

Subsidies Are Changing - Are you Ready?

2021 sees the start of the seven-year transition away from the current Basic Payment Scheme and EU-based regulations.

This leaflet outlines how the existing schemes are being phased out and what new schemes are proposed. As always, if you have any queries please don't hesitate to give us a call.

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Dan Bowden, Grants and Subsidies specialist, outlines the changes farmers will face over the coming years.

Basic Payment Scheme - what will change?



Simplification of the rules:

- Removal of greening rules, including crop diversification, Ecological Focus Areas and permanent grassland;
- No requirement to use all entitlements once in every two years;
- No requirement for cross-border farms to be treated as one holding for BPS purposes.

Payment Reductions

From 2021 to 2024, BPS payments will be reduced as follows:

Payment Band	Scheme Year			
	2021	2022	2023	2024
Up to £30k	5%	20%	35%	50%
£30k - £50k	10%	25%	40%	55%
£50k - £150k	20%	35%	50%	65%
Over £150k	25%	40%	55%	70%

In 2024, it is expected that payments will be de-linked and there will not be a requirement to farm the land in order to receive payment.

Exit Scheme

Farmers who wish to retire will be offered the opportunity of a lump sum payment from 2022. Further details of this scheme are expected in Spring 2021.

Countryside Stewardship - what will change?

- Existing Mid-Tier, Higher-Tier and Water Capital grants will continue to be available;
- Increase in the upper limit of Water Capital only applications from £10k up to £20k;
- Items for this include concrete yard renewal, roofing of yards, livestock tracks, troughs and fencing;
- Overall, the schemes will be similar to that of previous years;
- Ability to switch over to new Environmental Land Management scheme without penalty for any new agreements.



NEW SCHEMES

Environmental Land Management (ELM)



New Year - New Website!

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A National pilot will commence in 2021. We will be actively seeking farmers wishing to assist in shaping the design of this scheme. It is proposed that ELMs will be made up of three elements:

1. Sustainable Farming Incentive

- ◆ Simple package aimed at rewarding farmers for carrying out environmentally sustainable land management practices;
- ◆ Aimed at all farmers and will be able to run alongside other environmental schemes;
- ◆ Available from 2022, with more information expected in Summer 2021.

2. Local Nature Recovery

- ◆ Aimed at delivering local environmental priorities;
- ◆ Available from 2024, with pilots commencing in 2021.

3. Landscape Recovery

- ◆ Bespoke long-term projects;
- ◆ Available from 2024.



Prosperity & Productivity

1. Farming Investment Fund

- ◆ Grants available for equipment, technology and infrastructure which benefits the environment and improves productivity;
- ◆ This will be a competitive scheme, split into two categories (lower-value and higher-value);
- ◆ Eligible items are likely to include:
 - * Equipment and technology for storing, sorting or processing products;
 - * Robotic or automated technology;
 - * On-farm water storage (including reservoirs);
- ◆ Available late 2021, with further guidance expected in Summer 2021.



2. Slurry Investment

- ◆ Scheme to assist farmers with investment for new slurry stores;
- ◆ Aimed at future-proofing businesses against higher standards that are expected to be introduced in the future;
- ◆ Available from 2022.

3. Farm Resilience

- ◆ Availability of business advice and support to those severely affected by the removal of Direct Payments.

Animal Health & Welfare

Animal Health and Welfare pathway

- ◆ Capital grants and financially supported vet visits for health and welfare management diagnostic testing;
- ◆ Available from 2022
- ◆ Potential for further schemes from 2023 in support for endemic disease control.

Woodland Support

There are a number of different schemes aimed at protecting, increasing and managing woodland, including:

- ◆ Woodland Creation Planning Grant;
- ◆ Countryside Stewardship;
- ◆ Woodland Carbon Fund;
- ◆ HS2 Woodland Fund;
- ◆ Woodland Carbon Guarantee.

With all the new schemes that are going to be available, we do not yet know the exact management requirements, payment rates or eligibility criteria. More information is proposed to be released throughout 2021, which will hopefully clarify certain aspects.

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Two identical 3 bed cottages | in need of modernisation | sitting room | kitchen | utility | ground floor bathroom | stunning location | far-reaching views over farmland | quiet rural area | lawned gardens | ample parking | potential to create one family home | EPC E & F |

55.73 Acres (22.55 Ha) agricultural land in a single block | entirely level on the site of an old airfield | majority in arable rotation | part in permanent pasture | free-draining slightly acidic sandy soil | organic status | services available in vicinity | BPS entitlements included |

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