

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 31 January 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 2027.

How to apply

For more details or to apply contact **Erin Green** or **Allanagh Betts**

Visit our website: www.south-staffs-water.co.uk/environment/catchment-management/spring

Email: ErinGreen@south-staffs-water.co.uk and AllanaghBetts@south-staffs-water.co.uk

Tel: 07780 654451 (Erin) and 07443 211950 (Allanagh)

By post: Erin Green/Allanagh Betts, South Staffs Water, Green Lane, Walsall, WS2 7PD

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

CPH number:

Single business identifier:

Type of Farm business

- Tenant
- Landlord
- Owner
- Farm manager
- Other (please specify)

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
- Oilseed rape
- Potatoes
- Root crops
- Cattle
- Dairy
- Other

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. Please outline farm boundary in a black marker.

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 non-capital items

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.

Option number	Field option	Unit	SPRING rate	Total area / length / quantity	Total cost	Field numbers
SSW2	4-6m Buffer on cultivated land	ha	£452.00			
SSW3	4-6m Buffer on intensive grassland	ha	£200.00			
SSW4	12-24m Watercourse buffer on cultivated land	ha	£613.00			
SSW5	Flower-rich margins	ha	£674.00			
SSW7	Beetle banks	ha	£600.00			
SSW8	Take field corners out of management	ha	£400.00			
SSW9	Wild bird seed mix	ha	£769.00			
SSW10	Cover crops	ha	variable			
SSW11	Contour cropping	ha	£10.00			
SSW14	Arable reversion into grassland	ha	£326.00			
SSW15	Undersowing Spring cereal	ha	£300.00			
SSWSPL	Cover crop - annually sown	ha	£500.00			
SSWSPL	Cover crop - grazed	ha	£130.00			
SSWSPL	Cover crop - SFI top up	ha	£120.00			
SSWSPL	Hedge laying/restoration	m	£11.00			
SSWSPL	Hedge planting	m	£15.00			
SSWSPL	Herbal lay	ha	£115.00			
SSWSPL	Low input grassland	ha	£125.00			
SSWSPL	Oats, peas and vetch	ha	£110.00			
SSWSPL	Oats, peas and vetch undersown with clover	ha	£150.00			
SSWSPL	Two year legume fallow	ha	£593.00			
SSWSPL	Undersowing maize	ha	£120.00			
SSWSPL	Wildfarmed water premium	ha	£200.00			

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

Please use a continuation sheet and attach to this form.

Claim for capital items

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.

Option number	Capital option	Unit	New SPRING	Total area / length / quantity	Total cost	Field numbers
SSW16	Pesticide sprayer washdown/handling area	m ²	£40.00			
SSW17	Biobed (lined)	m ²	£75.00			
SSW18	Biofilter	per unit	£980.00			
SSW19	Pesticide/sprayer washdown area - roofing	m ²	£70.00			
SSW21	Fencing - post and wire	m	£5.50			
SSW22	Fencing - sheep netting	m	£7.50			
SSW23	Permanent electric fencing	m	£5.50			
SSW25	Gate	per unit	£200.00			
SSW26	Gateway relocation	per unit	£320.00			
SSW27	Gateway resurfacing	per unit	£130.00			
SSW29	Trough hardbases	per unit	£200.00			
SSW30	Trough	per unit	£100.00			
SSW31	Troughs pipework	m	£2.00			
SSW32	Livestock and machinery hardcore tracks	m	£42.00			
SSW33	Cross drains	per unit	£300.00			
SSW34	Piped culvert	per unit	£350.00			
SSW35	Rainwater goods	m	£12.00			
SSW40	Coppicing bankside trees	per unit	£25.00			
SSWSPL	Bird feeder	per unit	£30.00			
SSWSPL	Concrete	m ²	£30 (capped at £4,000)			
SSWSPL	Soakaway gateway	per unit	£400.00			
SSWSPL	Soakaway gateway double	per unit	£750.00			
SSWSPL	Above ground tank	m ³	£115.00			
SSWSPL	Below ground tank	m ³	£350.00			
SSWSPL	First flush diverter	per unit	£170.00			
SSWSPL	Soil testing	Based on a quote				
SSWSPL	Callibration	Based on a quote				

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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 Staffs Water before?

Yes No

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

Yes No

If yes, please notify your South Staffs Water Catchment Advisor in order to avoid potential issues of dual funding. And please provide the scheme number:

(ii) Are you applying for an item to replace an expired HLS or ELS option?

Yes No

If yes, please provide details of this with accompanying evidence that the agreement has ended.

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 Staffs 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 South Staffs 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 Erin Green or Allagnah Betts (details above).

- I understand that South Staffs Water will process my information in accordance with the South Staffs 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 Staffs Water and processed in accordance with South Staffs 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

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: