



April 2011 newsletter

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#### Easy steps to support the CFE

Farmers and growers are being urged to throw their weight behind the Campaign this spring when they renew or join the Entry Level Stewardship scheme. Demonstrating farming's commitment to protecting and enhancing the environment, growers are being asked to ensure that a third of the points in their ELS agreement come from the key target options including field corner management, pollen and nectar mixes and wildbird seed mixtures. Read more [here](#)

#### Replace lost management points with key target options in ELS

Find out how a beacon farmer, Chris Lay in Oxfordshire, made up a significant point's deficit in his ELS agreement by taking up taking up key target options which count towards the CFE. Read more [here](#)

#### Nature of Farming Award

The RSPB Nature of Farming Award celebrates the fantastic work farmers are already doing for wildlife, including supporting the CFE, with a top prize of £1,000 for the very best! The closing dates is the 30 April - read more [here](#)

#### Showcase your green skills

Entering the Countryside Farmer of the Year category in the 2011 Farmers Weekly Awards is one way of demonstrating you are embracing the challenge of growing more food at less cost to the environment. For more information [click here](#)

### ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP

#### Renew or join ELS to support the CFE

If you have an Entry Level Stewardship (ELS) agreement which is coming up for renewal or you are considering joining the scheme make sure one third of your points are put in key target options like field corner management, pollen and nectar mixes and wild bird seed mixes. Apply or renew online [here](#).



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## REMINDER: Buffer your watercourses

Farmers who establish 6m buffers next to water courses as part of their ELS application or renewal need to make sure they use the correct code on the application forms. Please make sure you use options EE9 (on arable land) and EE10 (on intensive grassland), rather than standard 6m buffer strips codes of EE3 and EE6 which is how they would have been registered in agreements prior to 2010. Help the Campaign by changing the code you use and play your part in meeting the CFE target. For more information read [here](#)

## GIVE AWAYS

### Free farm signs

Farmers and land managers across England are being offered free signs to show they are protecting the environment and wildlife on their farms to support the Campaign. The signs, supported by Syngenta, can be used to indicate key target options in Entry Level Stewardship (ELS) and Campaign voluntary measures. Request a sign by emailing [cfeonline@nfu.org.uk](mailto:cfeonline@nfu.org.uk) or calling 024 76858 536.

### Free Advice Leaflets

Farmers and land managers can request FREE copies of advice leaflets around the Campaign themes of Resource Protection, Farming for Birds and Farming for Farm Wildlife. Request copies by emailing [cfeonline@nfu.org.uk](mailto:cfeonline@nfu.org.uk) or calling 024 76858 536.

## EVENTS FOR FARMERS AND ADVISERS

### Farm visits

If you are considering signing up to ELS, Organic ELS or Uplands ELS for the first time, or if you are renewing your agreement or transferring from an expiring Countryside Stewardship or Environmentally Sensitive Area agreement, you can have a FREE one-to-one farm visit to help you through the process. A local and experienced adviser will give you information on applying, choosing and locating the right options for your farm, and managing options over the agreement period.

To arrange a FREE farm visit please contact the Natural England events team on 0300 060 1695 or click [here](#) for further details.

### CFE Event in Oxfordshire

Slug pellet seminars covering environmental issues and the safe handling of pellets will be held at Farmoor WTM, Oxfordshire in April. To book a place on either the morning or afternoon session please contact Laura Francis by email [laura.francis@cfeonline.org.uk](mailto:laura.francis@cfeonline.org.uk) or 07545927505. For more information and directions click [here](#)

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