

# [Collection: Countryside Stewardship](#)

*Updated:* Link to guidance for those finding it difficult to meet scheme requirements due to hot and dry weather conditions.

## Hot and dry weather conditions

See the [guidance](#) for farmers finding it difficult to meet scheme requirements.

See the 4 new [Countryside Stewardship Offers for Wildlife](#) for the 2018 application round.

Information for agreement holders is available on the [agreement holders](#) page.

## About the scheme

Countryside Stewardship (CS) provides financial incentives for farmers and land managers to look after their environment by:

- conserving and restoring wildlife habitats
- flood risk management
- woodland creation and management
- reducing widespread water pollution from agriculture
- keeping the character of the countryside
- preserving historical features in the landscape
- encouraging educational access

The scheme is:

- open to all eligible farmers, woodland owners, foresters and other land managers
- suitable for many types of land use, for example conventional and organic farmland, coastal areas, uplands and woodlands
- competitive
- scored against local priority targets to maximise environmental benefit

There are 4 main elements to the scheme:

- [Mid Tier](#)
- [Wildlife Offers](#)
- [Higher Tier](#)
- [Capital grants](#)

## Contact

Contact Natural England if you have any queries, including woodland options

and grants:

## Enquiries

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Opening times: 8:30am to 5pm, Monday to Friday (excluding public holidays)

Find out about call charges at [www.gov.uk/call-charges](http://www.gov.uk/call-charges).

## Applications

Send paper-based applications and supporting information for online applications to the office for your county.

For woodland grants (woodland creation, woodland tree health and woodland management plan), send all supporting information to Crewe.

County	Office	Address, email, telephone
Avon, Cheshire, Cleveland, Cornwall, Cumbria, Devon, Dorset, Durham, Gloucestershire, Greater Manchester, Hereford and Worcester, Isles of Scilly, Lancashire, Merseyside, Northumberland, Shropshire, Somerset, Staffordshire, Tyne and Wear, Warwickshire, West Midlands, Wiltshire, Worcestershire	Crewe	Countryside Stewardship Delivery Services, Natural England, PO Box 380, Crewe CW1 6YH – Email <a href="mailto:ts.crewe@naturalengland.org.uk">ts.crewe@naturalengland.org.uk</a> – Telephone 020 8026 1806

County	Office	Address, email, telephone
Derbyshire, Humberside, Leicestershire, Lincolnshire, North Yorkshire, Northamptonshire, Nottinghamshire, Rutland, South Yorkshire, West Yorkshire	Nottingham	Countryside Stewardship Delivery Services, Natural England, PO Box 10276, Nottingham NG2 9PD – Email <a href="mailto:ts.nottingham@naturalengland.org.uk">ts.nottingham@naturalengland.org.uk</a> – Telephone 020 8026 2018
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