



AGRI-ENVIRONMENT SCHEME ANNUAL REPORT

SCHEME YEAR:
1 APRIL 2021 – 31 MARCH 2022



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Government

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Top 10 Schedules (excluding upland stewardship)

13.80%

Herd/Flock Health

9%

Manure Management

7.20%

Winter Stubble

6.80%

Hedge Management

6.80%

Farmer Initiatives

6.70%

Crop Nutrient
Management

6%

Creation of Legume
Rich Swards

5.10%

Legumes Combined

4.70%

Beef KPIs

4.40%

Sheep KPIs

*Did you know in the first year of the Agri-Environment Scheme we planted over 3 acres of woodland across three separate farms

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INTRODUCTION

The Agri-Environment Scheme (AES) is designed to provide targeted support for active farmers towards protecting and enhancing the environment and improving the efficiency and sustainability of their farming business.

The scheme was formally launched on 1 April 2021, with the Manx Wildlife Trust appointed as delivery partner on 7 July 2021.

This report covers the first year of the AES: 1 April 2021-31 March 2022.

KEY OBJECTIVES



KEY OUTCOMES OF THE FIRST SCHEME YEAR - CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT

You Said, We Did:

<i>Too many application forms</i>	Number of forms reduced from 29 to 17 in April 2022. Removal of requirement for physical signatures for applications via email.
<i>The ability to part claim</i>	We allowed part claims on certain initiatives to help with applicants' cash flow.
<i>Two different documents</i>	Separate <i>Handbook</i> and <i>Guidelines</i> documents merged , fully reviewed, clarified and improved in April 2022. All in-year deadlines now clearly listed on DEFA website in one place.

<i>I don't know where to start</i>	The simplest 'active farmer' forms (i.e. KPIs, Manure Plan, Health Plan etc) were sent to all Manx farmers in December 2021, even those who had not yet applied, with an excellent rate of return.
<i>The forms are too difficult</i>	<p>Delivery team are now able to assist with form filling (contact david@mwt.im or ilbs@manx.net).</p> <p>Imported Lime form now available in both paper format and online through a simplified form.</p> <p>Requirement to supply Manure Plan and Health Plans dropped for those farms which are Farm Assured.</p>
<i>Forms too confusing</i>	<p>Drop-in assistance session held at DEFA on 22 February 2022.</p> <p>The simplified 2022 Primary Initiatives form was sent to all farms within annual ADS paperwork.</p> <p>The two Farmer Initiatives have been merged into one.</p>
<i>Can't understand payment codes</i>	Breakdown of payment codes sent to all farmers by post in spring 2022, and also available online .
<i>Can't find field numbers, sizes, boundary lengths or locations of protected areas</i>	All now available via the Island Environment online map.
<i>Not enough support for active farming and innovation</i>	Two new initiatives launched mid-way through scheme year, 5/06n: The Creation of Herbal leys & 5/06o: Pest and Disease Monitoring .
<i>No support for local lime</i>	Local lime grant announced on 5 May 2022 and approved at a rate of 50%

Woodland Planting Scheme

Purpose: To extend and create new woodland composed of species listed in Appendix 1. Tree planting also delivers carbon capture and storage, reduced flooding, maintenance of soils and soil fauna, shade and shelter for livestock and crops.

Schedule / Number
5/01a(i)

Payment Rate:
Up-to 100%
Minimum area in any block - 0.5 acre
Maximum area per year - 5 acres

Number of farms receiving payment for this initiative:

- 3 separate farms received payments for woodland planting.

Average payment:

- The average payment was £2,976.75

Total payment (all farms):

- All three payments totalled £8,930.25

Area covered (acres):

- Three acres of Woodland was planted across three farms.

Percent of Agri-Environment total spend:

- The Woodland Planting Scheme payments were 0.6% of the total AES spend.



Isle of Man Woodland Trust tree planting in Andreas parish in December 2021.

Dubs, ponds, scrapes and wetland habitats

Purpose: To create new dubs, ponds, scrapes and wetland habitats. Benefits to biodiversity, as well as water storage to elevate the effects of summer droughts and downstream flooding.

Schedule / Number 5/01a(ii)	Payment Rate: maximum of £2,000 Up-to 100%
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Number of farms receiving payment for this initiative:

- 4 separate farms received payments for Dubs, ponds, scrapes and wetland habitats.

