





10a. What country is your shoot located in (e.g. Scotland, England, Wales,...)?

10b. What county is your shoot in?

11a. What is the main quarry on your shoot? (please select only one)

- Small game (i.e. hare, pheasant, rabbit)
- Wildfowl (i.e. ducks, geese)
- Large game (deer, boar)
- I don't have the hunting (shooting) rights on my farm/property (at the moment)

11b. Which of the quarry below are you interested in undertaking habitat management for on the land you shoot over? (please tick all that apply)

- Small game (i.e. hare, pheasant, rabbit)
- Wildfowl (i.e. ducks, geese)
- Large game (deer, boar)
- I don't want to develop habitat on the area I manage
- I don't want to develop quarry on the area I shoot over
- I don't have the shooting rights on my farm/property (at the moment)
- I don't have the ability to develop habitat for quarry on my shoot

12. Do you have arable land?

Yes

No

13a. On your farm, what area (in hectares) is taken up by arable crops?

13b. On your shoot, what area (in hectares) is taken up by arable crops?

14. Do you currently have agri-environmental (AE) options for arable farmland wildlife?

No

Yes

15a. What kind of options for arable farmland wildlife do you have that are funded by AE schemes? (please bear in mind that not all of these might be available to you now)

- Floristically enhanced grass margins
 - Unharvested cereals
 - Beetle banks
- Rotational wild bird cover (1-2 years)
- Permanent wild-flower cover (minimum five years)
- Cultivated uncropped margin for rare arable flora/weeds
- Conservation headlands (low input cereal headlands)
- Supplementary overwinter food for wintering birds
 - Stubbles with cover crops
- Methods for predation management (such as fencing for nests)
 - Other

15b. Which of these additional AE measures for arable farmland wildlife would you be interested in taking up, if they were available to you? (please choose a maximum of five)

- Floristically enhanced grass margins
 - Unharvested cereals
 - Beetle banks
- Rotational wild bird cover (1-2 years)
- Permanent wild-flower cover (minimum five years)
- Cultivated uncropped margin for rare arable flora/weeds
- Conservation headlands (low input cereal headlands)
 - Supplementary overwinter food for wintering birds
 - Stubbles with cover crops
- Methods for predation management (such as fencing for nests, lethal control)
 - Other

16. What are the main reasons you have taken up AE schemes for arable farmland wildlife? (please choose a maximum of five)

- Good value for money
- Improve the image of my farm
- Help the environment (e.g. water, air, climate)
 - Help the fauna and flora on my farm
 - For shooting interests
- Due to input from an advisor
 - Help control pests
 - Help to improve my soil
- Creates an added value for my produce (for example through a wildlife label)
 - It makes me feel good about my farm
 - Little extra work for the money
 - Measures fit easily in my farm
- Solution for my less productive arable land
 - To have a fixed basic income
 - Other

17. To what extent do you agree with the following statements regarding the inspection of AE schemes for arable farmland?

- I am happy with the current inspection system
- I think some form of inspection is necessary
- I feel that I have more inspections than farmers without AE schemes
- Inspectors should give prompt feedback (positive or negative)
 - I want the inspector's report within the financial year
 - AE scheme inspectors should have leeway
- Inspections could be carried out by individuals other than governmental inspectors (e.g. non-governmental bodies)
- I would like to nominate the individual/organization who comes to inspect me
- I want to be able to correct mistakes within a certain period to avoid penalties
 - I prefer to do self-assessment
- I would prefer that inspections are done by using a satellite system.
- My advisor(s) should be present during an inspection

18. What kind of advice is needed when entering arable farmland AE schemes? (please tick the top five that apply)

- Option choice
- Practical management of measures
 - Legal aspects
 - Financial implications
 - Environmental benefits
- How does the AE scheme benefit wildlife
 - To optimize the game on my farm
- I don't think advice is important generally
 - I don't need advice
 - I don't have an opinion on this
 - Other

19a. Would you pay for advice?

