

Planting of Dune Grasses

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Note: In September 2023, references to Scottish Natural Heritage have been updated to NatureScot.

Aim

The aim of this item is to benefit areas of land adjacent to sand dunes at risk from wind erosion.

Planting grasses such as Marram grass act to reduce wind speeds across the dune surface, thereby trapping and holding sand. Their fibrous, horizontal roots also help to hold and stabilise the sand.

Eligibility

Land that includes coastal sand dunes is eligible.

You must combine this item with the [Sand-blow Fencing](#) item.

Application requirements

You must provide evidence from NatureScot that the dunes you are proposing to repair will benefit and that the area where you propose to take transplant plants from is suitable.

You must prepare a map showing the area you plan to transplant plants from, and the area you propose to plant.

Management requirements

- you must erect sand-blow fencing before planting
- you must plant the grass in off-set rows at a minimum of four plants per square metre
- any plants that fail to establish must be replaced
- you must exclude livestock and vehicles from the planted area
- you must maintain a diary

Payment

You can claim £13.13 per square metre planted.

Inspections

The inspectors will check:

- the location and extent of the work
- you have erected sand-blow fencing before planting
- you have planted the grass in off-set rows at a minimum of four plants per square metre
- any plants that fail to establish have been replaced
- you have excluded livestock and vehicles from the planted area
- you have maintained a diary

Additional guidance

[Supporting guidance is available for this item.](#)

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