



Entry Level Stewardship (ELS) New options in 2010

Over the last two years, there have been 15 new options introduced for farmers to choose from. Many of these new options contribute to the Campaign for Farmed Environment also.

If you are applying to ELS for the first time or renewing your agreement, the following provides an overview of your new choices.

- **Earth bank management on one/both sides - 7/14 points per 100m**
Maintain any earth banks bordering or within your farm
- **Establishment of hedgerow trees by tagging - 1 point per tree**
Select or plant a hedgerow tree sapling and manage this tagged tree
- **Hedgerow tree buffer strips on cultivated land/grassland - 400 points per ha**
Manage a 6 metre grassy strip alongside hedges with trees
- **6m buffer strips on cultivated land or intensive grassland next to a watercourse - 400 points per ha**
Manage a 6m grassy strip alongside water features such as ditches, streams and ponds. 
- **Uncropped, cultivated areas for ground-nesting birds on arable land - 360 points per ha**
Manage a rough cultivated area of minimum size of 1ha up to 31st July. 
- **Reduced herbicide cereal crops followed by overwintered stubble - 195 points per ha**
Manage spring/autumn cereal crop with reduced inputs and maintain stubble until 15 Feb 
- **Extended overwintered stubble - 410 points per ha**
Maintain stubble until 31st July in fields over 2 ha 
- **In-field grass areas to prevent erosion and run-off - 350 points per ha**
Maintain an ungrazed grassy area of minimum 10m wide through annual cutting 
- **12 m buffer strips for watercourses on cultivated land - 400 points per ha**
Manage a 12m grassy strip alongside water features such as ditches, streams and ponds. 
- **Enhanced management of maize crops to reduce soil erosion and run-off - 94 points per ha**
Harvest maize crop by 1st Oct and establish cover crop for 6 weeks minimum
- **Maintenance of watercourse fencing - 4 points per 100 m**
Maintain fences in a stock-proof condition alongside watercourse
- **Winter cover crops - 65 points per ha**
Establish cover crop by 15th Sep and maintain through to following spring cropping 



Entry Level Stewardship (ELS) Contacts

To arrange one to one farm visits or to attend training events on ELS
Call **0300 060 1695** or visit www.naturalengland.org.uk/farmevents

You can now apply for Entry Level Stewardship level online call
0300 060 1638 and we'll help get you started

To apply for Environmental Stewardship and to request more
information, including the ELS handbook - contact your local
Natural England Office or visit www.naturalengland.org.uk/es

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visit www.cfeonline.org.uk