Total payment (all farms):

- The total of all payments was £4,522.00

Percent of Agri-Environment total spend:

- Dubs, Ponds and Scrapes payments were 0.3% of the total AES spend.



One of the two new dubs created in an unproductive, damp field corner at Smeale Farm, specifically **designed for wildlife with both steeply sided banks and an extensive shallow 'draw-down zone'.**

New Hedge Planting	
Purpose: To join other hedges and areas of habitat in localities where the network of field boundaries is fragmented and has been replaced by fences. This benefits biodiversity, carbon capture and storage, reduces flooding, improves soils and soil fauna, and provides shade and shelter for livestock and crops.	
Schedule / Number 5/01a(iii)	Payment Rates: £15/m for first year and £5/m in second year or 75% of actual costs agreed with DEFA and the Agri-Environment Delivery Partner prior to planting. Maximum of 300m/year inspection required if any application is for a greater amount.
<p>Number of farms receiving payment for this initiative:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 separate farms received payments for New Hedge Planting. <p>Total payment (all farms):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The total of all three payments was £8,083.50 <p>Percent of Agri-Environment total spend:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New Hedge Planting payments were 0.5% of the total AES spend. 	



Farmer Initiatives	
Purpose: Any other habitat enhancement or creation options will be looked at with a view to paying for wildlife and landscape benefits. Where a particular species requires a particular management this option may be recommended.	
Schedule / Number 5/01a(iv)	Payment rates to be confirmed on application Any proposal will be compared with equivalent options from other agri-environment schemes in the British Isles, and a payment rate established accordingly. This will be discussed with DEFA and the Agri-Environment Delivery Partner, and a payment will be calculated and agreed prior to application. Evidence of any associated capital expenses will be required.
<p>Number of farms receiving payment for this initiative:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 35 separate farms received Farmer Initiative payments. <p>Total payment (all farms):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The total of all payments came to £101,999.34. <p>Percent of Agri-Environment total spend:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Farmer Initiative payments were 6.8% of the total AES spend. 	

This initiative paid for bespoke outcomes and objectives as presented by the farmers and then supported by the Delivery Partners MWT.

Examples include: very small woodland or copse (Manx native trees/shrubs), individual trees in field corners, traditional hedge laying and some small scale seed planting and habitat creation options which did not fit in the existing initiatives.

The overwhelming majority of the payments (over 95%) were paid to reward farmers for existing practices that they are already doing and have been doing for many years in most cases *"delivering a unique or desirable permanent habitat through current farming practices"* as agreed with the Delivery Partner. This is now an initiative in the handbook 5/06p for the 2022 scheme.

The Department paid either pre agreed capital and income forgone or management costs at the rate of £58 per acre on the following sliding scale;

- Up to 10 acres - 100% of the land is eligible to receive payment
- 10 up to 20 acres - 50% of this additional land is eligible to receive payment
- Over 20 acres - 20% of this additional land is eligible to receive payment

Examples include: traditional hay meadows, species rich grassland, fungi rich flora and fauna, acid grass, priority bird habitats, wetland creation & wetland habitats.

The criteria included:

Eligibility:

- Any area of land that has been identified as delivering a unique or sought after habitat through current farming practices

Eligible Land:

- Land eligible for this initiative under the ADS as agreed with the Delivery Partner and DEFA

Ineligible Land:

- Any land already in receipt of payments under a Section 27 or Section 30 Wildlife Act Management Agreement
- Any land that has been abandoned or land not considered to be in Good Agricultural and Environmental Condition by the Department
- Any land under Organic scheme conversion or management as part of 5/06f

Management Conditions:

- Must be agreed with the Delivery Partner

Winter Stubble	
Purpose: To provide foraging and feeding areas for birds such as yellowhammer, skylark, flocks of finches and tree and house sparrows.	
Schedule Number 5/01b(i)	Payment Rate: £58/acre Minimum area 2.5 acres per farm The following payment rate will be applied to the following cereal acres of each farm: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Up to 10 acres - 100% of the land is eligible to receive payment • 10 up to 20 acres - 50% of this additional land is eligible to receive payment • Over 20 acres - 20% of this additional land is eligible to receive payment

Number of farms receiving payment for this initiative:

- 60 farms received payments for Winter Stubble

Total payment (all farms):

- The total of all payments came to £107,202.55

Percent of Agri-Environment total spend:

- Winter Stubble payments were 7.2% of the total AES spend.



