

COUNTRYSIDE STEWARDSHIP OFFER 2022

To Qualify the farm must be registered with the RPA and have an SBI number and minimum area of 5ha.

The agreement is for 5 years, as shown below most options pay higher for the first 2 years of conversion. Then reduce once the crop/livestock can be sold as organic for the last 3 years.

29th July is the deadline date for applications in 2022, the agreement would start in January 2023.(A conversion plan should be in place and signed off by the chosen certification office and submitted with the application.)

These payment rates are in addition to the current BPS scheme for as long as that runs (2027) payments are reduced on a sliding scale for this to 2024.

Organic Conversion and Management Rates (per hectare)

- **Rotational land: (Arable)**
 - Conversion rate (years 1-2): £256
 - Management rate (years 3-5): £109
- **Improved permanent grassland:**
 - Conversion rate (years 1-2): £150
 - Management rate (years 3-5): £20
- **Unimproved permanent grassland:**
 - Conversion rate (years 1-2): £76
 - Management rate (years 3-5): £31
- **Horticultural land:**
 - Conversion rate (years 1-2): £602
 - Management rate (years 3-5): £380
- **Top fruit:**
 - Conversion rate (years 1-2): £960
 - Management rate (years 3-5): £960
- **Enclosed rough grazing:**
 - Conversion rate (years 1-2): N/A
 - Management rate (years 3-5): £48

There are more options which can be added to these including payments towards things such as fencing and hedge planting/laying.