binding and staking/m	£5.82 per metre (m). The payment rate is for the total length of boundary under the option (not for each side of the boundary).	
BN11	Planting new hedges/m	£22.97 per metre (m). The payment rate is for the total length of boundary under the option (not for each side of the boundary).	
BN12	Stone wall restoration/m	£31.91 per metre (m). The payment rate is for the total length of boundary under the option (not for each side of the boundary).	
BN13	Stone wall supplement – top wiring/m	£5.54 per metre (m). The payment rate is for the total length of boundary under the option (not for each side of the boundary).	
BN14	Stone wall supplement – stone from quarry/m	£164.50 per metre (m). The payment rate is for the total length of boundary under the option (not for each side of the boundary).	

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BN15	Stone wall supplement – difficult sites/m	£15.91 per metre (m). The payment rate is for the total length of boundary under the option (not for each side of the boundary).	
Feature Management		Cost	% of costs if based on actual cost
FM1	Management of geodiversity features	Actual	100
FM2	Major preparatory works for Priority Habitat (creation and restoration) and for Priority Species	Actual	100
Fencing & Gates		Cost	% of costs if based on actual cost
FG1	Fencing/m	£6.34 per metre (m).	N/a
FG2	Sheep netting/m	£7.47 per metre (m). Please note that although Clipex fencing is accepted under CS, it is unlikely to be funded through FiPL.	
FG3	Permanent electric fencing/m	£5.66 per metre (m).	
FG4	Rabbit fencing supplement/m	£5.65 per metre (m).	
FG5	Fencing supplement - difficult sites	£3.98 per metre (m).	
FG6	Invisible fencing system/m		
FG7	Anti-predator combination fencing/m	£13.76 per metre (m).	
FG8	Anti-predator temporary electric fencing/m	£2.84 per metre (m).	
FG9	Deer fencing/m	£10.27 per metre (m).	
FG10	Temporary deer fencing/m	£8.09 per metre.	
FG11	Deer enclosure plot/unit	£212.56 per unit.	
FG12	Wooden field gate/gate	£489.90 per gate.	
FG13	Stone gate post/post	£651.42 per post.	
FG14	Badger gate/unit	£61.81 per gate.	
FG15	Water gates /gate	£532.80 per gate.	
Forestry		Cost	% of costs if based on actual cost
FY1	Deer high seat/unit	£265 per item.	N/a
FY2	woodland infrastructure	Actual	40
FY3	Squirrel traps and maintenance	Actual	80
Historic environment & Landscape		Cost	% of costs if based on actual cost
HE1	Historic and archaeological feature protection	Actual	100
HE2	Historic building restoration	Actual	80
HE3	Removal of eyesore/unit	£500.47 per item.	N/a
Livestock		Cost	% of costs if based on actual cost

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LV1	Cattle grid/grid	£2,878.80 per item.	N/a
LV2	Livestock handling facilities	Actual	80
LV3	Hard bases for livestock drinkers/hard base	£179.15 per base.	N/a
LV4	Hard bases for livestock feeders/hard base	£290.63 per base.	
LV5	Pasture pumps and associated pipework/unit	£295.90 per pump.	
LV6	Ram pumps and associated pipework/unit	£1,861 per pump.	
LV7	Livestock troughs/unit	£152.92 per trough.	
LV8	Pipework associated with livestock troughs/m	£3.31 per metre.	
Payment for Advice		Cost	% of costs if based on actual cost
PA1	Implementation Plan/unit	£1,200 per plan	N/a
PA2	Feasibility study	Actual	100
PA3	woodland management plan/per ha	Threshold First 100 hectares (ha) £1500) Over 100 ha	Payment £30 per ha (minimum payment £10 per ha
Scrub, Tree & Bracken Control		Cost	% of costs if based on actual cost
SB1	Scrub control & felling diseased trees.	Method of removal/Stem diameter/Percentage covered per ha/Payment per ha Machine cut/Less than 7cm/Under 50%/£375 Machine cut/Less than 7cm/50% and over/£750 Machine cut/7cm and above/Under 50%/£750 Machine cut/7cm and above/50% and over/£1,500 Manual cut/Not applicable/Under 50%/£1,408.75 Manual cut/Not applicable/50% and over/£2,424.20	
SB2	Scrub control – difficult sites	Actual	80
SB3	Tree removal/tree	£155.17 per tree.	N/a
SB4	Chemical bracken control /ha	£270.90 per hectare (ha)	
SB5	Mechanical bracken control/ha	£190.90 per hectare (ha).	
SB6	Rhododendron control – Small/ha	Slope of site Payment Level or gentle slope (0 to 11 degree incline) Average height is less than 2.5m tall £3,500 per hectare (ha) Moderate slope (12 to 18 degree incline) Between 2.5m to 4m tall £4,000 per ha Steep or very steep slope (19 degrees or more) Average height is over 4m tall £5,500 per ha	
SB7	Rhododendron control – Medium/ha		
SB8	Rhododendron control – large/ha		
SB9	Plant health supplement/ha		
Soil and Water		Cost	% of costs if based on actual cost
RP1	Resurfacing of gateways/unit	£136.95 per gateway.	

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RP2	Gateway relocation/unit	£369.59 per gateway.	N/a
RP3	Watercourse crossings/unit	£100.63 per crossing.	
RP4	Livestock and machinery hardcore tracks/m	£44.63 per metre (m).	
RP5	Cross drains/unit	£750.26 per drain.	
RP6	Installation of piped culverts in ditches/unit	£37623 per culvert.	
RP7	Sediment ponds and traps/sq m	£11.88 per square metre.	
RP8	Constructed wetlands for the treatment of pollution	Actual	
RP9	Earth banks and soil bunds/unit	£195.61 for each unit (100m of bund).	N/a
RP10	Silt filtration dams/seepage barriers/unit	£198.14 per unit.	
RP11	Swales/sq m	£7.52 per square metre.	
RP12	Check dams/unit	£85.29 for each dam.	
RP13	Yard – underground drainage pipework/m	£2.02 per metre.	
RP14	Yard inspection pit/unit	£200 per unit.	
RP15	Concrete yard renewal/sq m	£33.64 per square metre.	
RP16	Rainwater goods/m	£11.55 per metre.	
RP17	Storage tanks underground/cu m	£441.98 per cubic metre.	
RP18	Above ground tanks/cu m	£73.34 per cubic metre.	
RP19	First flush rainwater diverters/downpipe filters/unit	£174.59 per unit.	
RP20	Relocation of sheep dips and pens/unit	£3,544.71 per unit.	
RP21	Relocation of sheep pens only/unit	£1,772.35 per unit.	
RP22	Sheep dip drainage aprons and sumps/sq m	£19.50 per square metre.	
RP23	Installation of livestock drinking troughs (in draining pens for freshly dipped sheep)/unit	£152.92 per unit.	
RP24	Lined biobed plus pesticide loading and washdown area/sq m	£119.77 per square metre.	
RP25	Lined biobed with existing washdown area/sq m	£66.24 per square metre.	
RP26	Biofilters/unit	£2026.14 per unit.	
RP27	Sprayer or applicator load and washdown area/sq m	£35.86 per square metre.	
RP28	Roofing (sprayer washdown area, manure storage area, livestock gathering area, slurry stores, silage stores)/sq m	£72.50 per square metre.	
RP29	Self supporting covers for slurry stores/sq m	£29.50 per square metre.	
RP30	Floating covers-(slurry stores, lagoons)/sq m	£2.75 per square metre.	
RP31	Equipment to disrupt tramlines in arable areas	£1,500 per machine.	
RP32	Woody debris dams - 1-3 m wide	£461.39 for each dam	
RP33	Woody debris dams – 3-5 m wide	£764.42 for each dam	

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Trees and Orchards		Cost	% of costs if based on actual cost
TE1	Planting standard hedgerow tree/Unit	£19.06 per tree.	N/a
TE2	Planting standard parkland tree/tree	£123.94 per tree.	
TE3	Planting fruit trees/tree	£28.07 per tree.	
TE4	Supply and plant tree/tree	£1.72 per tree.	
TE5	Supplement for use of individual tree-shelters/unit	£2.43 per unit.	
TE6	Tree guard (tube and mesh)/tree	£3.95 per guard.	
TE7	Tree guard (wood post and rail)/tree	£109.64 per guard.	
TE8	Tree guard (wood post and wire)/tree	£132.16 per guard.	
TE9	Parkland tree guard – welded steel/tree	£402.73 per tree.	
TE10	Coppicing bankside trees/tree	£53.95 per tree.	
TE11	Tree surgery/tree	£73.36 per tree when cutting limbs up to and including 20cm in diameter. £146.72 per tree when cutting limbs over 20cm in diameter.	
TE12	Stump grinding/unit	£96 per stump.	
TE13	Creation of dead wood habitat on trees/unit	£285.58 per tree.	
TE14	Identification of orchard fruit tree varieties/variety	£29 per variety.	
Wetlands		Cost	% of costs if based on actual cost
WN1	Grip blocking drainage channels/block	£19.06 per block.	N/a
WN2	Creation of scrapes and gutters/sq m	£2.23 per square metre.	
WN3	Ditch, dyke and rhine restoration/m	£5.72 per metre (m).	
WN4	Ditch, dyke and rhine creation/m	£13.63 per metre.	
WN5	Pond management – first 100 sq m/100 sq m	£282.15 per pond.	
WN6	Pond management (areas more than 100 sq m)/100 sq m	£188.94 per 100 square metres.	
WN7	Restoration of large water bodies	Actual	100
WN8	Timber sluice/unit	£451.50 per sluice.	N/a
WN9	Brick, stone or concrete sluice/unit	£2,901.40 per sluice	
WN10	Construction of water penning structures	Actual	100
Wildlife Boxes		Cost	% of costs if based on actual cost
WB1	Small wildlife box/unit	£11.95 per box.	N/a
WB2	Medium wildlife box/unit	£27.91 per box.	
WB3	Large wildlife box/unit	£38.28 per box.	
Air Quality		Cost	% of costs if based on actual cost
AQ1	Automatic slurry scraper	£2,760 per passageway/channel	N/a
AQ2	Low ammonia emission flooring for livestock buildings	£72 per m2	