Well-managed, weedy and grain-strewn stubbles are vital in getting our native farmland birds such as [Yellowhammer](#), [Tree Sparrow](#), [Skylark](#), [Meadow Pipit](#) & [Linnet](#) through the hungry winter.

<p>Winter Fodder Crops</p> <p>Payment for growing winter fodder crops</p> <p>Purpose: To provide cover and feeding areas for birds such as yellowhammer, skylark, and flocks of finches, including linnet.</p>	
<p>Schedule / Number</p> <p>5/01b(ii)</p>	<p>Payment Rate:</p> <p>£10/acre</p> <p>Minimum area 1.25 acres</p>
<p>Number of farms receiving payment for this initiative:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 49 farms received payment for Winter Fodder Crops <p>Total payment (all farms):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The total of all payments came to £27,097.20 <p>Percent of Agri-Environment total spend:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Winter Fodder Crop payments were 1.8% of the total AES spend. 	

<p>Traditional Spring Cropping</p> <p>Payment for growing cereal crops: spring wheat, spring barley, oats or rye, with low inputs of fertiliser and no herbicides or insecticides.</p> <p>Purpose: To encourage seed eating birds and scarce arable weeds and provide a diversity of cultivation practices which leads to a greater variety of associated wildlife and plants.</p>	
<p>Schedule / Number</p> <p>5/01b(iii)</p>	<p>Payment Rate:</p> <p>£100/acre</p> <p>Maximum acreage per applicant is 20 acres</p>
<p>Number of farms receiving payment for this initiative:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 33 farms received payment for Traditional Spring Cropping. <p>Total payment (all farms):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The total of all payments came to £54,870.90 <p>Percent of Agri-Environment total spend:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Traditional Spring Cropping payments were 3.6% of the total AES spend. 	

Conservation Headlands

Purpose: To encourage growth of a number of broadleaved weeds and hence the insects which feed on them. The weed seeds and insects in turn are vital food items for game birds, yellowhammers and skylarks and encourage predators of aphids and other crop pests (such as ground beetles). Conservation headlands can be a refuge for rare and declining arable plants.

Schedule / Number 5/01b(iv)	Payment Rate: £100/acre Minimum area 1 acre
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Number of farms receiving payment for this initiative:

- 7 farms received payments for Conservation Headlands.

Total payment (all farms):

- The total of all payments came to £7,211.60

Area covered (acres):

- 72.2acres

Percent of Agri-Environment total spend:

- Conservation Headlands payments were 0.4% of the total AES spend.

Unharvested Cereal Headlands

Purpose: To provide an important food source for farmland birds and insects in the summer, and to provide both grain and seeding arable plants in winter.

If successful there will be:

- Areas of open crop growth, allowing access for foraging farmland birds
- A crop structure supporting a range of declining arable plants and other broad-leaved plants
- plants providing summer and winter foraging for declining and localised farmland birds, mammals and important farmland pollinator species, such as bees and other beneficial insects
- Strips or areas of weedy unharvested cereals providing over-wintering habitat for insects and food for seed-eating farmland birds

Schedule / Number
5/01b(v)

Payment Rate:

£260/acre

Minimum area 1 acre, Maximum area 20 acres per applicant

Number of farms receiving payment for this initiative:

- 9 farms received payments for Unharvested Cereal Headlands.
- The total of all payments came to £14,490.47

Area covered (acres):

- 55.7 acres

Percent of Agri-Environment total spend:

- Unharvested Cereal Headlands payments were 0.9% of the total AES spend.



This single field of barley was left unharvested in Onchan over the winter. In February 2022 it was surveyed by the MWT Calf of Man Bird Observatory wardens and found to be supporting a huge number of farmland birds, including 300 [Chaffinch](#), 150 red-listed [Linnet](#), 26 amber-listed (and uncommon) [Brambling](#), 24 red-listed [Skylark](#), 5 red-listed [Meadow Pipit](#) and a specially-protected [Reed Bunting](#).