- Yes
- No.
- I don't have an opinion on this
- Other

19b. Is it important to have an advisor available throughout the course of your AE scheme agreement?

- Yes
- No
- I don't have an opinion on this
- Other

19c. How often would you like advice?

- Once a year
- Two or three times a year
- Only when starting an AE scheme
- When I request it
- I don't have an opinion on this
- Other

20a. Where do you prefer to get your advice? (please tick all that apply)

- Governmental advisors
- Advisor from a farmer cluster/collective
- Other advisors (e.g. wildlife charities, farmer advisor organizations)
- I research solutions for myself through experiment, press, print and/or online
- I don't have an opinion on this
- Other

20b. Who should pay for the advice? (please tick all that apply)

- The farmer
- The government
- The non-governmental organization providing the advice
- Farmer clusters should pay for the advice
- I don't have an opinion on this
- Other

21. Do you think that AE schemes need to be more flexible? (e.g. mowing, sowing, seed mixes, location, length, types of options,...)

No / No opinion

Yes

22. I think restrictions on the agricultural management of the options, (e.g. restrictions on pesticide use) should be more flexible.

Yes

No / No opinion

23. Which aspects of agricultural management should be more flexible? (please tick all that apply)

- Herbicide use
- The control of pernicious weeds (e.g. thistle)
- Fertilizer use
- Spreading manure
- Flexibility that allows a change of location (e.g. due to weed problems)
- Other

24. I think aspects of mowing should be more flexible.

Yes

No / No opinion

25. Which aspects of the mowing should be more flexible? (please tick all that apply)

- How many times you need to mow
- The dates you are required to mow by
- The use of the mown grass
- How early you are allowed to mow
- Other

26. I think aspects of sowing should be more flexible.

Yes

27. Which aspects of sowing should be more flexible? (please tick all that apply)

- Ability to control weeds chemically before sowing
- Flexibility in sowing dates
- The ability to use fertilisers on the option
- Other

No / No opinion

28. I think aspects of seed mixes should be more flexible.

Yes

29. Which aspects of seed mixes should be more flexible? (please tick all that apply)

- Designing your own mix (based on a list of possible species you could use)
- Choosing from a set list of predefined mixes (each designed to help different wildlife)
- Cost of seed mix affects the payment level, i.e. more expensive mixes, more payment
- Other

No / No opinion

30. I think the location that you can put options in should be more flexible.

Yes

31. Why do you want flexibility in the location of options? (please tick all that apply)

- When needed, to manage problems (e.g. weeds)
- Because it will fit better with the farm management (e.g. crop rotation)
- To better provide for the wildlife on my farm
- Other

No / No opinion

32. I think it should be possible to get a derogation from the rules (e.g. change of contract).

Yes

33. When should it be possible to have a derogation from the rules? (please tick all that apply)

- To increase the wildlife value of an option (e.g. to upgrade to a floristically enhanced margin from a standard grass margin)
 - Because of a problem (e.g. either agronomic or pest or weed issue) that becomes obvious during the period of the AE contract
- To adjust sowing dates that may be affected by drought or unusually wet conditions
- To mitigate effects of public access, etc. where AE measures have been damaged
- Other

No / No opinion

34. I think the length of the agreements should be more flexible.

Yes

35. What length(s) of contract would you prefer? (please select only one)

- Use annual contracts
- Use short contracts (less than five years)
- Use medium length contracts (between five to ten years)
- Use long-term contracts (e.g. 10+ years)
- Other

No / No opinion

36. I think the types of options that are available (e.g. for different habitats, biodiversity) should be more flexible

Yes

37. Which options would you like to have available to you? (please tick all that apply)

- Package deals (for example several options designed to help grey partridges)
- More options for rare arable plants
- More options for insects, such as pollinators
 - More options for soil health
 - More options for soil biodiversity
 - More options for climate change mitigation
- Winter songbird feeding - Payment for providing supplementary food (seeds) either spread on the ground or through feeders over winter.
- Other

