

ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP CONSULTANCY SERVICE

As we move through the Agricultural Transition period, there are multiple funding options available to farm businesses for environmental activity. Legacy schemes, such as Higher Level Stewardship, continue to run alongside Countryside Stewardship and new Environmental Land Management (ELM) schemes.

Farm businesses now have greater flexibility to move between schemes or 'stack' agreements (having multiple active agreements on the same piece of land). These changes come with conditions attached, for example farm businesses cannot be paid for the same activity twice. It is important to understand how the different schemes may fit together and what choices are most advantageous for your business.

SUMMARY OF SERVICE

If you are successfully referred to the Environmental Stewardship service following the initial on-farm business review, there are two different service packages that we can offer.

HALF DAY SERVICE

This service is for businesses with existing schemes who would like to assess the potential of new schemes and ensure that agreements are compatible. This session will include:

- A meeting to understand the existing scheme and location/duration of the options currently in place.
- A plan will be produced outlining where additional schemes could be entered, where new options could be located to avoid over-lap, and deadlines for applying for such agreements.

TWO HALF DAY SERVICE

This service is for businesses without an existing scheme or with an existing scheme that is about to expire. This session will include:

FIRST HALF DAY

- A meeting or video call to outline the schemes available and discuss the way options can be utilised to fit into the existing farm business.
- After the meeting you will receive a plan stating the options discussed, their requirements, and the field parcels on which they have provisionally been located.

SECOND HALF DAY

- The application process will be explained and support given with your application. Note, we are unable to complete and/or submit an application on your behalf through FBAS.

ADDITIONAL SERVICES

The following services are not covered by the FBAS scheme, but can be provided on a time charge basis:

- Completion and submission of the stewardship application.
- On-going support to ensure agreements are implemented in a timely fashion, and all requirements are adhered to.

Any additional work will be agreed with you prior to any work being undertaken.