SCHEDULE E+W

Regulation 3(1)

### Countryside Stewardship Activities



#### INTERPRETATION

#### **Commencement Information**

II Sch. Pt. 1 in force at 11.2.2020, see reg. 1(1)

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#### In this Schedule—

- "beetle bank" means a linear raised earth bank in an arable field, covered in grass vegetation;
- "biobed" means an installation comprising a mix of soil, straw and peat-free compost contained in a lined pit which treats pesticide residue;
- "biofilter" means an installation comprising a mix of soil, straw and peat-free compost contained in stacked, linked water-tight containers which treats pesticide residue;
- "brassica fodder crop" means a brassica crop which is grown to be grazed by livestock or cut for forage;
- "buffer strip" means a strip of land adjoining a field boundary or environmental feature which is not cultivated and where the use of inputs is restricted;
- "casting up" means a linear raised earth bank in the arable field, covered in grass vegetation;
- "cultivated land" means land which is regularly cultivated by ploughing or other means;
- "England LFA Maps" means the four volumes of maps entitled "Less Favoured Area Map of England 2009" dated 29th January 2010, and their Annex dated 15th January 2020, signed on behalf of the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs and deposited at the offices of the Rural Payments Agency, Northgate House, 21-23 Valpy Street, Reading, Berkshire, RG1 1AF;
- "eyesore" means an unsightly item which, in the opinion of the Secretary of State, has a negative effect on the landscape;
- "fen" means an area of low-lying marshy ground;
- "grassland" means land on which the vegetation consists primarily of grass species;
- "grip blocking" means an intervention that raises the water level in a drainage ditch or channel to, at or near the soil surface to cause re-wetting of the surrounding area;
- "heathland" means an area on which the vegetation consists primarily of ericaceous dwarf shrubs, grasses and trees, usually on acidic sandy soils;
- "improved grassland" means grassland which—
- (a) has been drained, fertilised, re-seeded or otherwise managed to increase its productive capacity, and
- (b) receives more than 50 but not more than 100 kilograms per hectare of inorganic nitrogen fertiliser per year;

"in-field tree" means a tree, the trunk of which is entirely within the field and does not touch the field boundary;

"in-field pond" means a pond which is entirely within the field and does not touch the field boundary;

"inputs" means fertiliser, manures, pesticides and seed;

"inspection pit" means chamber or pit that collects drainage for inspection, to check for blockages and sedimentation reducing the risk of runoff and water pollution;

"intensive grassland" means grassland which receives more than 100 kilograms per hectare of inorganic nitrogen fertiliser per year;

"leaky woody dam" means a woody barrier which slows the movement of water to increase flood storage capacity or the deposition of sediment;

"ley" means sown grass or herbage suitable for grazing or cutting;

"management plan" means a plan for carrying out any activity (other than the making of a payment) provided for in a countryside stewardship agreement;

"native breeds at risk" means breeds of livestock that appears on the United Kingdom Native Breeds At Risk list published on www.gov.uk;

"overwintered stubble" means the remains of a cereal, oilseed rape, field bean or linseed crop after harvesting, retained through the winter into the following year;

"pasture pump" means a low-lift, animal-operated water pump;

"ram pump" means a water-powered pump;

"reedbed" means an area of marshy ground on which the vegetation consists primarily of reeds;

"rhine" means a type of channel;

"rotational land" means land which will successively bear different crops as the rotation progresses including grass and clover in the fertility-building phase of the rotation;

"rough grazing" means grazing on permanent grassland on which the vegetation is predominantly natural owing to the difficult terrain or other physical constraint;

"scrape" means a shallow excavation which may hold water seasonally;

"sediment pond" and "sediment trap" means an area of still water that allows sediment to settle out from the water;

"seepage barrier" means a barrier that slows the movement of water;

"severely disadvantaged area" or "SDA" means any area of land shown coloured pink on the England LFA Maps;

"silt filtration dam" means a barrier that slows the movement of water in ditches;

"skylark plot" means an unsown, sparsely vegetated area of land in a field sown with cereals;

"successional" means containing a range of habitat structures appropriate to the specific target species;

"swale" means a grassed channel or waterway that collects and controls surface water or lightly contaminated water;

"sward" means an area of predominantly grass;

"traditional farm building" means a building or part of a building constructed for a use associated with agriculture—

- (a) that was constructed using traditional methods and materials, or
- (b) which is, in the opinion of the Secretary of State, of historic or landscape interest;

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"tramlines" means machinery wheel tracks deliberately positioned in sown crops to help ensure field operations align to a common working width;

"veteran tree" means any tree that shows features of-

- (a) a low, fat and squat shape,
- (b) a wide trunk compared to others of the same species, and
- (c) hollowing of the trunk;

"water meadow" means a meadow which is periodically inundated with water through a system of sluices and carriers.

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# **MANAGEMENT ACTIVITIES**

#### **Textual Amendments**

F1 Sch. Pt. 2 substituted (13.3.2023) by The Countryside Stewardship (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2023 (S.I. 2023/159), reg. 1(1), Sch.

	Column 1	Column 2	Column 3
	Activity name	Description	Maximum payment rate per agreement year
1. Arable			
(a)	Nectar flower mix	Establishing and maintaining a mixture of pollen and nectar rich plants on arable land	£614 per hectare ("ha")
(b)	Basic overwinter stubble	Retention of overwintered stubble until the following February	£84 per ha
(c)	Beetle banks	Creation (if appropriate) or maintenance of beetle banks	£667 per ha
(d)	Skylark plots		£20.76 (£10.38 per plot minimum 2 plots per ha)
(e)	Nesting plots for lapwing and stone curlew	Establishing and maintaining plots for ground-nesting birds	£587 per ha
(f)	Enhanced overwinter stubble	Retention of overwintered stubble until the following July	£522 per ha

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	Activity name	Description	Maximum payment rate per agreement year
(g)	Whole crop cereals	Planting and harvesting whole crop cereals followed by overwintered stubble	£584 per ha
(h)	Flower-rich margins and plots	Establishing flower- rich grass margins or plots as habitat and foraging for invertebrates and birds	£673 per ha
(i)	Winter bird food	Establishing blocks or strips of cereals, brassicas and other plants providing food for farmland birds, especially for autumn and winter	£732 per ha
(j)	Unharvested cereal headland	Creation of an unharvested, open structured cereal crop for wildlife	£822 per ha
(k)	Cultivated areas for arable plants	Creation of uncropped, cultivated areas for scarce and declining arable plants	£550 per ha
(1)	Supplementary winter feeding for farmland birds	Spreading winter feed mixture for birds in selected feeding areas	£669 per tonne for every 2 ha of winter bird food
(m)	Brassica fodder crop	Establishing and managing a brassica fodder crop as foraging sites for birds	£100 per ha
(n)	Harvested low input cereal	Establishing and managing an open- structure cereal crop as summer foraging for wildlife	£266 per ha
(0)	Two year sown legume fallow	Establishing and managing a legume fallow mix as food for farmland wildlife	£593 per ha
(p)	Autumn sown bumblebird mix	Establishing and managing a mix of flowering and seed	

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		bearing plants after harvest as food for farmland birds and insects	
2. Boundaries, Trees	and Orchards		
(a)	Protection of in-field trees on arable land	Protection of in-field trees on arable land	£503 per ha
(b)	Protection of in-field trees on intensive grassland	Protection of in-field trees on intensive grassland	£295 per ha
(c)	Management of hedgerows	Management of hedgerow (one-side)	£10 per 100 metres ("m") for 1 side of a hedge
(d)	Management of traditional orchards	Management of traditional orchards	£264 per ha
(e)	Creation of traditional orchards	Creation of traditional orchards	£373 per ha
(f)	Veteran tree surgery	Carrying out specialist tree surgery to extend the lifespan of veteran trees	£379 per tree
(g)	Supplement for restorative pruning of fruit trees	Restorative pruning of mature fruit trees	£113 per tree
3. Coastal			
(a)	Management of coastal sand dunes and vegetated shingle	Management of coastal sand dunes and vegetated shingle	£339 per ha
(b)	Creation of coastal sand dunes and vegetated shingle on arable land and improved grassland	Creation of coastal sand dunes and vegetated shingle on arable land and improved grassland	£474 per ha
(c)	Management of coastal saltmarsh	Management of coastal saltmarsh	£97 per ha
(d)	Creation of inter-tidal and saline habitat on arable land	Creation of inter-tidal and saline habitat on arable land	£670 per ha
(e)	Creation of inter-tidal and saline habitat by non-intervention	Creation of inter-tidal and saline habitat by non-intervention	£494 per ha

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	Activity name	Description	Maximum payment rate per agreement year
(f)	Coastal vegetation management supplement	Management of grazing on saltmarsh or saline habitat	£117 per ha
(g)	Creation of inter-tidal and saline habitat on intensive grassland	Creation of inter-tidal and saline habitat on intensive grassland	£494 per ha
4. Grassland			
(a)	Take small areas out of management	Taking small areas of permanent grassland out of management	£365 per ha
(b)	Permanent grassland with very low inputs outside SDAs		£151 per ha
(c)	Ryegrass seed-set as winter food for birds	Establishing a ryegrass seed-set on grassland to provide food in the autumn and winter for birds	£474 per ha
(d)	Legume and herb-rich swards	Establishment and maintenance of legume and herb-rich swards	£382 per ha
(e)	Permanent grassland with very low inputs in SDAs		[F2£151 per ha]
(f)	Management of species-rich grassland	Management of species-rich grassland	£182 per ha
(g)	Restoration towards species-rich grassland	Restoration towards species-rich grassland	£235 per ha
(h)	Creation of species- rich grassland	Creation of species- rich grassland	£428 per ha
(i)	Management of wet grassland for breeding waders	Management of wet grassland for breeding waders	£353 per ha
(j)	Management of wet grassland for wintering waders and wildfowl	Management of wet grassland for wintering waders and wildfowl	£217 per ha
(k)	Creation of wet grassland for breeding waders	I .	£547 per ha

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	Activity name	Description	Maximum payment rate per agreement year
(1)	Creation of wet grassland for wintering waders and wildfowl	Creation of wet grassland for wintering waders and wildfowl	£450 per ha
(m)		Management of grassland for targeted habitats, species or features	£152 per ha
(n)	Creation of grassland for target features	Creation of grassland for targeted habitats, species or features	£432 per ha
(0)	Haymaking supplement	Continue or re- introduce haymaking on fields which are or were cut for hay once a year	£85 per ha
(p)	Rush infestation control supplement	Reduce rush cover in grassland with heavy infestations	£79 per ha
(q)	Lenient grazing supplement	Management of grazing to provide spring and summer invertebrate food	£44 per ha
5. Historic environn	nent and landscape		
(a)	Maintenance of weatherproof traditional farm buildings	weatherproof	£4.42 per square metre ("sq m")
(b)	Take historic and archaeological features out of cultivation		£476 per ha
(c)	Reduced-depth, non- inversion cultivation on historic and archaeological features		£92 per ha
(d)	Scrub control on historic and archaeological features	Controlling scrub on historic and archaeological features	£175 per ha

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	Activity name	Description	Maximum payment rate per agreement year
(e)	Management of historic and archaeological features on grassland		£44 per ha
(f)	Maintenance of designed/ engineered water bodies	Maintenance of designed or engineered water bodies	£2,129 per ha
(g)	Management of historic water meadows through traditional irrigation	Management of historic water meadows through traditional irrigation	£808 per ha
(h)	Maintenance of weatherproof traditional farm buildings in remote areas	Maintenance of weatherproof traditional farm buildings in remote areas	£6.93 per sq m
(i)			£211 per ha
6. Lowland heath			
(a)	Management of lowland heathland	Management of lowland heathland	£366 per ha
(b)	Restoration of forestry and woodland to lowland heathland	Restoration of forestry and woodland to lowland heathland	£229 per ha
(c)		Creation of lowland heathland from arable or improved grassland	£607 per ha
7. Soil and water	T		
(a)	4-6m buffer strip on cultivated land	Creation (where appropriate) and maintenance of 4m or 6m buffer strips on cultivated land	£451 per ha
(b)	4-6m buffer strip on intensive grassland	Creation (where appropriate) and maintenance of 4m or 6m buffer strips on intensive grassland	£235 per ha
(c)	In-field grass strips	Creation (where appropriate) and maintenance of dense	£658 per ha

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	Activity name	Description	Maximum payment rate per agreement year
		grassy areas on cultivated land	
(d)	12-24m watercourse buffer strip on cultivated land		£612 per ha
(e)	Enhanced management of maize crops	Management of maize and a cover crop to reduce the risk of soil erosion and run off	£172 per ha
(f)	Winter cover crops	Provision of a cover crop to reduce nitrate leaching	£129 per ha
(g)		Reversion of arable land to grassland with low fertiliser input	£326 per ha
(h)	intensive grassland	Management of intensive grassland adjacent to a watercourse	£207 per ha
(i)	Seasonal livestock removal on intensive grassland	Seasonal removal of livestock from intensive grassland adjacent to a watercourse	£115 per ha
(j)	removal on grassland in SDAs next to	Seasonal removal of livestock from grassland adjacent to a watercourse in SDAs	[F3£115 per ha]
(k)	Riparian management strip	Prevention of livestock access to a watercourse and provision of a buffer strip	£596 per ha
(1)	Making space for water	Helping water flow in a winding course across flood plains, flooding temporarily to restore river and wetland habitats	£781 per ha
(m)	Very low nitrogen inputs to groundwaters	Reduction of nutrient input to grassland	£396 per ha

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	Activity name	Description	Maximum payment rate per agreement year
(n)	Nil fertiliser supplement	Reduction of nutrient inputs to zero	£156 per ha
(0)	Flood mitigation on arable reversion to grassland	Creation of temporary water storage to mitigate flood risk on arable reversion to grassland	£493 per ha
(p)	Flood mitigation on permanent grassland	Creation of temporary water storage to mitigate flood risk on permanent grassland	£281 per ha
8. Uplands			
(a)	Enclosed rough grazing	Maintain and enhance areas of enclosed rough grazing land within an upland farming system	£45 per ha
(b)	Management of rough grazing for birds	Management of rough grazing habitat for birds	£121 per ha
(c)	Management of moorland	Management of moorland	£55 per ha
(d)		Management of vegetation to restore and improve Priority Habitats	£10 per ha
(e)	Moorland re-wetting supplement	Maintenance and restoration of vegetation mosaics and wetland habitats	£25 per ha
(f)	Upland livestock exclusion supplement	Management of upland through livestock exclusion	£19 per ha
(g)	Management of wood pasture and parkland	Management of existing upland wood pasture and parkland	£212 per ha
(h)	Restoration of wood pasture and parkland	Restoration of upland wood pasture and parkland	[F4£371 per ha]
	Creation of wood	Creation of new upland	[F5£544 per ha]

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	Activity name	Description	Maximum payment rate per agreement year
(a)	Woodland creation – maintenance payments	Maintenance of newly created woodland	£350 per ha
(b)	Woodland improvement	Improvement of existing woodland	£100 per ha
(c)	Woodland edges on arable land	Creation of new woodland edge habitat	£402 per ha
(d)	Management of wood pasture and parkland	Management of existing lowland wood pasture and parkland	[ <sup>F6</sup> £212 per ha]
(e)	Restoration of wood pasture and parkland	Restoration of lowland wood pasture and parkland	£371 per ha
(f)	Creation of wood pasture	Creation of new lowland wood pasture	£544 per ha
(g)		Management of successional areas and scrub	£88 per ha
(h)		Creation of successional areas and scrub	£149 per ha
(i)	Livestock exclusion supplement – scrub and successional areas	Exclusion of livestock from scrub and successional areas	£121 per ha
10. Wetlands			
(a)	Buffering in-field ponds and ditches in improved grassland		£311 per ha
(b)	Buffering in-field ponds and ditches on arable land	Creation and maintenance of buffer strips for in-field ponds and ditches on arable land	£594 per ha
(c)	Management of ditches of high environmental value	Management of ditches of high environmental value (both sides)	£44 per 100m for the management of both sides of the ditch
(d)	Pond management (area less than or equal to 100 sq m)	Management of small ponds of high wildlife value	£119 per pond

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	Activity name	Description	Maximum payment rate per agreement year
(e)	Pond management (area more than 100 sq m)	Management of larger ponds of high wildlife value	£211 per pond
(f)	Management of reedbed	Management, maintenance and restoration of reedbed	£81 per ha
(g)	Creation of reedbed	Creation of new areas of reedbed	£328 per ha
(h)	Management of fen	Management of fen and small areas of reedbed	£39 per ha
(i)	Creation of fen	Creation of new areas of fen	£537 per ha
(j)	Management of lowland raised bog	Management of lowland raised bog	£185 per ha
(k)	Wetland cutting supplement	Cutting management of wetland habitats	£1,089 per ha
(1)	Wetland grazing supplement	Grazing management of wetland habitats	£459 per ha
11. Organic			
(a)	Overwintered stubble	Retaining overwinter stubble on organic land	£176 per ha
(b)	Wild bird seed mixture	Establishing a mix of seed-bearing plants on organic land	£768 per ha
(c)	Supplementary feeding for farmland birds	Spreading winter feed mixture for birds in selected feeding areas on organic land	every 2 ha of wild bird
(d)	Multi-species ley	Establishing and managing a multispecies ley on organic land	£115 per ha
(e)	Undersown cereal	Establishing an autumn or spring sown cereal crop undersown with a grass/flowerrich legume ley	£306 per ha

