

## SCHEDULE 2

## RURAL PRIORITIES OPTIONS

## PART 2

**Table A**

Land type	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5
Conversion					
Arable	£220	£220	£60	£60	£60
Improved grassland	£105	£105	£50	£50	£50
Fruit & vegetable	£300	£300	£60	£60	£60
Unimproved grassland/ rough grazing	£5	£5	£5	£5	£5
Maintenance					
Arable	£60	£60	£60	£60	£60
Improved grassland	£50	£50	£50	£50	£50
Fruit & vegetable	£60	£60	£60	£60	£60
Unimproved grassland/ rough grazing	£5	£5	£5	£5	£5

**Table B**

Woodland Type	Minimum wood or individual block size planted per year (hectares)	Composition	Minimum stocking density per hectare at year 5 or when considered to be 'established'
Productive conifer woodland (low cost)	5.0	— up to 85% conifers but predominantly spruce	Spruce – 2500
		— at least 5% broadleaves	Broadleaves – 1100
Productive conifer woodland (high cost)	5.0	— up to 10% open ground	
		— up to 85% other conifers e.g.	Pine – 3000

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		Scots Pine, Douglas Fir, Larch	Douglas Fir, Larch – 2000
		— at least 5% broadleaves	Broadleaves – 1100
		— up to 10% open ground	
Productive broadleaved woodland	2.0	— at least 85% productive broadleaves e.g. Oak, Beech, Sycamore, Ash	Oak, Beech – 3100
		— up to 5% other broadleaves	Sycamore, Ash – 2500
		— up to 10% open ground	Other Broadleaf – 1100
Native woodland	0.25	— at least 75% species native to the locality and appropriate to the site	1600
		— up to 25% open ground	
Naturally regenerated native woodland	0.25	— at least 75% species native to the locality	1600
		— up to 25% open ground	
Mixed conifer / broadleaf woodland	0.25	— at least 80% mixed conifer and broadleaves, the latter being at least half of the planted area.	Conifer – 2500
		— up to 20% open ground	Broadleaves – 1600

**Table C**

Woodland Type	Initial Planting Payment Rate £/ha *	Maintenance Payments Rate £/ha/year **
Productive conifer woodland (low cost)	840	112
Productive conifer woodland (high cost)	980	133
Productive broadleaved woodland	1780	161
Native woodland	875	154
Naturally regenerated native woodland	630	70
Mixed conifer / broadleaf woodland	1470	154

\* Paid as a lump sum on completion of planting

\*\* Paid as an annual payment for a period of 5 years. Trees must be satisfactorily “established” within 10 years of planting. Only payable where planting has occurred on agricultural land or abandoned agricultural land (i.e. at least 50% of a woodland type must be on agricultural land and/or abandoned agricultural land to be eligible for the maintenance payments)

The term “established” means that trees must be present to the minimum stocking densities specified, healthy, and in a condition capable of continued growth given no further weeding but subject to normal ongoing maintenance operations such as protection from inappropriate grazing by wild or domestic animals.

An additional establishment premium for using genetically improved planting material is available as follows:

Categories of genetically improved planting material	£ per hectare
Sitka spruce seed orchard material that falls within the tested category in terms of regulation 4 of the Forest Reproductive Material (Great Britain) Regulations 2002(1)	50
Sitka spruce vegetatively propagated tested “family mixture” material derived from controlled cross-pollination.	150

**Table D –**

## Woodland Improvement Grants option

<i>Column 1</i> <i>Item</i>	<i>Column 2</i> <i>Standard cost</i>
Badger gates installed in fence lines which are cutting across an established badger run	£110 per gate

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<i>Column 1</i> <i>Item</i>	<i>Column 2</i> <i>Standard cost</i>
Respace natural regeneration	£500 per hectare
Pre commercial and non commercial woodland thinning	£150 per hectare
Removal of tree crop to waste 3 6 metre high	£750 per hectare
Woodland clearance benefiting raised bog/ blanket bog – felling of waste	£975 per hectare
Woodland clearance benefiting raised bog/ blanket bog – felling and extraction	£1375 per hectare
Seedling tree removal	£35 per hectare
Small scale woodland thinning	£300 per hectare
Chipping/mulching of tree debris and brash	£500 per hectare
Restructuring with Caledonian Scots pine and other conifer	£448 per hectare
Restructuring with mixed broadleaves	£1,002 per hectare
Restructuring with native broadleaves	£1,099 per hectare
Woodland deer impact reduction	£30 per hectare for deer control during the first 5 years of a Deer Management Plan
Forest plan preparation	£20 per hectare for first 200 hectares, £5 per hectare thereafter
Dead wood management	£40 per hectare
Stock fence	£4 per metre
Enhancing/modifying a stock fence in black grouse and capercaillie core areas	£2 per metre
Upgrading stock to deer fence	£2.75 per metre
Scare or temporary fencing	£1.50 per metre
Rabbit proofing – existing or new stock/deer fence	£1.90 per metre
Deer fence	£6.90 per metre
Enhancing/modifying a deer fence in black grouse and capercaillie core areas	£5 per metre
Conversion of deer fence to stock fence in black grouse and capercaillie core areas	£2 per metre
Fence removal	£2 per metre
Gate for stock fence	£100 each
Gate for deer fence	£170 each
Ditch/drain blocking with plastic piling dams: Small ditches (up to 0.5 metres wide and deep)	£60 per dam

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Ditch/drain blocking with plastic piling dams:Medium ditches (between 0.5 and 1 metre wide and deep)	£120 per dam
Ditch/drain blocking with plastic piling dams:Large ditches (between 1 and 2 metre wide and 0.5 and 1 metre deep)	£280 per dam
Peat dam	£0.26 per metre of drain or furrow blocked with peat dams. Minimum payment £300
Small scale tree and shrub planting (on a site not exceeding 0.25 hectares)	£2 per tree or shrub
Provision of bat and bird boxes	£15 per box.