

West Sussex

Agri-Environment Schemes:

Key information, scheme uptake and expenditure data – November 2012



Total area of county (hectares)	199,094
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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)	303	32,131	£1,078,081	16.1%
• Combined ELS and Higher Level Stewardship (HLS) ²	154	39,832	£4,602,660	20.0%
• Higher Level Stewardship (HLS)	24	1,687	£393,868	0.8%
Environmentally Sensitive Areas (ESA)	13	477	62,213	0.2%
Countryside Stewardship Scheme (CSS)	40	1,084	237,755	0.5%
Grand Total	534	75,212	6,374,576	37.8%

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)	8,024	4.0%
Special Areas of Conservation (SACs)	3,626	1.8%
Special Protection Areas (SPAs) (for birds)	3,815	1.9%
Ramsar sites (wetlands of international importance)	3,828	1.9%