

# Gloucestershire

Agri-Environment Schemes:

Key information, scheme uptake and expenditure data – November 2012



<b>Total area of county (hectares)</b>	<b>265,384</b>
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<b>Agri-Environment Scheme</b>	<b>Number of Agreements</b>	<b>Area of the county under agreement (hectares)</b>	<b>Payments over lifetime of agreement (£)<sup>3</sup></b>	<b>Percentage of county in agreement</b>
Environmental Stewardship (ES) <sup>1</sup> :				
• Entry Level Stewardship (ELS)	661	65,967	£2,415,381	24.9%
• Combined ELS and Higher Level Stewardship (HLS) <sup>2</sup>	231	45,255	£5,334,294	17.1%
• Higher Level Stewardship (HLS)	23	766	£253,305	0.3%
Environmentally Sensitive Areas (ESA)	257	18,040	1,580,719	6.8%
Countryside Stewardship Scheme (CSS)	88	2,222	430,670	0.8%
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>1,260</b>	<b>132,250</b>	<b>10,014,369</b>	<b>49.8%</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.*

<b>Designated sites</b>	<b>Area of county designated (hectares)</b>	<b>Percentage of county designated (hectares)</b>
Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSIs)	7,659	2.9%
Special Areas of Conservation (SACs)	5,282	2.0%
Special Protection Areas (SPAs) (for birds)	4,556	1.7%
Ramsar sites (wetlands of international importance)	4,680	1.8%