No / No opinion

38. I think more predation management should be available (e.g. fencing of bird nests, lethal control).

Yes

No / No opinion

39. What types of predation management options should be paid for through AE scheme? (please tick all that apply)

- Fencing for nest protection.
- Planting options in habitat blocks of at least 1 ha in size to minimize predation risk.
- Lethal legal predator control.
- An increase in the width of strips increase (to at least 20m)
- Other

40a. Where should the money come from to finance AE schemes for arable farmland wildlife? (please tick all that apply)

- National government (UK)
- Country/National government (UK, Scotland, Wales, Northern Ireland)
- Consumers
- Other government levels (regional)
- Agri-business
- Private sector such as developers purchasing habitat credits for example
- I don't have an opinion on this
- Other

40b. What aspects should be included in the calculation of the payment? (Please choose a maximum of three)

- Income forgone
- Effort required to establish and maintain the habitat
- Habitat quality
- Soil type
- Type of farm
- Land price
- Rent
- Regional differences
- Result based (how much nature the farmer delivers - "payments by results")
- Monetary bonus (extra payment for extra delivery of wildlife/biodiversity)
- I don't have an opinion on this
- Other

41. In your opinion, is the payment for the wild bird seed mix options (£550 and £650 per hectare depending on the details of the option) adequate?

No

Yes / No opinion

42. In your view, what would be a more accurate payment?

43. Why don't you have AE options for arable farmland wildlife? (please tick all that apply)

- I have never heard of AE schemes
- I already do measures for the environment for free
- I have applied for AE schemes but was not successful
- AE schemes for arable wildlife are not available in my area
- I know about AE schemes, but I am not interested in joining them
- I had an AE scheme for arable farmland wildlife in the past, but it didn't work for me
- Other

44. What would persuade you to take up AE options for arable farmland? (please tick all that apply)

44a. Aspects to do with bureaucracy?

- Fewer inspections or other means of control
 - Self-assessment instead of inspection
- If it was possible to join AE schemes in your region
 - Less administration
 - Lower penalties
- No long-term legal restrictions when the AE scheme contract comes to an end
- Permission of the landowner that owns the land / farm
 - More trust in the government
- The ability to shoot on the AE option (in some regions and countries shooting is not allowed on the area managed in an AE scheme option)
- If land in AE schemes could count towards my greening requirement
- If I were assured that I would not receive an unwanted nature designation

44b. Aspects to do with flexibility?

- More flexible contracts (for example length of the contract, timing of contract)
- More flexibility in the management of options (for example, dates of ploughing, weed problems)
- A way to help distribute any excess manure that would be produced (restrictions apply in some areas regarding the spreading of farmyard manure on land in AE scheme)

44c. Aspects to do with money?

- Higher payments
- Payments for results
- If the payment was reliably paid

44d. Aspects to do with advice?

- Better written information
- If better face-to-face advice on these measures was available to me

44e. Aspects to do with the results of AE options for arable farmland?

- If there were AE options that fit the conditions of my farm
 - If I could work together with other farmers
- If there was measurable evidence that AE schemes deliver more wildlife
- Increased recognition from society for having AE options
- If these options would increase the value of my produce (e.g. through a wildlife label)
- If these options would result in more wild game on my land

44f. Other

45. If it were possible or the circumstances on your farm/shoot area were different, what kind of AE options for arable farmland wildlife would you choose? (please bear in mind that not all of these might be available to you now)

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Yes

No

71. In your view, what would be a more accurate payment?

72a. I would like to be kept informed of the outcome of the survey.
- No
- Yes. Please enter your email (your email will only be used for the purpose here announced)

72b. I would like to be entered into the draw for the prize.
- No
- Yes. Please enter your email (your email will only be used for the purpose here announced)

End.