

Countryside Stewardship One-to-Ones

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Mid Tier

The Rural Payments Agency would like to thank you for the support you have given to managing and protecting the countryside through Environmental or Countryside Stewardship.

We hope that you will consider applying for Countryside Stewardship Mid Tier this year.

Countryside Stewardship Mid Tier is different from Environmental Stewardship, some elements are competitively scored or you can enter a "Wildlife Offer" which are simpler to apply for and non-competitive. These 4 Offers consist of an expanded range of land management options in 2020 designed for either arable, lowland grazing, mixed farming or upland farms.

Applications for Mid Tier, including the Wildlife Offers, are now open and close on 31 July 2020. Successful applications will start on 1 January 2021.

Request your application pack online using the Rural Payments service or contact the Rural Payments Agency on 03000 200 301 before 31 May 2020.

If you are thinking of applying for Countryside Stewardship Mid Tier this year, you may be interested in a remote one-to-one session. The session will review the recent changes to the scheme, options to apply for and how to complete and submit your application.

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Due to Covid-19 these sessions will be run remotely. To get the most out of a one-to-one session, it is advisable to have access to a computer with internet capabilities. Your one-to-one session will last up to 1hr 30mins (via an online teleconference facility that you will be invited to join via email) with an experienced adviser who will advise on the most suitable Mid Tier options for your farm and how to fill out your application. It is essential that you have an idea of what you want to achieve with your application prior to your session.

Booking is essential for an online one-to-one as places are limited.

To request a one-to-one, please fill out the form by clicking here

You will be asked for your name, address, contact telephone number, email address, farm SBI and CPH numbers when booking. We will then contact you with a convenient date and time of your session. If you are unable to fill out this form, you can call 01823 663074 or email csadvice@fwagsw.org.uk.

The Rural Payments Agency will handle all Countryside Stewardship enquiries on 03000 200 301. You can request and download your Mid-Tier application pack from your online RPA account. You have until midnight on 30th June 2020 to request your pack online. Alternatively you can request an application from the RPA via phone 03000 200 301, or email ruralpayments@defra.gov.uk. The last date to request via this method is 31st May 2020.



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