<u>Guidance: Hedgerows and boundaries</u> <u>grant: Countryside Stewardship</u>

Updated: Grant now closed for applications.

The hedgerows and boundaries grant closed for applications on 30 April 2018.

Use the manual to understand:

- the payments you could receive
- scheme requirements including record keeping and inspections
- agreement management such as making claims

<u>Collection: Wildlife Offers:</u> <u>Countryside Stewardship</u>

Updated: Application deadline extended to 31 August 2018.

Apply for grants to help wildlife thrive on your farmland

These 4 new Countryside Stewardship Offers are open for applications:

- Arable Offer
- Lowland Grazing Offer
- Mixed Farming Offer
- Upland Offer

How the Offers benefit the environment

They support wildlife by creating:

- sources of nectar and pollen for insect pollinators
- winter food for seed-eating birds
- improved habitats, especially for farmland birds and pollinators

How the Offers work

Each Offer has a set of options and minimum requirements. You need to meet these requirements to be eligible for funding. Each option has a payment rate

and a specific benefit for wildlife.

The Offers are not competitive and will give an annual payment for 5 years.

You need a Single Business Identifier (SBI) reference number to apply. You'll have an SBI if you've <u>registered as a customer with the Rural Payments Agency</u> (RPA).

You're limited to one application for each SBI you have for this round of Wildlife Offers.

The application deadline has been extended from 31 July to 31 August 2018.

If you did not request an application pack by 31 May 2018, you will not be able to apply this year.

Guidance: Annex 8 of Mid Tier and new Countryside Stewardship Offers for Wildlife manual

Updated: Application deadline extended to 31 August 2018.

The Countryside Stewardship Offers for Wildlife are open for applications.

Read this guidance to understand the requirements for agreements which will start on 1 January 2019.

For specific guidance on applying for the 4 Offers see:

- Arable Offer
- Lowland Grazing Offer
- Mixed Farming Offer
- <u>Upland Offer</u>

<u>Guidance: Arable Offer: Countryside</u> <u>Stewardship</u>

Updated: The Arable Offer is closed for applications.

The Arable Offer closed for applications on 31 August 2018.

Use the 'what you need to know' guide to understand:

- the benefits to wildlife
- the options
- the payments you could receive
- how to meet the requirements

Use the 'option descriptions and prescriptions' document or <u>Countryside</u> <u>Stewardship grant finder</u> to understand the rules for each option and how to carry them out successfully.

Use the manual to understand the requirements, rules and conditions that apply to an agreement. Annex 8 includes the 4 Wildlife Offers.

Find out about the other Offers

For guidance on the other Offers, see:

- Lowland Grazing Offer
- Mixed Farming Offer
- <u>Upland Offer</u>

<u>Guidance: Lowland Grazing Offer:</u> <u>Countryside Stewardship</u>

Updated: The Lowland Grazing Offer is closed for applications.

The Lowland Grazing Offer closed for applications on 31 August 2018.

Use the 'what you need to know' guide to understand:

- the benefits to wildlife
- the options
- the payments you could receive
- how to meet the requirements

Use the 'option and supplement descriptions and prescriptions' document or Countryside Stewardship grant finder to understand:

- the rules for each option and supplement
- how to carry out each option and supplement successfully

Use the manual to understand the requirements, rules and conditions that apply to an agreement. Annex 8 includes the 4 Wildlife Offers.

Find out about the other Offers

For guidance on the other Offers, see:

- Arable Offer
- <u>Mixed Farming Offer</u>
- <u>Upland Offer</u>