

Agri-environment schemes and the future: How to get the best for your business



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Farmers, growers and land managers are custodians of the English landscape, and for generations they have helped shape and look after it as they feed the nation. There is a big positive change ahead: the Environmental Land Management Scheme (E.L.M.), which will be rolled out in 2024, will provide financial support as you continue to nurture the land you work.

2021 marks the start of a four-year transition period during which BPS payments will be phased out in the lead up to Environmental Land Management. The best way to keep payments coming in and ensure you're ready for E.L.M. is to apply for the Countryside Stewardship Scheme, and there is good news. The scheme is being simplified with new offers to apply for, and additional penalties have been removed (although reductions can still occur where things can't be put right). There will be advice and support to help you enhance the environment as part of a sustainable business.

From April 2021-2024, the Farming in Protected Landscapes scheme will provide financial support to farmers and other land

managers in National Parks and Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty. The funding will help them support and manage the natural environment, cultural heritage and public access.

If you would like to find out more about these schemes and how to get involved you can register for a free online workshop in February or March. Turn over for further information.



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Free online workshops

The start of the new Countryside Stewardship Scheme in February and Farming in Protected Landscapes in April means there are steps you can take now. Attend an online workshop and find out more:

- Find out what has changed in the Countryside Stewardship Scheme
- Hear from farmers who are already in agri-environment schemes
- Learn about the Farming in Protected Landscapes Scheme.



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Choose one of the following dates and times:

Monday 22nd February, 5:00-6:30pm

Thursday 4th March, 5:00-6:30pm

Tuesday 23rd March, 1:00-2:30pm

Register now at www.landscapesforlife.org.uk/workshops



Or scan here

Tell your farming friends and neighbours too

What to expect

We're all having to get used to online events, and to help here is more information on what will happen. We will send you full details on how to take part before the workshops run, but in the meantime:



- The workshops will be run on Zoom. You'll need a computer, phone or tablet and a reasonable internet connection. We know that's difficult in some areas, but it's essential everyone stays safe in light of covid.
- Your camera and microphone will be switched off – all you need to do is watch and listen.
- If you would like to ask the speakers a question you'll be able to type it in, and we'll get to as many as we can in the time. Your feedback matters.

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