

## Agri-environmental grants and technical advice

### Countryside Council for Wales (CCW)

£ Tir Gofal: whole farm scheme (TG)

£ SSSI management agreements (inc. Living Rivers Scheme LRS)

01646 624000

[www.ccw.gov.uk](http://www.ccw.gov.uk)

### Pembrokeshire Coast National Park Authority (PCNPA)

£ Conserving the Park (CtP)

£ Management Agreements

0845 3457275

[www.pembrokeshirecoast.org.uk](http://www.pembrokeshirecoast.org.uk)

### Farming Connect (FC)

£ Farm Improvement Grant (FIG)  
Environmental Opportunities Review

08456 000813

[www.farmingconnect.co.uk](http://www.farmingconnect.co.uk)

### Environment Agency Wales (EAW)

£ Fisheries Objective 1 Grant (FG)

01792 325500

[www.environment-agency.gov.uk](http://www.environment-agency.gov.uk)

### Forestry Commission Wales (FCW)

£ Woodland Grant Scheme (WGS)

01873 850060

[www.forestry.gov.uk](http://www.forestry.gov.uk)

### Farming and Wildlife Advisory Group (FWAG)

01341 421456

[www.fwag.org.uk](http://www.fwag.org.uk)

### Organic Centre Wales (OCW)

£ Organic Farming Schemes (OFS)

01970 622100

[www.organic.aber.ac.uk](http://www.organic.aber.ac.uk)

### Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (RSPB)

01767 680551

Volunteer Farmers Alliance

[www.rspb.org.uk](http://www.rspb.org.uk)

### Butterfly Conservation (BC)

01929 400209

[www.butterfly-conservation.org](http://www.butterfly-conservation.org)

### Plantlife Wales

01248 385445

[www.plantlife.org.uk/html/wales/wales\\_index.htm](http://www.plantlife.org.uk/html/wales/wales_index.htm)

### Pembrokeshire Rivers Trust (PRT)

01834 861203

[www.pembsrt.org](http://www.pembsrt.org)

Leaflet / information Advice Visit grazing and machinery networks

£ Grant available (advice and site visits available if you apply for a grant)

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# Farming and Wildlife



Simple pond creation in field corner; laid hedge with standards behind.

How to make the best use of financial and technical agri-environmental support available in Pembrokeshire.

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## Codes of Good Agricultural Practice.

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These codes for water, air and soil set good practice guidelines for farmers to follow, they minimise the risk of causing pollution and protect the farm's natural resources.



FUW, NFU, CLA, EA-W, RSPB

## Hedges

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Cut field hedges on a minimum of a 2-year rotation – studies show it's not worth the diesel to cut every year. It's best to cut after January because most insects are dormant and the trees and shrubs have finished fruiting. Never cut during the bird-breeding season March – July. Leave an tree every 10m or so for birds to sing from. Brown Hairstreak butterflies lay their eggs on young hedge plants and can't survive annual flailing.

£ TG, FIG, CtP for planting and managing hedgerows for wildlife.



FWAG, RSPB, BC, CCW

## Maintain or plant native trees

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Planting or maintaining native woodland in an appropriate area can act as a wildlife corridor, linking habitats together and providing nesting and feeding habitats for birds and other animals. Try to ensure you have a varied mix of native trees of different ages. Leave piles of dead wood for insects anywhere on your farm.

£ WGS, TG



FC, FWAG, CCW, BC

## Don't over tidy

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The old farm tip can be left for wildlife to take over, many plants and animals will benefit from the undisturbed heaps of waste. They may become the hunting ground for predators such as slow worms and kestrels.

Small piles of stone or wood can also provide shelter for many animals.



Yellowhammer



Thick hedges along lanes provide ideal corridors for wildlife

## Reduce Chemical Use

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Try to avoid spraying some sections of the farm to allow arable weeds to grow along margins. Take care with wormer use, residues of Ivermectins persist in dung and reduce the populations of some of the dung feeding insects which breakdown cow pats. This causes problems for bats and other insect predators. There is a whole farm scheme available if you wish to convert completely to organic farming.

£ OFS Plantlife

## Farm Buildings



Barn owls, swallows, swifts, house martins and bats can all nest in farm buildings that aren't used to store food. Try to leave accommodation space for them, or encourage more spaces by leaving climbing plants like ivy or providing nest boxes or ledges.

£ TG, FIG, CtP RSPB



Damselfly

## Protect Streams and Rivers

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Create wide rough ungrazed buffer zones alongside streams and rivers to protect freshwater wildlife from fertiliser, manure, pesticides and soil run-off. Provide troughs or have limited cattle access to the stream to protect the banks. This will improve water quality and provide habitat for mammals such as water voles and otters. Practice good soil husbandry to avoid losing this valuable resource.

£ LRS, FG, TG EA-W, FWAG, PRT

## Plant spring cereals and leave winter stubble in fields.

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The stubble is a good feeding ground for wildlife over the winter months. Leaving other plants that provide food later in the year will also attract more wildlife to your farm arable weeds.

Growing cereal in spring will also provide nesting opportunities for more of the breeding season for birds like skylarks.

£ TG, FIG, CtP RSPB

## Leave rough edges round fields.



Leaving a permanent strip at least 1m wide around fields will allow increasingly rare arable weeds to flourish and provides a refuge for small mammals, insects, spiders and birds. You can also link up habitats with tall native grasses and flowers if you only cut along farm tracks and buildings every other year to avoid scrub invasion.

£ TG, FIG, CtP Plantlife, BC

## Provide wet areas

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Take care when digging new ponds to make sure you don't damage other rarer habitats. Maintain small networks of open ditches rather than using land drains where possible. These may dry up in summer but are invaluable to wildlife such as dragonflies and birds.

£ TG, FIG, CtP FWAG, CCW

**KEY** £ Grant available No cost **££** Saves money Leaflet / information

FUW Farmers Union Wales,  
NFU National Farmers Union  
CLA Country Land and Business Association