

East Sussex

Agri-Environment Schemes:

Key information, scheme uptake and expenditure data – November 2012



Total area of county (hectares)	179,737
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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)	335	25,921	£1,058,134	14.4%
• Combined ELS and Higher Level Stewardship (HLS) ²	231	39,658	£5,988,388	22.1%
• Higher Level Stewardship (HLS)	14	4,099	£652,847	2.3%
Environmentally Sensitive Areas (ESA)	11	981	223,701	0.5%
Countryside Stewardship Scheme (CSS)	62	2,182	432,030	1.2%
Grand Total	653	72,842	8,355,101	40.5%

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)	34,004	18.9%
Special Areas of Conservation (SACs)	19,128	10.6%
Special Protection Areas (SPAs) (for birds)	25,979	14.5%
Ramsar sites (wetlands of international importance)	29,465	16.4%