## Application window open from 15th January 2018

**Who can apply?**

The scheme is open to all eligible farmers and land managers who are not currently in an environmental stewardship scheme or whose present ELS agreement is ending before 1st January 2019.

You must also have full management control of the land for the duration of the 5-year agreement or have the application countersigned by the landlord.

**When to apply**

The application window opens 15th Jan 2018 and closes on 31st July 2018. All applications have a single start date of 1st January 2019.

**The application**

Applications for the Wildlife Offers are *not competitive* and so for each of the Wildlife Offers you will only need to meet a certain number of requirements before being granted an agreement.

There are four Wildlife Offers:

* Arable Offer
* Lowland Grazing Offer
* Mixed Farming Offer
* Upland Offer

For Arable Offer applications with fewer than 100 land parcels, you can apply online, otherwise it will require a paper application.

**Options and categories**

The 11 options are divided into 3 categories (see table below):

**Category 1: Nectar & pollen sources**

**Category 2: Winter food for birds**

**Category 3: Additional resources/habitats**

You must pick at least one option from each category and then you may choose as many options as you wish.

However you must also select a minimum of **1% of your farmed land (or 1 ha per 100ha)** from category 1 and a minimum of **2% (or 2 ha per 100ha)** from category 2. No minimum for category 3.

Your total chosen options must cover at least 3% of your land.

An important factor to note, you cannot use land that overlaps with your Ecological Focus Areas.

**What next?**

Contact Natural England for an application pack by 31 May 2018

Get in touch with your local Strutt & Parker farming consultant for a review of the options available to you.

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| Arable Offer |  | Arable Offer |
| AB1 | Nectar flower mix | £511/ha |  | AB11 | Cultivated areas for arable plants | £511/ha |
| AB8 | Flower-rich margins & plots | £539/ha |  | AB12 | Supplementary winter feeding for birds | £632\*\* |
| AB9 | Winter bird food | £640/ha |  | SW1 | 4m – 6m buffer strip on cultivated land | £353/ha |
| AB4 | Skylark plots | £18\* |  | WT2 | Buffering in-field ponds and ditches | £501/ha |
| AB5 | Nesting plots for lapwing/stone curlew | £524/ha |  | BE3 | Management of hedgerows | £8/100m |
| AB6 | Enhanced overwinter stubble | £436/ha |  | \* £9 per plot, minimum of 2 plots per hectare \*\* £632 per tonne for every 2ha |

## Speak to your local Strutt & Parker farming team for more information

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