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FARM SUPPORT in Nidderdale AONB

In these fast changing times for farming in the UK, the team at Nidderdale AONB is here to help you and provide guidance to make sure you're kept fully informed throughout this transition period.



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A new farm payment approach

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2021 is the start of the seven year transition away from EU-based rules and schemes towards a new approach which pays farmers to:

- **Improve the environment**
- **Improve animal health and welfare**
- **Reduce carbon emissions**
- **Provide beauty and heritage for all**

This will be through providing grants for:

- **Environment Land Management (ELM) to produce public goods through nature-friendly farming practices**
- **Improving farm productivity and prosperity**

Basic Payment Scheme ending

2021 will be the first year for the phasing out of Basic Payment Scheme (BPS) and Young Farmer Payments. The payments are ending completely at the end of 2027. In 2021 everyone will have a 5% reduction on their first £30,000.

This chart outlines the annual decreases in BPS payments:

Payment band	% reduction by scheme year			
	2021	2022	2023	2024
Up to £30,000	5%	20%	35%	50%
£30,000–£50,000	10%	25%	40%	55%
£50,000–£150,000	20%	35%	50%	65%
More than £150,000	25%	40%	55%	70%

KEEP UP TO DATE

For the latest news and guidance, sign up to receive our new **FARM SUPPORT** e-newsletter from the AONB's Land Management Team. You can sign up for the emails at nidderdaleaonb.org.uk/farmsupport



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Below are the new grant scheme that will become available and their expected dates*.

(*these may be subject to change)

Scheme	Application			
	Further info	Applications open	Start	End
New Countryside Stewardship agreements and Capital Grants	Feb–Mar 2021	Feb–Mar 2021	Each year	2023 application for 2024 start date
Farmers in Protected Landscapes	Feb–Mar 2021	TBC	April 2021	2024
Forestry Commission Incentives		All year	2020	TBC
Sustainable Farming Incentive 2022	June 2021	2021/22	2022	2024
Sustainable Farming Incentive	2021	2024	2024	N/A
Local Nature Recovery	2021	2024	2024	N/A
Landscape Recovery	2021	2024	2024	N/A
Farm Resilience Scheme	Mar 2021	June 2021	May 2021	Oct 2024
Farming Investment Fund	Apr 2021	Dec 2021	Dec 2021	2026
Slurry Investment Scheme	2022	2022	Autumn 2022	2025
New Entrant Support Scheme	Nov 2021	2022	2022	2024
Lump Sum Exit Scheme (subject to consultation)	July 2021	2022	2022	TBC
Delinked Payments	2024	2024	2024	2027

Countryside Stewardship (CS)

CS will be available until 2024 with last application window in 2023.

Anyone in CS after January 2021 can withdraw from CS and transfer to the ELM scheme with no penalty at agreed exit points.

Important changes for CS agreements starting from 2021:

- Removed additional penalties for over declaration of land and scheme breaches; instead claims adjusted to found area
- Warning system developed to enable agreement holders to put things right and still get paid
- Force majeure applications increased to 8 weeks
- Inspections focus on an on-site review to look at the agreement environmental outcomes being achieved and doesn't disproportionately penalise farmers

NEW Capital Grants Scheme: Application deadline 30th April 2021

- Three grant groups of water, air and boundary.
- Each applicant can claim up to **£20,000 per group**, up to a total maximum claim per applicant of **£60,000**.

5 Year Mid-Tier (MT): Application deadline 30th July 2021

There is a new cap on capital items in 5-year MT:

- **Water** – £120,000
(note: fencing is included in water)
- **Air** – £120,000
- **Boundary** – £50,000

A flexible, year-round application window for CS Capital Grants is also being considered for 2021.

If you are considering a Countryside Stewardship Scheme application in 2021, please contact us early to start discussion of options and eligibility.

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Woodland advice:

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FREE WORKSHOPS

We're offering free online workshops during March to provide you with the most up to date information and answer your questions about these new grant schemes.

See **Page 7** for session dates and how to sign up.



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New grant schemes summaries

Farming in Protected Landscapes – AONBs and National Parks

Grants will become available from 2021 to support farmers and land managers, in particularly in the uplands. The funding will be to make improvements to the natural environment, cultural heritage and public access.

It will be available through:

- Farm-level projects to diversify incomes and prepare for ELM
- Wider infrastructure and projects on farmland to support farmers and rural economies

As soon as we have more information we will post it on our website, send it out through our new Farm Support Newsletter and talk about it during our online workshops.

Visit nidderdaleaonb.org.uk/farmsupport

Forestry Commission Incentives

There are several schemes available for increasing, protecting and managing woodlands:

- The Woodland Creation Planning Grant
- Countryside Stewardship
- Woodland Carbon Grant
- Woodland Carbon Guarantee

Sustainable Farming Incentive (SFI)

SFI will pay for environmentally sustainable land management that everyone can do. It is open to all farmers irrespective of whether or not they are already in a scheme.

A reduced SFI scheme will rolled out in 2022 (SFI2022).

Local Nature Recovery

Farmers and land managers will be paid for actions that support nature and deliver local environmental priorities.



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New grant schemes summaries

Farm Resilience Scheme

Business advice and support services to help you plan for the period ahead using local support groups.

Farming Investment Fund

It will be a competitive scheme which will become available to fund a proportion of the total cost of investment such as:

- In-farm water storage infrastructure, including reservoirs
- Equipment and technology for storing, sorting and processing products
- Robotic or automated technology

Slurry Investment

A slurry investment scheme will be offered from 2022 to invest in new slurry stores that exceed current regulatory requirements and future proofed for future standards.

New Entrant Support Scheme

Still being designed by DEFRA and stakeholders.

Lump Sum Exit Scheme

From 2022 DEFRA plan to introduce an exit scheme to help farmers retire; offering a lump sum in place of BPS and delinked payments. This scheme is subject agreement following consultation.

‘Delinked’ Payments

From 2024 DEFRA plan to replace BPS with ‘delinked’ payments until 2027. A key difference is a farmer may receive the delinked payments even if they choose to stop farming altogether. However BPS will need to have been claimed prior to receiving these payments.



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We're here to help you make the right decisions for the future of your business

We know there is a lot of information out there about the upcoming changes to farming in the UK. We've put together this leaflet and the following resources to help keep you informed.

Please keep in mind, new information is coming out all the time. The details included in this leaflet are correct as of February 2021.

Our website

For more information on the new grant schemes, as well as the latest news and guidance, visit our website at nidderdaleaonb.org.uk/farmsupport

Farm Support newsletter

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Free workshops

To get ready for the new approach to grant funding through these schemes, you can attend one of our free hour-long online workshops run by Marian Wilby and Claire Foster.

Choose from one of the dates:

Mon 8 March, 7.30pm
UPLAND FOCUS

Thur 11 March, 7.30pm
MIXED FARMING

Mon 15 March, 7.30pm
UPLAND FOCUS

Thur 18 March, 7.30pm
UPLAND FOCUS

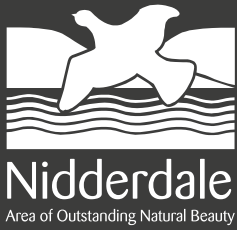
These will be hosted by the Farmer Network on Zoom on behalf of Nidderdale AONB.

Register now with the Farmer Network on:

Phone: **01768 868615**

Email: admin@thefarmernetwork.co.uk

Your data will only be used so we can provide you with advice, access to grants, events and campaigns.



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