

# Buckinghamshire

Agri-Environment Schemes:

Key information, scheme uptake and expenditure data – November 2012

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<b>Total area of county (hectares)</b>	<b>340,151</b>
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Agri-Environment Scheme	Number of Agreements	Area of the county under agreement (hectares)	Payments over lifetime of agreement (£) <sup>3</sup>	Percentage of county in agreement
Environmental Stewardship (ES) <sup>1</sup> :				
• Entry Level Stewardship (ELS)	425	54,983	£1,634,992	29.3%
• Combined ELS and Higher Level Stewardship (HLS) <sup>2</sup>	90	19,190	£1,915,886	10.2%
• Higher Level Stewardship (HLS)	18	648	£185,818	0.3%
Environmentally Sensitive Areas (ESA)	9	257	40,821	0.1%
Countryside Stewardship Scheme (CSS)	43	1,387	307,262	0.7%
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>585</b>	<b>76,464</b>	<b>4,084,779</b>	<b>40.7%</b>

*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)	7,323	2.2%
Special Areas of Conservation (SACs)	885	0.3%
Special Protection Areas (SPAs) (for birds)	3,290	1.0%
Ramsar sites (wetlands of international importance)	3,941	1.2%