Farming for farm wildlife

Make the most of Environmental Stewardship and the Campaign for the Farmed Environment

Water voles, dragonflies, newts & toads 1

Where to locate options:
- ponds, ditches, rivers & streams – particularly next to tall vegetation/scrub
- unshaded ponds
- ponds without fish

Arable plants** 2

Where to locate options:
- cultivated/ fallow areas on light free-draining soil

Bats and dormice 3

Where to locate options:
- tall, unbroken hedges
- hedgerows with trees
- old hedgerows
- areas of woodland edge/scrub

Butterflies, bees and vulnerable grassland 4

Where to locate options:
- unimproved / semi-improved grasslands
- flower-rich fields or field corners
- south facing banks
- flower-rich hedgerows/ woodland edge

Brown hare 5

Where to locate options:
- large open fields / blocks of cereal crops
- small woods

For illustrative purposes only, to help you choose the best ELS options and the most suitable locations.

ELS Code	Options	ELS/OELS Points	CFE code
1 Water voles, dragonflies, newts & toads			
EB6/OB6	Ditch management	24 per 100 m	
EB7/OB7	Half ditch management	8 per 100 m	
EE7/OE7	Buffering in-field ponds in improved permanent grassland	400/500 per ha	
EE8/OE8	Buffering in-field ponds in arable land	400/500 per ha	
EJ9/OJ9	12 m buffer strips for watercourses on cultivated land	400/500 per ha	C1
EJ11/OJ11	Maintenance of watercourse fencing	4 per 100 m	
2 Arable plants**			
EF9	Unfertilised cereal headlands within arable fields	100 per ha	
EF10	Unharvested cereal headlands within arable fields	330 per ha	C11
EF11/OF11	Uncropped cultivated margins for rare plants on arable land	400/460 per ha	C8
EF13/OF13*	Uncropped cultivated areas for ground nesting birds on arable land	360 per ha	C5
EF15*	Reduced herbicide cereal crops followed by overwintered stubbles	195 per ha	
	Selective use of spring herbicides	–	C14
3 Bats and dormice			
EB3/OB3	Enhanced hedgerow management	42 per 100 m	
EC3/OC3	Maintenance of woodland fences	4 per 100 m	
EC4/OC4	Management of woodland edges	380 per ha	
EC23/OC23*	Establishment of hedgerow trees by tagging	1 per tree	
EC24/OC24*	Hedgerow tree buffer strips on cultivated land	400/500 per ha	
EC25/OC25*	Hedgerow tree buffer strips on grassland	400/500 per ha	
	Reverted arable areas/optional scrub management	–	C3a/b

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4 Butterflies, bees and vulnerable grassland			
EB3/OB3	Enhanced hedgerow management	42 per 100 m	
EC4/OC4	Management of woodland edges	380 per ha	
EF1/OF1	Management of field corners	400/500 per ha	
EF4/OF4	Nectar flower mixture	450/550 per ha	C12a
EK3/OK3	Permanent grassland with very low inputs	150/180 per ha	
	Pollen and nectar mixtures for horticultural crops	–	C12b
	Sown wildflower headlands	–	C13
	Enhanced management of Short Rotation Coppice (willow and poplar only)	–	C15
5 Brown hare			
EC4/OC4	Management of woodland edge	380 per ha	
EF2/OF2	Wild bird seed mixture	450/550 per ha	
EF6/OF6	Overwintered stubbles	120/150 per ha	
EF7/OF7	Beetle bank	580/750 per ha	
EF9	Unfertilised cereal headlands within arable fields	100 per ha	
EF10	Unharvested cereal headlands within arable fields	330 per ha	C11
EF13/OF13*	Uncropped, cultivated areas for ground nesting birds on arable land	360 per ha	C5
EF15*	Reduced herbicide, cereal crops followed by overwintered stubbles	195 per ha	
EF22*	Extended overwintered stubbles	410 per ha	
EG1/OG1	Undersown spring cereals	200/150 per ha	
EG4/OG4	Cereals for whole crop silage followed by overwintered stubbles	230/250 per ha	
EJ13/OJ13*	Winter cover crops	65 per ha	C7b
	Overwintered stubble followed by spring/summer fallow	–	C6
	Overwintered stubbles	–	C7a

** New options from 2010. At time of printing, these options had not received final approval and therefore may be subject to change.*

*** Target arable plants exclude problem weed species such as blackgrass and sterile brome. Options for arable plants are only likely to be suitable on land without these weed burdens (particularly on light free-draining soils).*

For ease of use only a subset of ELS options are shown above. These reflect what are most commonly the best choices and link, where possible, to the Campaign for the Farmed Environment. Other ELS options also make a valued contribution to farm wildlife – see handbook or speak to an adviser for more information.

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