

Agri-Environment Schemes:





Total area of county (hectares)	167,732
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Agri-Environment Scheme	Number of Agreements	Area of the county under agreement (hectares)	Payments over lifetime of agreement (£) ³	Percentage of county in agreement
Environmental Stewardship (ES) ¹ :				
Entry Level Stewardship (ELS)	166	17,166	£550,656	10.2%
 Combined ELS and Higher Level Stewardship (HLS)² 	48	8,240	£1,056,709	4.9%
Higher Level Stewardship (HLS)	43	6,518	£1,128,149	3.9%
Environmentally Sensitive Areas (ESA)				0.0%
Countryside Stewardship Scheme (CSS)	40	1,123	236,565	0.7%
Grand Total	297	33,047	2,972,080	19.7%

Note 1 - All ES data includes conventional ES and Organic ES agreements.

Note 2 - For combined ELS/HLS, the area figure refers to total agreement area i.e. underpinning ELS area on which HLS options are located (not the area under HLS management).

Note 3 - Payment figures excludes payments for Capital Items and Conservation Plans.

Designated sites	Area of county designated (hectares)	Percentage of county designated (hectares)
Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSIs)	11,733	7.0%
Special Areas of Conservation (SACs)	5,687	3.4%
Special Protection Areas (SPAs) (for birds)	7,005	4.2%
Ramsar sites (wetlands of international importance)	948	0.6%