

Tyne & Wear

Agri-Environment Schemes:

Key information, scheme uptake and expenditure data – November 2012

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Total area of county (hectares)	54,125
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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)	56	6,077	£181,245	11.2%
• Combined ELS and Higher Level Stewardship (HLS) ²	8	1,188	£91,839	2.2%
• Higher Level Stewardship (HLS)	6	225	£85,711	0.4%
Environmentally Sensitive Areas (ESA)				0.0%
Countryside Stewardship Scheme (CSS)	13	485	118,420	0.9%
Grand Total	83	7,975	477,215	14.7%

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)	648	1.2%
Special Areas of Conservation (SACs)	84	0.2%
Special Protection Areas (SPAs) (for birds)	119	0.2%
Ramsar sites (wetlands of international importance)	233	0.4%