

# Kent

## Agri-Environment Schemes:

Key information, scheme uptake and expenditure data – November 2012

<b>Total area of county (hectares)</b>	<b>373,296</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)	546	85,322	£2,619,001	22.9%
• Combined ELS and Higher Level Stewardship (HLS) <sup>2</sup>	220	45,611	£4,212,588	12.2%
• Higher Level Stewardship (HLS)	16	1,376	£296,656	0.4%
Environmentally Sensitive Areas (ESA)	39	3,583	634,838	1.0%
Countryside Stewardship Scheme (CSS)	83	2,008	513,933	0.5%
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>904</b>	<b>137,901</b>	<b>8,277,017</b>	<b>36.9%</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)	30,026	8.0%
Special Areas of Conservation (SACs)	5,905	1.6%
Special Protection Areas (SPAs) (for birds)	11,487	3.1%
Ramsar sites (wetlands of international importance)	19,055	5.1%