

STEPS 2018 – SCORING CRITERIA

STEPS aims to provide grants to farmers for infrastructure investments and management changes to aid the protection of water quality and our environment. This is a voluntary scheme funded by Severn Trent Water (STW)

Scoring System

A scoring system has been developed to ensure that funding goes to projects with a clear water quality benefit, and which provide best value for money. Funding is limited therefore applications will be prioritised according to certain criteria:

- Inclusion of a high priority measure addressing the catchment's primary issues
- Prior engagement with a Severn Trent (ST) agricultural advisor to discuss their STEPS application
- Farm has signed up for a Severn Trent Metaldehyde Scheme (FaPCW or Product Substitution)
- If the farm is not eligible for the metaldehyde schemes but has taken part in other STW initiatives e.g. soil sampling points will be awarded
- Attendance at Severn Trent workshops over previous years
- Location of farm within catchment

To check if your farm falls within a Severn Trent Water priority catchment please contact your local STW Agricultural Advisor:

[***farming4water@severntrent.co.uk***](mailto:farming4water@severntrent.co.uk)

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Scoring Criteria	Score	
Target Area		
Applicant farms within one of Severn Trent Water priority catchment area or groundwater area If no, applicant is not eligible to apply	Yes	No
High priority measures Priority schemes will be favoured in the grant application process.		
Has Applicant chosen one of 5 high priority schemes identified ST priority funding catchment	Yes	20
	No	0
Severn Trent Water Metaldehyde Scheme (FaPCW or Product Substitution)		
Has Applicant signed up for a Severn Trent Water Metaldehyde Scheme. This would include the 'Product Substitution Scheme' or FaPCW 'Farmers as Producers of Clean Water'	Yes	20
	No	0
Applicant is not eligible for the metaldehyde schemes but has taken part in other STW initiatives	Yes	10
	No	0
Protection of ground and surface water		
Applicant will score 'high' where the chosen scheme(s): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> are located within Source Protection Zone 1 or 2 are located within 6 hours 'travel time' of surface water abstraction points. Please speak to your catchment advisor for details of the area this covers	15	
Applicant will score 'medium' where the chosen scheme(s): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> are located within Source Protection Zone 3 are located within 12 hours 'travel time' of surface water abstraction points. Please speak to your catchment advisor for details of the area this covers	9	
Applicant will score 'low' where the chosen scheme(s): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> are located within more than 12 hours 'travel time' of surface water abstraction points. 	6	
Engagement		
Applicant who has received a visit from STW agriculture advisor to discussed their STEPS application	15	
Applicant who has received a 1 to 1 site visit from a STW catchment officer in the previous three years	9	
Applicant from holdings who has attended at least one of the STW catchment led events or workshops within last three years	6	
Applicant who have not received a visit from STW agricultural	0	
Total		

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