

SPRING 2 Scheme - Environmental Protection Application Form

To qualify for the SPRING 2 Scheme we ask that you provide farm maps; all data will remain strictly confidential and will not be disclosed to any external parties; all information provided is used to determine selection in the case of oversubscription and to further improve our knowledge of the catchment.

This application MUST be submitted prior to 1st December 2026. Work can commence once you have received an acceptance letter (around April). Once accepted, all completed work must be sent prior to 31 January 2028. If options are in for multiple years, please reapply when the new application window opens.

How to apply

For more details or to apply, contact the Catchment Management Team:

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Section 1: Applicant details

Your name:	
Farm name:	
Address:	
Postcode:	
Home telephone No:	
Mobile telephone No:	
Email address:	
Name of agronomist:	
Name of agronomy company:	
Agronomist contact details:	

Section 2: Farm details

Single business identifier:

Type of farm business

☐ Tenant

☐ Farm manager

☐ Landlord

☐ Other (please specify)

☐ Owner

Farm size

Total hectares farmed in the catchment

If you are a tenant farmer; do you have management control for all on-farm improvements to be installed for the duration of SPRING?

☐ Yes

☐ No

Date tenancy expires

Farming activity

☐ Cereals

☐ Root crops

☐ Other

☐ Oilseed rape

☐ Cattle

☐ Potatoes

☐ Dairy

Are you currently in an Sustainable Farming Incentive (SFI) agreement? ☐ Yes ☐ No

(We are taking this into consideration when determining how funding is prioritised. Options that have already been put in with SFI will be favoured. This will allow the greatest benefit to the catchment.)

If yes, please detail below which options have been put in with SFI.

Please proceed with the application if there are additional options that you are not able to put in with SFI.

Section 3: Project details

It is mandatory to supply a farm map and photos that show the location of the proposed work and the farm boundaries. All farmyard options require a plan or sketch detailing the proposed layout and locations of all requested items. Photos are only required to show the proposed area for improvements.

Note: you could provide a copy of your Rural Land Registry map that delineates your farm boundary and further annotate this with the proposed project location(s). Please include field numbers and indicate the location on the application map; where field numbers are not available please provide a grid reference (e.g. for location of cross drains). www.gridreferencefinder.com

Claim for field options

If necessary please continue with further details on a separate sheet where there are multiple locations (field numbers and grid references) for the Scheme option chosen.

Field option	Unit	SPRING rate	Total area / length / quantity	Number of years option in for	Total cost	Field numbers
12 - 24m Watercourse buffer on cultivated land	ha	£613.00				
4 - 6m Watercourse buffer on cultivated land	ha	£452.00				
4 - 6m Watercourse buffer on intensive grassland	ha	£200.00				
Arable reversion into grassland	ha	£375.00				
Cover crop - annually sown	ha	£500.00				
Cover crop - grazed	ha	£56.00				
Cover crop - SFI top up	ha	£21				
Cover crops	ha	£126.00				
Flower-rich mix	ha	£674.00				
Hedge laying/restoration	ha	£11.00 (up to £1,000)				
Hedge planting	ha	£15.00 (up to £1,000)				
Herbal ley	ha	£115.00				
Legume fallow	ha	£522.00				
Oats, peas and vetch	ha	£110.00				
Oats, peas and vetch undersown with clover	ha	£150.00				
Permanent grassland - low input	ha	£125.00				
Take field corners out of management	ha	£400.00				
Undersowing maize	ha	£120.00				
Wild bird seed mixture	ha	£600.00				
Wildfarmed water premium	ha	£200.00				

Further requests / comments (You can suggest your own project / options as long as it has water quality benefits)

Claim for capital items

If necessary please continue with further details on a separate sheet where theres multiple locations (field numbers and grid references) for the Scheme option chosen.

Capital option	Unit	SPRING rate	Total area / length / quantity	Total cost	Field numbers
Below ground dirty water tanks	m3	£350.00			
Biobed (lined)	m2	£64.00			
Biofilter	Units	£980.00			
Bucket brush	Unit	50% of total (up to £1,000)			
Bulk bag dispenser	Unit	£50.00			
Bund - nitrate	Unit	50% of total (up to £3,000)			
Bund - soil	Unit	£194.00			
Concrete (visit required)	m2	£30 (up to £4,000)			
Chemical store	Unit	50% of total (up to £3,000)			
Closed transfer system	Unit	50% of total (up to £2,500)			
Cross drains	Units	£300.00			
Gate - as soakaway	Units	£400.00 (£750 for a double)			
Gate - at a river crossing	Units	£200.00			
Gate - relocation	Units	£320.00			
Gate - resurfacing	Units	£130.00			
Livestock & Machinery hardcore tracks	m	£30.00 (up to £2,000)			
PA training	Total cost	100% (excluding VAT and certificate)			
Pesticide sprayer washdown/handling area	m2	£40.00			
Piped culvert	Units	£350.00			
Pesticide/sprayer washdown area/slurry store - roofing	m2	£70.00			
Soil Testing	Total cost	Based on quote, 50% of total (up to £2,000, excluding VAT)			
Spill kit	Unit	50% of total (up to £200)			