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	Activity name	Description	Maximum payment rate per agreement year
(a)	Organic conversion – improved permanent grassland	Conversion of improved permanent grassland to organic management	1 1 2
(b)	Organic conversion – unimproved permanent grassland		£89 per ha per year for up to 2 years
(c)	Organic conversion – rotational land		£296 per ha per year for up to 2 years
(d)	Organic conversion – horticulture	Conversion of rotational land used to produce vegetables or salads into organic	£703 per ha per year for up to 2 years
(e)	Organic conversion – top fruit	Conversion of top fruit orchards or berry bushes to organic management	[F7£1,920 per ha per year for up to 3 years]
13. Organic n			
(a)	Organic land management - improved permanent grassland	Maintaining improved permanent grassland under organic management	£40 per ha
(b)	Organic land management - unimproved permanent grassland	Maintaining unimproved permanent grassland under organic management	£36 per ha
(c)	Organic land management - rotational land	Maintaining rotational land under organic management	£132 per ha
(d)	Organic land management – horticulture	Maintaining horticultural land under organic management	£471 per ha
(e)	Organic land management - top fruit	Maintaining top fruit orchards or berry bushes under organic management	£1,920 per ha
(f)	Organic land management - enclosed rough grazing	_	£69 per ha

	Column 1	Column 2	Column 3
	Activity name	Description	Maximum payment rate per agreement year
		under organic management	
14. Additional	l supplements		
(a)	Difficult sites supplement	Management of particularly difficult sites	£76 per ha
(b)	Raised water level supplement	Raising water levels in ditches and adjacent land	£127 per ha
(c)	Bracken control supplement	Controlling dense bracken	£185 per ha
(d)	I	Controlling invasive plant species	£347 per ha
(e)	Shepherding supplement	Introducing, re- introducing or making significant changes to shepherding	£9 per ha
(f)	Cattle grazing supplement	Cattle grazing for conservation purposes	£45 per ha
(g)	Introduction of cattle grazing on the Isles of Scilly		£279 per ha
(h)	Native breeds at risk supplement	Grazing native breeds at risk	£167 per ha
(i)	Threatened species supplement	Additional habitat management for named Priority Species	£171 per ha
(j)	Administration of group managed agreements supplement	Administering agreements with shared tenure	£6.07 per ha
15. Education			
(a)	Education access	Permitting and making provision for access to farm land for educational visits	£318 per visit]

#### **Textual Amendments**

- F2 Words in Sch. Pt. 2 substituted (27.9.2023) by The Countryside Stewardship (England) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2023 (S.I. 2023/968), regs. 1(1), 2(2)(a)
- F3 Words in Sch. Pt. 2 substituted (27.9.2023) by The Countryside Stewardship (England) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2023 (S.I. 2023/968), regs. 1(1), 2(2)(b)
- F4 Words in Sch. Pt. 2 substituted (27.9.2023) by The Countryside Stewardship (England) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2023 (S.I. 2023/968), regs. 1(1), 2(2)(c)(i)
- F5 Words in Sch. Pt. 2 substituted (27.9.2023) by The Countryside Stewardship (England) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2023 (S.I. 2023/968), regs. 1(1), 2(2)(c)(ii)
- **F6** Words in Sch. Pt. 2 substituted (27.9.2023) by The Countryside Stewardship (England) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2023 (S.I. 2023/968), regs. 1(1), **2(2)(d)**
- F7 Words in Sch. Pt. 2 substituted (27.9.2023) by The Countryside Stewardship (England) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2023 (S.I. 2023/968), regs. 1(1), 2(2)(e)

# PART 3 E+W

# **CAPITAL ACTIVITIES**

#### **Commencement Information**

**I2** Sch. Pt. 3 in force at 11.2.2020, see reg. 1(1)

	Column 1	Column 2	Column 3
	Activity name	Description	Maximum payment rate
1. A	access and engagement		
(a)	Access capital items	Construction of capital items (e.g. gates) to facilitate public access	Up to 100% of actual cost
(b)	Countryside Educational Access Visits Accreditation	Accredited training to carry out educational access visits	£175 once per agreement
2. B	Soundaries		
(a)	Stone-faced bank repair	Repair of stone-faced banks	£31 per m
(b)	Stone-faced bank restoration	Restoration of stone-faced banks	£86 per m
(c)	Earth bank creation	Creation of earth banks	£13.50 per m
(d)	Earth bank restoration	Restoration of earth banks	£7 per m
(e)	Hedgerow laying	Laying of hedgerows	£9.40 per m
(f)	Hedgerow coppicing	Coppicing of hedgerows	£4 per m
(g)	Hedgerow gapping-up	Planting up gaps to create a continuous hedgerow	£9.50 per m
(h)	Hedgerow supplement - casting up	Restoration of hedgerow earth banks	£3 per m

