

[Collection: Agreement holders' information: 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.

New applicants should see the main [Countryside Stewardship](#) (CS) page for current guidance.

Payments

Natural England splits payments for multi-year grants. You'll get:

- 75% of your annual grant as an advance payment
- the remaining 25% as a final payment – subject to any penalties or reductions

2017 payments

Natural England is continuing to make CS payments for the 2017 agreement year. The majority of agreement holders have received at least 75% of their annual payment.

Digital maps

[Changes the Rural Payments Agency \(RPA\) makes to digital maps](#) may affect your agreement. When RPA make a change, you'll receive a notification in the Rural Payments service. Check your digital map and land parcel information is correct.

Revenue claims

The deadline for Natural England to receive late revenue claims and amendments was 10 July 2018. Natural England will not accept any further revenue claims in 2018.

Forms

Find the form you need in the [CS forms collection](#).

Contact

Contact Natural England if you have any queries about CS (including woodland options and grants):

Enquiries

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Email

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Telephone

0300 060 3900

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

Find out about call charges at www.gov.uk/call-charges.

[Consultation outcome: Packaging waste: changing business targets for paper, steel, aluminium and wood](#)

Updated: Summary of responses added (was previously published elsewhere).

We want to know what you think about our plans to introduce new business targets under the Producer Responsibility Obligations (Packaging Waste) Regulations.

The regulations require producers of packaging to make sure that a proportion of the packaging they handle is recovered and recycled.

The proposed changes would set new targets for overall recovery and recycling between 2018 and 2020. It will also set new material specific targets for paper, steel, aluminium and wood.

These changes are being considered because the current targets expire in 2017.

Guidance: Protected food name: Forfar bridies

Updated: Added the latest product specification.

We are in the process of applying to the EU to get Protected Geographical Indication (PGI) status for this product.

The EU [protected food name scheme](#) covers regional and traditional foods whose authenticity and origin can be guaranteed.

The EU will only give a product the PGI mark if they decide it has a reputation, characteristics or qualities that are a result of the area it's associated with.

Guidance: Protected food name: Cambrian Mountains lamb

Updated: Updated as the consultation period for this product has now ended.

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[Form: Workplace Charging Scheme: grant claim form for installing charging equipment](#)

Updated: Online portal for authorised OLEV installers to claim the grant on behalf of the applicant workplace.

To claim the grant as an authorised OLEV installer you need to:

- follow the link above to the online portal
- log in to your reserved area and follow the instructions to complete the voucher redemption process

If you are a WCS authorised installer and do not have access to the portal, please contact installers.authorisation@dvla.gsi.gov.uk.

The Workplace Charging Scheme (WCS) is a voucher-based scheme that provides support towards the up-front costs of the purchase and installation of electric vehicle chargepoints.