Biennial Wild Bird Seed Mix Strips	
Purpose: To provide a year-round habitat for wildlife such as pollinators and birds.	
Schedule / Number 5/01b(vi)	Payment Rate: £110 per acre Minimum area 1 acre
<p>Number of farms receiving payment for this initiative:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6 farms received payments for Biennial Wild Bird Seed Mix Strips. <p>Total payment (all farms):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The total of all payments came to £4,013.90 <p>Area covered (acres):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 36.4 acres <p>Percent of Agri-Environment total spend:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Biennial Wild Bird Seed Mix Strip payments were 0.2% of the total AES spend 	

Supplementary Winter Feeding for Farmland Birds

Purpose: supplementary feed seed-eating farmland birds from December to April on arable and mixed farms through a period known as the 'hungry gap' when natural seed sources are depleted.

Schedule/ Number
5/01b(vii)

Payment Rate:

£650 per tonne of feed for every 5 acres of 'transient habitats'

(1 tonne will cater for 2 feeding stations for 20 weeks) capped at 10 acres or 10% of the combinable crop acreage, whichever is the largest area.

Number of farms receiving payment for this initiative:

- 1 farm received payment for Supplementary Winter Feeding for Farmland Birds.

Total payment (all farms):

- The total of all payments came to £2,210.00

Percent of Agri-Environment total spend:

- Supplementary Winter Feeding payments were 0.1% of the total AES spend



Yellowhammer at Thurot Cottage, Bride, 23 December 2010. Photograph courtesy of Pete Hadfield. The last confirmed breeding record of Yellowhammer was in 2008 (Jurby), the last stronghold in Bride was lost in 2014, the last suspected breeding record was in 2016 (Sandygate) and the last confirmed sighting was on 7 April 2018 (Cregneash). Loss of winter spilt grain and outdoor feeding of stock with loose grain likely played a significant role in the loss of the Manx Yellowhammer.

Hedge Management	
Purpose: To provide enhanced hedge management to the benefit of wildlife.	
Schedule / Number 5/02b	Payment Rate: £8/100m for 1 side of a hedge
<p>Number of farms receiving payment for this initiative:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 65 farms received payment for Hedge Management <p>Total payment (all farms):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The total of all payments was £101,839.24 <p>Percent of Agri-Environment total spend:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hedge Management payments were 6.8% of the total AES spend 	

Dry-stone Walling, Repairing or Rebuilding	
Purpose: To create, maintain and replace dry stone walls in parts of the Island where these are an important landscape feature. Walls also provide a nesting habitat for birds, give warmth and shelter to lizards and butterflies, and shelter livestock.	
Schedule / Number 5/02c	Payment Rate: Payment rate £30/m ² Maximum length 100m/year An additional £6.50/m if materials need to be brought to the site. Top wiring or scare wire £1/m (only for walls built or repaired under the Scheme)
<p>Number of farms receiving payment for this initiative:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6 farms received payment for Dry-stone walling. <p>Total payment (all farms):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The total of all payments was £18,933.00 <p>Percent of Agri-Environment total spend:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dry-stone walling payments were 1.2% of the total AES spend 	

Manx Sod Hedge Building, Repairing or Rebuilding

Purpose: To create, repair or replace Manx sod hedges (stone faced earth banks) in parts of the Island where these are an important landscape feature. These banks provide a nesting habitat for many birds, gives warmth and shelter to lizards and butterflies, supports particular **wildflower species such as harebell, primroses and sheep's bit scabious** and provides good shelter for livestock.

Schedule / Number	Capital payment:
5/02d	Up-to 100%
	Up-to 100m per year

Number of farms receiving payment for this initiative:

- 3 farms received payment for Manx Sod Hedge Building.

Total payment (all farms):

- The total payment was £7,902.62

Percent of Agri-Environment total spend:

- Manx Sod Hedge payments were 0.5% of the total AES spend



A newly rebuilt sod hedge in Malew parish, quickly revegetating and soon available as the favoured nesting site of the [Whitethroat](#) which visits the Island in summer to breed.

Control of Invasive Non-Native Plant Species

Purpose: To support the active management and eradication of infestations of any invasive non-native plant species listed on Schedule 8 of the Wildlife Act 1990, including Himalayan balsam and Japanese knotweed.

Schedule / Number
5/03a

Payment Rate:
Up-to £400 per acre as assessed

Number of farms receiving payment for this initiative:

- 3 farms received payment for Control of Invasive Plant Species.

