

# New Countryside Stewardship

## Summary

The New Stewardship scheme has been launched, this is in addition to the Mid & Higher Tier Schemes.

The New Scheme is made up of **4** Elements:

1. Online Arable Offer
2. Lowland Grazing Offer
3. Upland Offer
4. Mixed Farming Offer

The new, **simpler**, scheme is open to applications, the online Arable offer will be open from 20<sup>th</sup> February 2018.

Applications deadline is the **31<sup>st</sup> July 2018**, with the deadline for application pack requests 31<sup>st</sup> May 2018.

This scheme is **non-competitive** and starts on 1st January 2019. Schemes will last 5 years.

There is no limit to the number of options you can enter into your package.

Not all land parcels have to be included in the application, you are able to select the parcels that work best for you.

The scheme can generate an income of **£18/ha upwards**.

*We have focussed on the Online Arable Offer and the Mixed Farming Offer for this document. If you would like to know more information on either the Lowland Grazing Offer or Upland Offer please get in touch .*

## Online Arable Offer

- There are 11 options to choose from, at least one must be taken from each category. These are available on the following page.
- If your SBI has over 100 land parcels you won't be able to complete an online application, a full application pack can be requested from Natural England and an application submitted via this method.
- You can't use land that overlaps with Ecological Focus Area (EFA) land for your application for this Offer.

## Mixed Farming Offer

- There are 14 options to choose from, at least one must be taken from each category. These can also be found on the following page.
- You can't use land that overlaps with Ecological Focus Area (EFA) land for your application for this Offer.
- Temporary and Permanent grassland can be used in this offer

For more information on any of the options or to discuss if the stewardship will work for you please contact Alex Olivant. Mobile: 07714 258814  
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## Online Arable Offer

### Eligibility:

1. Land must be registered on the Rural Payments Service to the Single Business Identifier (SBI) submitting the application
2. Land must be registered as arable or temporary grassland. (You can include permanent grassland, but only hedgerow options can be located on those parcels)
3. Chosen options must cover at least 3% of your land – 3 hectares (ha) in every 100ha
4. Full management control of the land for 5 years
5. Meet any minimum requirement for each category

### You won't be eligible to apply if the Land is:

1. Is in an Environmental Stewardship agreement that ends after 1 January 2019
2. subject to an Inheritance Tax exemption agreement with HM Revenue and Customs (HMRC)
3. has a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) or Scheduled Monument (SM)

*If your SBI is not eligible for this Offer, then you are advised to apply for a Mid Tier or Higher Tier CS agreement.*

Category 1	Nectar & Pollen	Min 1ha per 100 (no Max)
AB1	Nectar Flower Mix	£511
AB8	Flower-Rich Margins and Plots	£539
Category 2	Winter food for seed-eating birds	Min 2ha per 100 (no Max)
AB9	Winter Bird Food	£640
Category 3	Additional Resources & Habitats	No Min No Max
BE3	Management of hedgerows	£8/100m
AB4	Skylark plots	£18 (£9 per plot, min 2/ha)
AB5	Nesting plots for lapwing and stone curlew	£524
AB6	Enhanced overwinter stubble	£436
AB11	Cultivated areas for arable plants	£532
AB12	Supplementary winter feeding for farmland birds	£632/t for every 2ha of AB9
SW1	4m to 6m buffer strip on cultivated land	£353
WT2	Buffering in-field ponds and ditches on arable land	£501

More information can be found at : <https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/wildlife-offers-countryside-stewardship> or contact Alex at [aolivant@activebp.com](mailto:aolivant@activebp.com)



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## Mixed Farming Offer

### Eligibility:

1. Land must be registered on the Rural Payments Service to the Single Business Identifier (SBI) submitting the application
2. Land must be registered as arable or grassland.
3. Chosen options must cover at least 3% of your land – 3 hectares (ha) in every 100ha
4. Full management control of the land for 5 years
5. Meet any minimum requirement for each category

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Category 1	Nectar & Pollen	Min 1ha per 100 (no Max)
AB1	Nectar Flower Mix	£511
AB8	Flower-Rich Margins and Plots	£539
GS4	Legume and Herb-rich Swards	£309 (min 2ha per 100)
Category 2	Winter food for seed-eating birds	Min 2ha per 100 (no Max)
AB9	Winter Bird Food	£640
Category 3	Additional Resources & Habitats	No Min No Max
AB5	Nesting plots for lapwing and stone curlew	£524
AB6	Enhanced overwinter stubble	£436
AB11	Cultivated areas for arable plants	£532
AB12	Supplementary winter feeding for farmland birds	£632/t for every 2ha of AB9
GS2	Permanent grassland with very low inputs (outside SDA	£95
GS17	Lenient grazing supplement	£44
SW1	4m to 6m buffer strip on cultivated land	£353
BE3	Management of hedgerows	£8/100m
WT1	Buffering in-field ponds and ditches in improved grassland	£201
WT2	Buffering in-field ponds and ditches on arable land	£501

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