

# SEVERN TRENT ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION SCHEME 2018

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

STEPS will pay a fixed grant price per item up to a maximum of £5000! The fixed grant price represents an estimated 50% of the total cost of the capital and land management items.

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## Do you qualify?

1. Check to see if your farm holding falls within a Severn Trent Water priority catchment area.
2. Ask about the list of grants available to help your farm business tackle diffuse pollution from agriculture.
3. Contact your local Severn Trent Catchment Officer for more details.



The STEPS application period will open on the **1<sup>st</sup> January 2018** and close on **March 16<sup>th</sup> 2018**.  
Don't miss your chance to receive up to £5000!

**Find out more about STEPS!**  
<https://www.stwater.co.uk/catchment>

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*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)***

***\*Terms and Conditions apply – see reverse***



Code	STEPS Item	Fixed Grant Price
STEPS001a	Post & Wire Fencing	£3 /metre
STEPS001b	Sheep Netting	£3.90 /metre
STEPS001c	Permanent electric fencing	£2.50 /metre
STEPS001d	Clipex Fencing	£2.50 /metre
STEPS001e	Gate (Metal)	£140
STEPS001f	Gate (Wooden-SSSI only)	£195
STEPS001g	Temporary Electric Fencing	£2.00/metre
STEPS002	Livestock Drinking Troughs	£50/ 100L capacity
STEPS003	Pasture Pumps	£180/unit
STEPS004	Water Supply pipe	£2 per metre
STEPS005a	Solar panel pumps	£450 per unit
STEPS005b	Ram pumps	£750 per unit
STEPS006	Hard Base for livestock drinking trough/feeder/gate	£110/ base
STEPS007	Pesticide Sprayer Washdown/Handling Area	£40/m <sup>2</sup>
STEPS008	Lined Biobeds (Either off set/Drive Over)	£70/m <sup>2</sup>
STEPS009a	Pesticide Biofilter (DIY)	£950
STEPS009b	Pesticide Biofilter (Ready Made)	£1200
STEPS010	Disposal of pesticide washings via evaporation	£2500
STEPS011	Roofing for Pesticide Sprayer Wash-down Area	£52/m <sup>2</sup>
STEPS012	Installation of piped culverts in ditches	£160/unit
STEPS013	Roofs for existing Slurry stores	£52/m <sup>2</sup>
STEPS014	Floating covers for existing slurry stores	£6.50/m <sup>2</sup>
STEPS015	Roofing of existing manure storage and livestock holding areas	£52/m <sup>2</sup>
STEPS016	Arable grass margin: 6+ metre buffer	£1250/ha (5 yrs)
STEPS017	Livestock removal from high risk fields	£500/ha (5 yrs)
STEPS018a	Riverside margins – 15 metre buffer	£1.50 /metre of watercourse/year
STEPS018b	Riverside margins – 30 metre buffer	£2.70 /metre of watercourse/year
STEPS019	Cover crops	£60/Ha
STEPS020a	Rainwater Harvesting -Underground tank	£350/m <sup>3</sup>
STEPS020b	Rainwater Harvesting - Aboveground Tank	£110/m <sup>3</sup>
STEPS020c	Rainwater Harvesting Flush rainwater diverters & filters	£125 per unit
STEPS020d	Rainwater Harvesting -Downpipes and gutters	£12 per metre
STEPS021	Cultivate and drill along the slope contour	£10 per ha
STEPS022	Manage overwinter tramlines	£10 per ha
STEPS023	Loosen compacted soil layers	£10 Subsoiling/ha or £5 Aeration/ha
STEPS024	Grass swales	£8 per m <sup>2</sup>
STEPS025	Check Dams	£42 per dam
STEPS026	Field Drainage – NO LONGER AVAILABLE IN 2018	Not available
STEPS027	In ditch seepage barriers	£150 per barrier
STEPS028	In ditch wetlands	£250
STEPS029a	Sediment Ponds/Traps (Earth)	£15/m <sup>2</sup>
STEPS029b	Sediment Ponds/Traps (Concrete trap with soak away)	£750/unit
STEPS030	Constructed Farm Wetlands	50% Ex VAT cost up to £5000
STEPS031	Bioreactors	£2000
STEPS032	Low Nitrogen input into Grassland (Groundwater Sources)	£1200 per Hectare (5yrs)
STEPS033	Arable reversion into Grassland (Groundwater Sources)	£1550 per Hectare (5yrs)
STEPS034	Filter Fencing	£2 per metre
STEPS035a	Farmer Innovation Precision Equipment	50% Ex VAT cost up to £5000
STEPS035b	Farmer Innovation Clean/Dirty Water Separation	50% Ex VAT cost up to £5000
STEPS035c	Farmer Innovation Other Innovation	50% Ex VAT cost up to £5000

**Terms & Conditions:** All work must comply with relevant environmental legislation. All work must comply with the relevant health and safety legislation. Please visit the HSE website [www.hse.gov.uk](http://www.hse.gov.uk) for further information. All work must comply with all British Standards and Codes of Agricultural Good Practice. Before committing to any work, you may have to seek guidance from the Environment Agency (EA). In relation to our pesticide options, please visit the EA website for guidance <http://apps.environment-agency.gov.uk/wiyby/default.aspx>. Works on capital investment items must not commence until notification of STEPS contract has been issued. All actions must be delivered on leased or owned land. Applicants must ensure that the area, unit or item entered into the scheme is suitable for the action to be carried out. Invoices, receipts and photos for work carried out must be retained for the duration of contract and for 6 months after the end of contract.