Total payment (all farms):

- The total payment was £1,971.70

Percent of Agri-Environment total spend:

- Control of Invasive Species payments were 0.1% of the total AES spend



Himalayan Balsam at Glen Maye. This invasive plant is typically found along Manx ditches and streams. It can simply be pulled by hand and sent for incineration. This needs to be done before July when the seed pods being to ripen.


Water Protection Zones	
Purpose: To protect banks of watercourses, ponds and dubs from erosion, prevent pollution of water by dung and silt and protect bankside vegetation from grazing and trampling by livestock.	
Schedule/ Number 5/04b	Payment Rates: Above Mountain Line land £8/acre Permanent grassland £80/acre Improved grassland (temporary ley) or arable £120/acre Minimum length 20m (fencing is not necessary if there is less than this in total)
<p>Number of farms receiving payment for this initiative:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 farm received a payment for Water Protections Zones <p>Total payment (all farms):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The total of all payments was £424.80 <p>Percent of Agri-Environment total spend:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Water Protection Zone payments were 0.02% of the total AES spend 	

Crop Nutrient Management Plan	
Purpose: To reduce the risk of direct and diffuse pollution of rivers and streams, whilst maximising returns to the farmer.	
Schedule/ Number 5/05a	Payment Rate: £50 plus £1.50/acre Minimum area – total eligible acres (excludes AML)
<p>Number of farms receiving payment for this initiative:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 96 farms received a payment for Crop Nutrient Management Plan <p>Total payment (all farms):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The total of all payments was £100,388.74. This initiative was paid twice through a supplementary payment. <p>Percent of Agri-Environment total spend:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Crop Nutrient Management Plan payments were 6.7% of the total AES spend 	

<p>Manure Management Plan</p> <p>Purpose: To reduce the risk of direct and diffuse pollution of rivers and streams, whilst maximising returns to the farmer.</p>	
<p>Schedule/ Number 5/05b</p>	<p>Payment Rate: £50 plus £1.50/acre Minimum area – total eligible acres (excludes AML)</p>
<p>Number of farms receiving payment for this initiative:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 124 farms received payments for Manure Management Plans. <p>Total payment (all farms):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The total of all payments was £132,392.27 This initiative was paid twice through a supplementary payment. <p>Percent of Agri-Environment total spend:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Manure Management Plan payments were 9% of the total AES spend 	

<p>Infield Grass Strips</p> <p>Purpose: To reduce the quantity of sediment, nutrients and pesticides transported through surface run off, both within field and from field to field.</p>	
<p>Schedule / Number 5/05c</p>	<p>Payment Rate: £225 per acre Minimum area – 1.25 eligible acres</p>
<p>Number of farms receiving payment for this initiative:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5 farms received a payment for Infield Grass Strips. <p>Total payment (all farms):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The total of all payments was £2,430.00 <p>Percent of Agri-Environment total spend:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Infield Grass Strips payments were 0.2% of the total AES spend 	

Winter Cover Crops	
Purpose: Minimise soil erosion and nutrient leaching.	
Schedule / Number 5/06a	Payment Rate: £50/acre Minimum 5 eligible acres – Maximum 40 eligible acres
<p>Number of farms receiving payment for this initiative:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 14 farms received a payment for Winter Cover Crops <p>Total payment (all farms):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The total of all payments was £14,416.00 <p>Percent of Agri-Environment total spend:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Winter Cover Crop payments were 1% of the total AES spend 	

Soil fertility - Soil Sampling	
Purpose: To match fertiliser use, organic and artificial, to crop need; optimising the use of nutrients whilst maximising returns to the farmer.	
Schedule / Number 5/06b	Payment Rate: 50% of actual cost of sampling and analysis costs Minimum 5 and maximum 20 samples (excludes AML)
<p>Number of farms receiving payment for this initiative:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 20 farms received a payment for Soil Sampling. <p>Total payment (all farms):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The total of all payments was £2,168.22 <p>Percent of Agri-Environment total spend:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Soil Sampling payments were 0.1% of the total AES spend 	
	
A Knowledge Exchange Program demonstration of soil analysis in spring 2022.	

