







Progress with Defra Agri-environment and Diversification Grants Schemes, including Community and Training Grants.

RDS South East – February 2005

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<p>Introduction</p> 	<p>Andrew Fielder</p> <p>This special edition contains further information about the forthcoming launch of Environmental Stewardship on 3 March 2005. This is the new Agri-Environment scheme which rewards farmers and land managers for contributing to the conservation and environmental enhancement of the countryside.</p>
<p>Environmental Stewardship Promotional Booklet</p> 	<p>All farmers farming over 10 hectares have recently been sent an Environmental Stewardship promotional booklet. This provides general information about the scheme and the application process. To view the booklet click on link below</p> <p>Scheme Booklet (1569KB)</p>
<p>Environmental Stewardship Meetings for Farmers & Landowners</p> 	<p>The Rural Development Service (RDS) will be hosting a number of meetings for farmers and landowners following the launch of Environmental Stewardship in March.</p> <p>The meetings will focus primarily on Entry Level Stewardship (ELS) and will provide information about the scheme, how it relates to your local areas and how to apply. There will be staff on hand from RDS to answer questions about how individual farms could benefit from Environmental Stewardship.</p> <p>There will be a programme of meetings at 46 different locations throughout the South East. Attendance is not essential, however if you have any questions about the scheme and how it relates to your holding, they offer the ideal opportunity to get these queries resolved. If you would like to attend please book early, as places are limited.</p> <p><i>To book a place telephone us on 0845 6066934</i></p> <p>Places will be allocated on a first-come first-served basis and will be limited to two places per agricultural holding. If your selected meeting is oversubscribed we will contact you to make alternative arrangements.</p>

	<p>Please respond as soon as possible to avoid disappointment.</p> <p>Further information on Environmental Stewardship and details of the meetings in this and other regions will be posted on the Defra website at http://www.defra.gov.uk/erdp/schemes/es/ Additional similar events will be held throughout the first year of Environmental Stewardship.</p>
<p>Environmental Stewardship Meetings for Consultants & Land Agents</p> 	<p>In addition to the farmer meetings, RDS in the South East will be hosting four events around the Region specifically aimed at land agents and consultants who are likely to be involved in assisting their clients. This letter invites you to one of the following events:</p> <p>No. Location Date Time</p> <p>1 Drayton Golf Club, Abingdon, Oxfordshire Mon 7th March 10:00 - 12:30</p> <p>2 Westley Court, Sparsholt, Winchester, Hampshire, Tue 8th March 10:00 - 12:30</p> <p>3 Capron House, North Street, Midhurst, W Sussex Wed 9th March 10:00 - 12:30</p> <p>4 Hadlow College, Hadlow, Tonbridge, Kent Wed 30th March 10:00 – 12:30</p> <p>Local Rural Development Service staff will be available to answer any questions you may have as well as offering advice and guidance on how your clients could benefit from joining this important new Agri-environment scheme.</p> <p>Should you wish to attend one of these events, you are advised to book early, as places are limited and will be allocated on a first-come first-served basis and might have to be limited to two places per company/office. If your selected meeting is oversubscribed we will contact you to make alternative arrangements. Please therefore respond as soon as possible to avoid disappointment.</p> <p>You have two options for booking a place:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Telephone Margaret Rulton on 01189 392347

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • E-mail the following details to: margaret.rulton@defra.gsi.gov.uk <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Name ○ Company/Organisation ○ Address (incl. postcode) ○ Contact telephone number ○ Number of places required (max. 2) ○ Date and location of preferred meeting <p>Click on location details in the table above for a map</p> <p>Further information on Environmental Stewardship will be posted on the Defra website at www.defra.gov.uk/erdp/schemes/es. Additional similar events are likely to be held during the first year of Environmental Stewardship.</p>
<p>Environment al Stewardship Farm Demonstration Events</p> 	<p>A programme of farm demonstration events is being arranged for April and May. Details are still being finalised, but farmers can register an interest by phone or e-mail and will then be sent further details.</p> <p>The contact details are as follows:</p> <p>Telephone 01954 268301</p> <p>mailto:E-mail_es.training@adas.co.uk</p>
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