

# Staffordshire

Agri-Environment Schemes:

Key information, scheme uptake and expenditure data – November 2012



<b>Total area of county (hectares)</b>	<b>271,484</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)	929	85,149	£2,643,512	31.4%
• Combined ELS and Higher Level Stewardship (HLS) <sup>2</sup>	301	26,795	£4,183,536	9.9%
• Higher Level Stewardship (HLS)	49	3,582	£851,198	1.3%
Environmentally Sensitive Areas (ESA)	208	6,339	559,680	2.3%
Countryside Stewardship Scheme (CSS)	108	2,601	651,100	1.0%
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>1,595</b>	<b>124,467</b>	<b>8,889,027</b>	<b>45.8%</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)	8,302	3.1%
Special Areas of Conservation (SACs)	3,829	1.4%
Special Protection Areas (SPAs) (for birds)	2,795	1.0%
Ramsar sites (wetlands of international importance)	423	0.2%