

## Agri-environment Scheme Management Plan

### 1.1 General Scheme Requirements

Agri-environment scheme participants must adhere to the following general requirements for the whole farm, in addition to following specific Management Plans for each farm and optional habitat under agreement.

**You must:**

- Follow the requirements of Good Farming Practice.
- Retain and not damage any habitat, landscape or heritage feature.
- Keep all parts of the farm and farmyard(s) free from rubbish and litter.
- Follow a Field Boundary Management Plan for your farm.
- Prepare and follow a Farm Waste Management Plan for your farm.

**You must not:**

- Cultivate or surface seed any land other than land classified as 'improved'.
- Apply herbicide or pesticide on any land other than 'improved' (except herbicide by spot treatment or weed wiper on noxious weeds).
- Apply lime to any land other than 'improved' or 'unimproved grassland'.
- Permit severe damage to land by poaching or repeated vehicular access.
- Carry out any activity on your farm likely to detract significantly from the landscape quality and character.

You must also follow any further requirements listed in your agri-environment scheme agreement. You should obtain permission from the Department before undertaking any work that may have a detrimental impact on any habitat, landscape feature or heritage feature on your farm.

Consent must be obtained from the Environment & Heritage Service (EHS), Department of the Environment before any works are carried out within an ASSI. The EHS contact telephone number for further information is 028 9054 6595.

Management plans are provided for participants in the Environmentally Sensitive Areas and Countryside Management Schemes