Soil fertility – Imported Lime	
Purpose: Optimising the use of nutrients whilst maximising returns to the farmer.	
Schedule / Number 5/06c	Payment Rate: £0.25 per percentage Effective Neutralising Value (ENV) per tonne (£14.25/t for lime of 57% ENV) Minimum area – 5 eligible acres
<p>Number of farms receiving payment for this initiative:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 14 farms received a payment for Imported Lime. <p>Total payment (all farms):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The total of all payments was £8,327.72 <p>Percent of Agri-Environment total spend:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Imported Lime payments were 0.6% of the total AES spend 	

Legumes Combined/ Harvested Forage	
Payment for growing legumes for combining – peas, beans, linseed and lupins or for harvest as winter fodder - peas, beans, lucerne, clover and vetches.	
Purpose: To encourage the cultivation of nitrogen fixing crops.	
Schedule / Number 5/06d	Payment Rate: £40/acre
<p>Number of farms receiving payment for this initiative:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 21 farms received payments for Legumes Combined. <p>Total payment (all farms):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The total of all payments was £77,154.00 <p>Percent of Agri-Environment total spend:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Legumes combined/harvested forage payments were 5.1% of the total AES spend 	

The Creation of Legume Rich Swards (grazing situation)	
Purpose: To encourage the cultivation of nitrogen fixing crops.	
Schedule / Number 5/06e	Payment Rate: £30/acre Maximum of 20% of the forage acreage in any one year Any one field can only be claimed once in every 6 years
<p>Number of farms receiving payment for this initiative:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 41 farms received payments for the Creation of Legume Rich Swards. <p>Total payment (all farms):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The total of all payments was £85,571.70 <p>Percent of Agri-Environment total spend:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Creation of Legume Rich Swards payments were 6% of the total AES spend 	

Organic Scheme Conversion and Management	
Schedule/ Number 5/06f	Payment Rate: See table below Maximum area 200 eligible acres (BML only)
<p>Number of farms receiving payment for this initiative:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 farm received a payment for Organic Scheme Conversion and Management <p>Total payment (all farms):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The total of all payment was £8,801.95 <p>Percent of Agri-Environment total spend:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Organic Scheme Conversion payments were 0.6% of the total AES spend 	

Plant and Animal Health – Integrated Pest Management (plants)	
Purpose: Optimising animal and crop production whilst maximising returns to the farmer.	
Schedule / Number 5/06g	Payment Rate: £100 plus £0.25 per eligible acre Minimum area – total BML eligible acres (excludes AML)
<p>Number of farms receiving payment for this initiative:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 99 farms received a payment for Integrated Pest Management <p>Total payment (all farms):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The total of all payments was £34,771.30 <p>Percent of Agri-Environment total spend:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Integrated Pest Management payments were 2.3% of the total AES spend 	

Plant and Animal Health – Herd/Flock Health Plan (animals)	
Purpose: Optimising animal production whilst maximising returns to the farmer.	
Schedule / Number 5/06h	Payment Rate: £50 plus £1.50 per acre of your total forage acres
<p>Number of farms receiving payment for this initiative:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 131 farms received a payment for Herd/Flock Health Plans <p>Total payment (all farms):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The total of all payments was £206,431.68 <p>Percent of Agri-Environment total spend:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Herd/Flock Health plan payments were 13.8% of the total AES spend 	

Dairy Productivity Recording KPIs	
Purpose: Optimising animal production whilst maximising returns to the farmer.	
Schedule / Number 5/06i	Payment Rate: £50 plus £1.50 per forage acre assigned to the Dairy enterprise
<p>Number of farms receiving payment for this initiative:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 21 farms received a payment for Dairy KPIs <p>Total payment (all farms):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The total of all payments was £24,197.18 <p>Percent of Agri-Environment total spend:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dairy KPI payments were 1.6% of the total AES spend 	
Beef Productivity KPIs	
Purpose: Optimising animal production whilst maximising returns to the farmer.	
Schedule / Number 5/06j	Payment Rate: £50 plus £1.50 per forage acre assigned to the Beef enterprise
<p>Number of farms receiving payment for this initiative:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 63 farms received a payment for Beef KPIs <p>Total payment (all farms):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The total of all payments was £70,816.02 <p>Percent of Agri-Environment total spend:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Beef KPI payments were 4.7% of the total AES spend 	
Sheep KPIs	
Purpose: Optimising animal production whilst maximising returns to the farmer.	
Schedule / Number 5/06k	Payment Rate: £50 plus £1.50 per forage acre assigned to the Sheep enterprise
<p>Number of farms receiving payment for this initiative:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 77 farms received a payment for Sheep KPIs <p>Total payment (all farms):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The total of all payments was £66,066.28 <p>Percent of Agri-Environment total spend:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sheep KPI payments were 4.4% of the total AES spend 	