(i)	Hedgerow supplement – substantial pre-work	Restoration of hedgerow where substantial extra work is required	£4.10 per m
(j)	Hedgerow supplement – top binding and staking	Strengthening laid hedges by top binding and staking	£3.40 per m
(k)	Planting new hedges	Planting new hedges	£11.60 per m
(1)	Stone wall restoration	Restoration of stone walls	£25 per m
(m)	Top wiring - stone wall	Restoration of stone walls with top wiring	£3.60 per m
(n)	Stone wall supplement – stone from quarry	Restoration of stone walls where there is insufficient re- usable stone on farm	£44 per m
(o)	Stone wall supplement – difficult sites/m	Restoration of stone walls on particularly difficult sites	£7.90 per m
3. F	eature management		
(a)	Management of geodiversity features	Management of sensitive geological features	Up to 100% of actual costs
(b)	Priority Habitat (creation and	Major preparatory works for Priority Habitat (creation and restoration) and for Priority Species	Up to 100% of actual costs
4. F	encing and gates		
(a)	Fencing	Installation of fencing	£4.00 per m
(b)	Sheep netting	Installation of sheep netting	£4.90 per m
(c)	Permanent electric fencing	Installation of permanent electric fencing	£4.90 per m
(d)	Rabbit fencing supplement	Installation of rabbit fencing	£2.50 per m
(e)	Fencing supplement - difficult sites	Installation of fencing in difficult sites	£1.24 per m
(f)	Anti-predator combination fencing	Installation of permanent anti- predator combination fencing	£11.10 per m
(g)	Anti-predator temporary electric fencing	Installation of temporary electric anti-predator fencing	£2.85 per m
(h)	Deer fencing	Installation of permanent deer	£7.20 per m
· · · ·	2 *** 1 *******************************	fencing in woodland	£7.20 per m
(i)	Temporary deer fencing	-	
(1) (j)		fencing in woodland  Installation of temporary deer	£5.20 per m

(jb)	Deer vehicle gate	Installation of deer vehicle gate	£344.60 per unit]
(k)	Wooden field gate	Installation of wooden field gates	£390 per gate
(l)	Stone gate post	Installation of stone gate posts	£280 per post
(m)	Badger gate	Installation of badger gates	£135 per gate
(n)	Water gates	Installation of gates across rivers or streams to prevent livestock access	£240 per gate
[ <sup>F9</sup> 42	A. Forestry]		
(a)	Deer high seat	Installation of a temporary vantage point to cull deer	£300 per unit
(b)	Woodland infrastructure	Construction of infrastructure to improve vehicle access to woodland	40% of actual costs
5. H	istoric environment and landsca	pe	
(a)	Historic and archaeological feature protection	Protection of historic and archaeological features	Up to 100% of actual costs
(b)	Historic building restoration	Restoration of historic buildings in rural areas	Up to 80% of actual costs
(c) 6. Li	Removal of eyesore	Removal of eyesores	£290 per item
(a)	Cattle grid	Installation of cattle grids	£835 per item
(b)	Livestock handling facilities	Installation of livestock handling facilities	Up to 80% of actual costs
(c)	Hard bases for livestock drinkers	Construction of a hard base for livestock when drinking	£110 per base
(d)	Hard bases for livestock feeders	Construction of a hard base for livestock when feeding	£170 per base
(e)	Pasture pumps and associated pipework	Installation of pasture pumps and associated pipework	£220 per pump
(f)	Ram pumps and associated pipework	Installation of ram pumps and associated pipework	£1,480 per pump
(g)	Livestock troughs	Installation of livestock drinking troughs	£110 per trough
(h)	Pipework associated with livestock troughs	Installation of pipework for livestock drinking troughs	£2.65 per m
7. Pa	ayment for advice		
(a)	Implementation Plan	Production of a detailed plan to meet the requirements of another activity in this Schedule	£1,100 per plan
(b)	Feasibility study	Inform the protection or management of habitats,	Up to 100% of actual costs

		features or species by providing sufficient information to plan and prescribe management over the length of a multi-annual agreement.	
(c)	Woodland management plan	Production of a 10 year management plan for woodland	-
			Over 100 ha - £10 per ha
8. Sc	crub, tree and bracken control		
(a)	Scrub control & felling diseased trees	Control or management of scrub, and removal of diseased or immature trees	
(b)	Scrub control – difficult sites	Control of scrub on difficult sites	Up to 80% of actual costs
(c)	Tree removal	Tree removal	£144 per tree
(d)	Chemical bracken control	Removal or reduction of bracken by the application of chemicals	£170 per ha
(e)	Mechanical bracken control	Removal or reduction of bracken by mechanical means	£169 per ha
(f)	Rhododendron control	Destruction of rhododendron in a target area	Payments range from £2,800 to £4,400 per hectare subject to site conditions.
	oil and water		
(a)	Resurfacing of gateways	Resurfacing of gateways	CO2 man antarrarr
(b)			£92 per gateway
	Gateway relocation	Relocation of gateways to prevent water run off	
(c)	Gateway relocation  Watercourse crossings	Relocation of gateways to	£340 per gateway
(c) (d)	Watercourse crossings	Relocation of gateways to prevent water run off  Construction of watercourse crossing for livestock and	£340 per gateway £300 per crossing
	Watercourse crossings  Livestock and machinery	Relocation of gateways to prevent water run off  Construction of watercourse crossing for livestock and machinery  Construction of hardcore tracks	£340 per gateway £300 per crossing £33 per m
(d)	Watercourse crossings  Livestock and machinery hardcore tracks  Cross drains	Relocation of gateways to prevent water run off  Construction of watercourse crossing for livestock and machinery  Construction of hardcore tracks for livestock and machinery  Installation of cross drains	£340 per gateway £300 per crossing £33 per m £245 per drain
(d) (e)	Watercourse crossings  Livestock and machinery hardcore tracks Cross drains  Installation of piped culverts	Relocation of gateways to prevent water run off  Construction of watercourse crossing for livestock and machinery  Construction of hardcore tracks for livestock and machinery  Installation of cross drains under farm tracks or yard  Installation of piped culverts in	£340 per gateway £300 per crossing £33 per m £245 per drain £340 per culvert

(i)	Earth banks and soil bunds	Creation of earth banks and/or	£155 for each unit (100m of
		soil bunds	bund)
(j)	Silt filtration dams or seepage barriers	Creation of silt filtration dams and/or seepage barriers	£75 per unit
(k)	Swales	Creation of swales	£5.95 per sq m
(1)	Check dams	Construction of check dams or woody debris dams in woodland	£42 per dam
(m)	Yard – underground drainage pipework	Installation of underground drainage pipework for yards	£5.50 per m
(n)	Yard inspection pit	Construction of yard inspection pits	£200 per unit
(0)	Concrete yard renewal	Construction of concrete yard with improved or upgraded drainage	£27.14 per sq m
(p)	Rainwater goods	Installation of new guttering and downpipes on existing farmyard buildings	£11.40 per m
(q)	Storage tanks underground	Installation of underground rainwater storage tanks	£350 per cubic metre ("cu m")
(r)	Above ground tanks	Installation of above ground rainwater storage tanks	£100 per cu m
(s)	First flush rainwater diverters/downpipe filters		£125 per unit
(t)	Relocation of sheep dips and pens	Relocation of sheep dips and pens	£3,675 per unit
(u)	Relocation of sheep pens only	Relocation of sheep pens only	£1,830 per unit
(v)	Sheep dip drainage aprons and sumps	Design and installation of sheep dip drainage aprons and sumps	£18.25 per sq m
(w)		Installation of livestock drinking troughs in draining pens for freshly dipped sheep	£68 per unit
(x)		Installation of a lined biobed plus pesticide loading and washdown area	£118 per sq m
(y)	Lined biobed with existing washdown area	Installation of a line biobed with an existing washdown area	£77 per sq m
(z)	Biofilters/unit	Installation of biofilters	£990 per unit

(aa)	Sprayer or applicator load and washdown area	Installation of a sprayer or applicator load and washdown area	£40 per sq m
(ab)	area, manure storage area, livestock gathering area,	Installation of roofing for sprayer washdown areas, manure storage areas, livestock gathering areas, slurry and silage stores.	£62 per sq m
(ac)		Installation of self-supporting covers for slurry [F10] and anaerobic digestate] stores	£30.50 per sq m
(ad)		Installation of floating covers for slurry [F11 and anaerobic digestate] stores and lagoons	£5.60 per sq m
(ae)	Equipment to disrupt tramlines in arable areas	Purchase of equipment to loosen soil in tramline area	£1,500 per machine
(af)	Small leaky woody dams	Creation of small leaky woody dams (between 1m and 2.99m)	£461.39 per dam
(ag)	Large leaky woody dams	Creation of large leaky woody dams (between 3m and 5m)	£764.42 per dam
10. Tr	ees and orchards		
(a)	Planting standard hedgerow tree	Planting of standard hedgerow trees	£8.80 per tree
(b)	Planting standard parkland tree	Planting of standard parkland trees	£24.50 per tree
(c)	Planting fruit trees	Planting of fruit trees	£22.50 per tree
(d)	Supply and plant tree	Supply and plant trees	£1.28 per tree
(e)	Supplement for use of individual tree-shelters	Installation of individual tree- shelters after planting	£1.60 per unit
(f)	Tree guard (tube and mesh)	Installation of tree guards (tube and mesh)	£4 per guard
(g)	Tree guard (wood post and rail)	Installation of tree guards (wood post and rail)	£59.50 per guard
(h)	Tree guard (wood post and wire)	Installation of tree guards (wood post and wire)	£84 per guard
(i)	Parkland tree guard – welded steel	Installation of welded steel tree guards	£170 per tree
(j)	Coppicing bankside trees	Coppicing of trees along watercourses	£52 per tree
(k)	Tree surgery	Tree surgery	£96.50 per tree when cutting limbs up to and including 20 centimetres ("cm") in diameter

			£200 per tree when cutting limbs over 20cm in diameter
(1)	Stump grinding	Stump grinding	£24 per stump
(m)	Creation of dead wood habitat on trees	Creation of dead wood habitat on trees	£175 per tree
(n)	Identification of orchard fruit tree varieties	Identification of orchard fruit tree varieties	£29 per variety
11. W	etlands		
(a)	Grip blocking drainage channels	Installation of grip-blocking drainage channels	£14.80 per block
(b)	Creation of scrapes and gutters	Creation of scrapes or gutters	£2.80 per sq m
(c)	Ditch, dyke and rhine restoration	Restoration of ditches, dykes or rhines	£7.30 per m
(d)	Ditch, dyke and rhine creation	Creation of ditches, dykes or rhines	£8.40 per m
(e)	Pond management – first 100 sq m	Creation or restoration of ponds with an area of less than 100 sq m	£270 per pond
(f)	Pond management – areas more than 100 sq m	Creation or restoration of ponds with an area of at least 100 sq m	£170 per 100 sq m
(g)	Restoration of large water bodies	Restoration of large water bodies	Up to 100% of actual costs
(h)	Timber sluice	Installation of timber sluices	£315 per sluice
(i)	Brick, stone or concrete sluice	Installation of brick, stone or concrete sluices	£2,480 per sluice
(j)	Construction of water penning structures	Construction of water penning structures	Up to 100% of actual costs
12. W	ildlife boxes		
(a)	Small wildlife box	Installation of a small wildlife box	£28.50 per box
(b)	Medium wildlife box	Installation of a medium wildlife box	£39 per box
(c)	Large wildlife box	Installation of a large wildlife box	£100 per box
[F1213.	. Air quality		
(a)	Automatic slurry scraper	Installation of automatic slurry scraper	£2760 per unit
(b)		Installation of low ammonia emission flooring for livestock buildings	£72 per sq m]

#### **Textual Amendments**

- F8 Words in Sch. Pt. 3 inserted (8.2.2021) by The Countryside Stewardship (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2021 (S.I. 2021/42), regs. 1(1), 2(5)(b)(i)
- F9 Words in Sch. Pt. 3 substituted (8.2.2021) by The Countryside Stewardship (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2021 (S.I. 2021/42), regs. 1(1), 2(5)(b)(ii)
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## **Changes to legislation:**

The Countryside Stewardship (England) Regulations 2020 is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 01 April 2024. There are changes that may be brought into force at a future date. Changes that have been made appear in the content and are referenced with annotations.

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# Changes and effects yet to be applied to:

- Sch. Pt. 2 substituted by S.I. 2024/391 Sch.