

# Creation of Wader Scrapes

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## Aim

The aim of this item is to benefit wading birds, such as lapwing, snipe, curlew and redshank by providing suitable wet areas within grassland to provide insect-rich feeding areas.

Scrapes are shallow depressions with gently sloping edges, which will hold water during spring and early summer when waders are nesting and rearing chicks.

## Eligibility

You can undertake this item on any grassland.

## Application requirements

You must identify on a map the locations of all proposed wader scrapes.

## Requirements

- you must create each scrape to hold water from at least 1 March to 31 May
- each scrape must be a minimum size of 20 square metres
- you must maintain a diary

## Payment

You can claim £56.00 per scrape between 20 and 40 square metres, and £93.33 per scrape greater than 40 square metres.

There are separate capital items to support the creation of wader scrapes:

- [Wetland Creation – Pipe Sluices](#)
- [Wetland Creation – Field Drain Breaking](#)

You can choose any of the following management options to support the creation of wader scrapes:

- [Wader Grazed Grassland](#)
- [Wader and Wildlife Mown Grassland](#)
- [Wetland Management](#)

## Inspections

The inspectors will check:

- the location and extent of the work
- you have created each scrape to hold water from at least 1 March to 31 May
- that each scrape is a minimum size of 20 square metres
- you have maintained a diary

## Additional guidance

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

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