

Upper Weaver Farm Grants Scheme 2019—2021

Option Type	Description	Cost of Operation	Notes
Yard Works	Above ground tank	£110m ³	The above ground storage tank will collect and contain rainwater and help to keep clean and dirty water separate. This will provide free clean water, which may be suitable to use for a number of tasks around the farm
	Downpipes & Gutters	£11.40/m	New guttering and downpipes (rainwater goods) will prevent the discharge of clean water on to fouled yard areas, The down pipes must then go into either tanks for rain water harvesting or into drains that take the clean top water away to ditches or brook.
	Roofing (sprayer washdown area, manure storage area, livestock gathering area, slurry stores, silage stores)	£62/m ²	This item will provide new roofing to reduce water pollution by preventing rainfall from getting into; sprayer washdown areas, manure storage areas, livestock gathering areas, slurry and silage stores. This has to be combined with the guttering and drainpipe option.
	Concrete yard Renewal	£27.14/m ²	To improve or upgrade existing outdoor (uncovered) yard areas. This will help to reduce foul drainage volumes, runoff and risk of water pollution.
Trackways	Cross drains	£245/unit	These items will provide either a means to intercept and conduct surface runoff away from farm tracks and yards. This will help reduce channelling of surface runoff and the risk of sediment and other pollution entering a watercourse.
	Livestock and machinery hardcore tracks	£33/m	This option will reduce surface runoff and the risk of sediment and other pollution entering a watercourse.
	Resurfacing Gateways	£92/unit	This will help reduce channelling of surface runoff and the risk of sediment and other pollution entering a watercourse.
Fencing	Fencing Barb Wire	£4.00/m	Used in areas to prevent livestock entering water courses, reducing, erosion of banks, poaching and soil runoff.
	Fencing Netting & Barb	£4.90/m	Used in areas to prevent livestock entering water courses, reducing, erosion of banks, poaching and soil runoff.

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Fencing	Permanent Electric Fencing	£4.90/m	Used in areas to prevent water pollution, livestock entering water and soil runoff. To complete a boundary and enable control of livestock and vehicle movements.
	Metal Field Gate	£140/unit	
	Wooden Field Gate	£390/unit	
Livestock Drinking	Hard bases for livestock drinkers	£110/unit	These items will provide hard bases where livestock can stand when drinking or feeding. This will reduce the risk of runoff and water pollution from mobilised sediments and organic manures.
	Hard bases for livestock feeders	£170/unit	
	Pasture Pumps and Pipework	£220/unit	These items will provide livestock with an alternative to drinking from watercourses. It will reduce bank erosion, sediment pollution and the faecal contamination of watercourses.
	Livestock Troughs	£110/unit	
	Pipework for livestock troughs	£2.65/m	
In field water retention	Grass swales	£5.95/m ²	A swale (channel) will collect surface runoff water or lightly contaminated water from farmyards or tracks. The collected water is conveyed to a watercourse or stored to infiltrate into the ground. This will help to reduce runoff and risk of soil erosion and water pollution. Swales can also slow water flows during heavy rainfall and reduce downstream flooding.
	Sediment traps / Attenuation ponds	£10/m ²	A sediment pond or trap will provide an area where muddy run-off from fields or tracks is allowed to pond so sediment will settle out. This will help reduce the risk of sediment and other pollutants entering a nearby watercourse.
	Earth bunds	£155/unit	An earth bank or soil bund can be used to: slow the movement of water, protect streams and rivers from pollutants, slow flows during high rainfall and reduce downstream flooding. It can control water levels, and aid raised water levels for habitat creation and restoration.
	Check dams and woody debris dams	£42/m ²	Check dams or woody debris dams in woodland will slow the movement of water in small natural streams and ditches. They will slow surface water, allowing sediment and other pollutants to settle out, helping to improve water quality and reduce downstream flooding.
Tree Planting	Standard hedgerow tree planting	£8.80/unit	Can be used on: * sites of former hedgerows * sites where creation would extend or link existing lengths of hedgerow to create wildlife corridors * sites where creation will help reduce soil erosion and runoff
	New Hedge Planting	£11.60/m	
	Tree Guard (tube and mesh)	£4.00/tree	
	Hedgerow gapping up	£9.50/m	
Landowner innovation	Landowner Innovation for items not covered in standard Countryside Stewardship Schemes	70% of costs funded by grant, 30% of costs funded by farmer	

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Soil Management	Grassland Aeration	£18.50/ha	Proper soil management will help to reduce runoff and reduce the risk of soil erosion and water pollution. This will ensure that more productive topsoil is left on fields on not in ditches or roads.
	Grassland sward lifting	£57/ha	
	Arable Subsoiling	£58/ha	
	Winter Cover Crops	£114 p/ha	
	Undersown Cereal	£86 / ha	

This table gives an idea of the grants available for eligible farms in the seven priority Upper Weaver sub-catchments.

This grant scheme is being delivered by Severn Rivers Trust and Mersey Rivers Trust on behalf of United Utilities Water Limited who have been successful in obtaining a Water Environment Grant (WEG) funded by the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development.

If you wish to apply for this grant scheme, your farm plan will act as your application form. Once the farm plan has been approved, we will provide written confirmation of approval, dependant on you providing detailed costings for each grant option.

All capital works will be paid for at Countryside Stewardship rates as detailed above, unless they come under Landowner Innovation which is funded 70% grant : 30% landowner.

You must provide receipts and photographic evidence for any work done, and allow the farm advisor or equivalent from Mersey RT or Severn RT access to verify the grant aided work has been completed.

For undersown cereals and winter cover crop options, the agreement states that destruction of the crop must be done by incorporation. Payment for these options is a single years/one off payment per agreement, and investment into these crops must be not result in direct profit to the farm/ farmer.

Any funded interventions need to be in place until 31st March 2025, and can be visited/audited during this period.

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