

Berkshire

Agri-Environment Schemes:

Key information, scheme uptake and expenditure data – November 2012



Total area of county (hectares)	125,848
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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)	146	27,955	£835,623	22.2%
• Combined ELS and Higher Level Stewardship (HLS) ²	60	15,092	£1,748,204	12.0%
• Higher Level Stewardship (HLS)	11	932	£267,791	0.7%
Environmentally Sensitive Areas (ESA)				
Countryside Stewardship Scheme (CSS)	31	914	245,808	0.7%
Grand Total	248	44,893	3,097,426	35.7%

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)	4,301	3.4%
Special Areas of Conservation (SACs)	1,335	1.1%
Special Protection Areas (SPAs) (for birds)	1,358	1.1%
Ramsar sites (wetlands of international importance)	126	0.1%