Other Livestock KPIs	
Purpose: Optimising animal production whilst maximising returns to the farmer.	
Schedule / Number 5/06l	Payment Rate: £50 plus £1.50 per forage acre assigned to the livestock enterprise
<p>Number of farms receiving payment for this initiative:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 farms received a payment for Other Livestock KPIs <p>Total payment (all farms):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The total of all payments was £330.14 <p>Percent of Agri-Environment total spend:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Other Livestock KPI payments were 0.02% of the total AES spend 	

Arable Cost of Production	
Purpose: Optimising cereal production whilst maximising returns to the farmer.	
Schedule / Number 5/06m	Payment Rate: £50 plus £1.50 per acre assigned to the arable enterprises
<p>Number of farms receiving payment for this initiative:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8 farms received a payment for Arable Cost of Production KPIs <p>Total payment (all farms):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The total of all payments was £7,316.60 <p>Percent of Agri-Environment total spend:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arable Cost of Production KPI payments were 0.5% of the total AES spend 	

The Creation of Herbal Leys	
Purpose: To encourage the use of diverse herb rich swards which deliver enhanced animal performance and improve biological biodiversity.	
Schedule / Number 5/06n	Payment Rate: £30/acre Maximum of 20% of the forage acreage in any one year Any one field can only be claimed once in every 6 years
<p>Number of farms receiving payment for this initiative:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 farms received a payment for the Creation of Herbal Leys. <p>Total payment (all farms):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The total of all payments was £2388.30 <p>Percent of Agri-Environment total spend:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Creation of Herbal Leys payments were 0.2% of the total AES spend 	

Pest and Disease monitoring	
Purpose: Optimising production, reducing the use of pesticides, whilst maximising returns to the farmer.	
Schedule / Number 5/06o	Payment Rate: 80% of costs
<p>Number of farms receiving payment for this initiative:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 farms received payment for Pest and Disease monitoring <p>Total payment (all farms):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The total of all payments was £1,282.30 <p>Percent of Agri-Environment total spend:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pest and Disease Monitoring payments were 0.08% of the total AES spend 	

Wildlife Boxes

Purpose: Provides nesting and roosting sites for specific mammals, birds and invertebrates

Schedule/ Number

5/07

Payment Rate:

Actual cost to a maximum of £200 per year.

Number of farms receiving payment for this initiative:

- 5 farms received payment for Wildlife Boxes

Total payment (all farms):

- The total of all payments was £706.50

Percent of Agri-Environment total spend:

- Wildlife Boxes payments were 0.04% of the total AES spend



A Barn Owl box being delivered to a farm in Onchan.

Educational Visits

Purpose: To let schools/youth groups visit a farm for educational experiences

Schedule / Number	Payment rate
5/08	£290 per visit

Number of farms receiving payment for this initiative:

- 7 farms received payment for Educational Visits

Total payment (all farms):

- The total of all payments was £14,210 (*the average group size was estimated to be 18 children which means approximately 900 children visited farms in 2021-2022 for an educational visit as part of the Agri – Environment scheme*)

Percent of Agri-Environment total spend:

- Educational Visit payments were 1% of the total AES spend



An Educational Visit in Lezayre, which a selection of unusual Manx farmland invertebrates on display for the 180 children from 4 schools that visited in early autumn 2021. Collectively 1,080 hours of on-farm education were provided to these children over three days.

Upland Stewardship Scheme	
Purpose: To create a sustainable upland land management plan. The uplands are an iconic landscape of Isle of Man; they perform many functions including carbon storage, water storage and purification, maintain several rare and vulnerable plants and animals, provide a recreational resource and attract visitors to the Island.	
Schedule / Number 5/09	Maximum Payment Rate: £5.33 per eligible acre
<p>Number of farms receiving payment for this initiative:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 21 farms received payment the Upland Stewardship Scheme <p>Total payment (all farms):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The total of all payments was £120,909.77 <p>Percent of Agri-Environment total spend:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Upland Stewardship Scheme payments were 8.1% of the total AES spend 	

