

# Bedfordshire

Agri-Environment Schemes:

Key information, scheme uptake and expenditure data – November 2012



<b>Total area of county (hectares)</b>	<b>123,525</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)	229	40,852	£1,187,410	33.1%
• Combined ELS and Higher Level Stewardship (HLS) <sup>2</sup>	74	13,183	£1,350,865	10.7%
• Higher Level Stewardship (HLS)	18	359	£75,700	0.3%
Environmentally Sensitive Areas (ESA)				0.0%
Countryside Stewardship Scheme (CSS)	34	441	119,979	0.4%
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>355</b>	<b>54,835</b>	<b>2,733,954</b>	<b>44.4%</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)	1,362	1.1%
Special Areas of Conservation (SACs)	-	0.0%
Special Protection Areas (SPAs) (for birds)	-	0.0%
Ramsar sites (wetlands of international importance)	-	0.0%