Claim for capital items

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Capital option	Unit	SPRING rate	Total area / length / quantity	Total cost	Field numbers
Sprayer calibration	Total cost	Based on quote, 100% of total (up to £1,000, excluding VAT and mileage)			
Sprayer efficiency add-ons	Unit	50% of total (up to £300)			
Trough	Units	£100.00			
Trough - Hard base for livestock drinkers/feeders	Units	£150.00			
Trough - Pipework	m	£2.00			
Watercourse Fencing - Permanent electric	m	£4.50 (up to £2,500)			
Watercourse Fencing - Post and wire	m	£5.50 (up to £2,500)			
Watercourse Fencing - Sheep netting	m	£7.00 (up to £2,500)			
Weed Wipers	Total cost	£50% (up to £4,000)			

Section 4: Consents and permissions

A - Is the proposed work within close vicinity to a watercourse?

☐ Yes ☐ No

(i) If yes, have you contacted the Environment Agency/local flood authority for advice?

☐ Yes ☐ No

By ticking no, you are declaring that no written consent is required.

(ii) From the advice sought, do you require a permit?

☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, please ensure written consent is enclosed as part of this application.

B - Is planning permission required?

☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, please ensure a copy of planning permission is available if requested.

C - Is the proposed work located within a Site of Special Scientific Interest?

☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, please ensure written consent is enclosed as part of this application.

D - Does your work pose potential discharge risks from pesticides to surface or groundwater?

☐ Yes ☐ No

(i) If yes, have you contacted the Environment Agency/local flood authority for advice?

☐ Yes ☐ No

By ticking no, you are declaring that no written consent is required.

(ii) From the advice sought, do you require an Environmental Permit or Exemption under the [Environmental Permitting Regulations \(2010\)](#)?

☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, please ensure written consent is enclosed as part of this application.

E - Have you obtained a grant from South Staffordshire Water before?

☐ Yes ☐ No

(i) Have you obtained grants from another organisation (CSF, Natural England, Wildlife Trust, etc)?

☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, please refer to Page 2; Section 2. And please provide the scheme number:

Section 5: Declarations

By signing this form I understand that I am accepting and agree to be bound by the terms and conditions of the Scheme.

PLEASE TICK AND SIGN DECLARATION

- ☐ All information I have supplied in this form is correct to the best of my knowledge.
- ☐ I have read and agree to the terms and conditions of the Scheme.
- ☐ I understand that I am responsible for pursuing and obtaining all necessary permissions, consents, permits or approvals from the relevant bodies and authorities for the work itemised as part of this application.
- ☐ I understand work carried out under the Scheme must comply with all relevant health and safety legislation.
- ☐ I have read and understand the obligations put upon me under the Scheme.
- ☐ I understand that I am not able to claim for an option payment under the Scheme where payment is already being received from another source (known as dual funding) e.g. an existing Environmental Stewardship scheme.
- ☐ I understand that this application and any subsequent offers of grant are only in respect of the funding of the project and do not confer any other approvals.
- ☐ I agree to South Staffordshire Water contacting me using any of the contact details provided in Section 1 in relation to my application and the administration of the Scheme.

If you would like to be contacted by Cambridge Water in relation to any other catchment events and promotions, please tick the methods of communication you are happy to receive:

☐ Post ☐ Phone ☐ Email

You may opt-out of receiving such communication at any time. To do so, please contact the Catchment Management Team (details above).

- ☐ I understand that South Staffordshire Water will process my information in accordance with the South Staffordshire Water's privacy policy (available at www.south-staffs-water.co.uk/privacy-cookie-policy) for the purposes of assessing my application and administering the Scheme.
- ☐ By completing and signing this form, I confirm that where third party information is provided, I have obtained express consent from the third party that their information will be shared with South Staffordshire Water and processed in accordance with South Staffordshire Water's privacy policy.

All applicants are required to sign this declaration; landlords, please ensure that both you and your tenant(s) have signed this form.

Signed Date

Print name

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The submission of false or misleading information or statements may lead to disqualification and/or liability to refund any grant payments obtained through the Scheme.

Payment Details

Payee Name

Sort Code: – –

Account Number: