



## RURAL STEWARDSHIP SCHEME ANNUAL PAYMENTS AND LIMITS

Management Option	Annual Payment
1. Extensive Management of Mown Grassland for Birds	£150 per hectare
2. Management of Open Grazed Grassland for Birds	£100 per hectare
3. Extensive Management of Mown Grassland for Corncrakes	£190 per hectare
4. Management of Early and Late Cover for Corncrakes	£160 per hectare
5. Management of Wet Grassland for Waders	£100 per hectare
6 Management of Species-rich Grassland	£100 per hectare
7. Bracken Eradication Programme	£25 per hectare for area of species-rich grassland identified for bracken eradication
8. Creation and Management of Species-rich Grassland	£250 per hectare
9. Management of Coastal Heath	£80 per hectare
10. Management of Lowland Heath	£115 per hectare
11. Moorland Management	£1 per hectare
12. Stock Disposal	£45 per hectare of moorland
13. Muirburn and Heather Swiping	£11 per hectare for area of moorland to be burned/swiped in 10 yrs
14. Bracken Eradication Programme	£25 per hectare for area of moorland identified for bracken eradication
15. Management of Wetland	£100 per hectare
16. Management of Lowland Raised Bogs	£70 per hectare
17. Creation and Management of Wetland	£250 per hectare
18. Management of Water Margin	£400 per hectare
19. Management of Flood Plain	£25 per hectare
20. Management of Grass Margin or Beetlebank in Arable Fields	£736 per hectare
21. Management of Conservation Headlands	£70 per hectare or, if nitrogenous fertiliser not applied, £150 per hectare
22. Management of Extended Hedges	£500 per hectare
23. Management of Hedgerows	£5,000 per hectare (£0.50 per square metre)
24. Introduction or Retention of Extensive Cropping	£120 per hectare or, for application of management regime for period of 3 years or more on same site, £140 per hectare
25. Management of Cropped Machair	£200 per hectare or, where cultivation is combined with the traditional application of seaweed and/or dung, £240 per hectare
26. Spring cropping	£115 per hectare
27. Unharvested Crops	£600 per hectare
28. Management of Scrub (including Tall Herb Communities)	£55 per hectare
29. Management of Native or Semi-Natural Woodland	£100 per hectare
30. Management of Ancient Wood Pasture on	
a: Improved grassland	£100 per hectare
b: Unimproved grassland	£100 per hectare
c: Rough grazings	£30 per hectare

31. Management of a Site of Archaeological or Historic Interest	£80 per 0.25 hectare or part thereof up to 1.5 hectares and £80 per hectare thereafter or, if crop-marked area is sown to grass, £320 per hectare
32. Conservation Management Plan with Special Measures for Small Units	£45 per hectare (inbye)  ◆ if a collective application covering a minimum of 4 crofts within the same crofting community, £55 per hectare (inbye)
33. Retention or introduction of cattle of Scottish native and traditional breed(s) (must be adopted in combination with prescription 32)	◆ if the croft supports a herd of cattle of Scottish native and traditional breed(s) for the duration of participation in the scheme, £5 per ha (inbye),  OR  ◆ a herd of cattle of Scottish native and traditional breed(s) is introduced to the croft by the end of the first plan year and numbers of any sheep on the croft reduced to ensure no increase in overall stocking density, £290 per hectare (inbye)

Limits	
1. Conservation management	The full management payment will be made for areas of inbye land of up to 100 hectares managed under the Scheme prescriptions and in addition for areas of up to 1,000 hectares of rough grazings (including moorland). For common grazings, the full management payment for prescriptions will be made for up to 2,000 hectares. However, where these limits are exceeded, all management payments for prescriptions relating to inbye land, rough grazings (including moorland), or common grazings, whichever applies, will be scaled back to 80%.
2. Stock disposal	Stock disposal payments may be made on no more than 250 hectares of moorland.