



South Staffs Water



# SPRING into action

## Slug Pesticide Rethink – Ideas for Nurturing Growth

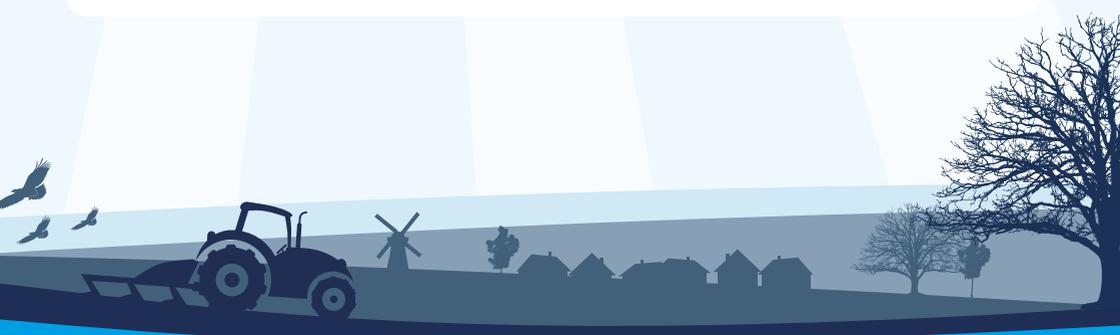
**Calling all Blithe Catchment Farmers...**

### **Introducing the SPRING 2 Environmental Protection Scheme**

SPRING 2 is a new Environmental Protection Scheme set up by South Staffs Water to support local farmers in the Blithe catchment area willing to explore catchment friendly land management.

It builds on the previous success and hard work of the Voluntary Initiative and Blithe farmers.

Under the scheme, farmers in the Blithe catchment will be able to apply for a grant of up to £10,000 per farm – towards the costs of voluntary on-farm infrastructural improvements and land management options designed to protect the environment and improve water quality.



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Examples of improvements which might qualify for a grant are shown in the following table:

Options	Cost	Options	Cost
Pesticide sprayer washdown / handling area (m <sup>2</sup> )	£40.00	Slug Pellet - use of Ferric Phosphate (kg)	£1.00
Lined biobed (m <sup>2</sup> )	£75.00	4 - 6m buffer on cultivated land (ha)	£350.00
Pesticide biofilter (per unit)	£980.00	12 - 24m watercourse buffer on cultivated land (ha)	£515.00
Roofing for sprayer washdown area (m <sup>2</sup> )	£60.00	Take field corners out of management (ha)	£400.00
Post & wire (inc. posts) (m)	£3.50	Catch crops / cover crops (over winter) (ha)	£110.00
Gate (inc. posts) (per unit)	£150.00	Nectar flower mix legume based (ha)	£515.00
Gateway relocation (per unit)	£320.00	Livestock & machinery hardcore tracks (m)	£30.00
Resurfacing gateways (per unit)	£90.00	Rainwater goods (m)	£11.50
Hard base for livestock drinkers (per unit)	£110.00	Arable reversion into grassland (ha)	£310.00
Livestock troughs (per unit)	£100.00	Undersown spring cereal	£270.00

SPRING 2 is open to both arable and livestock farmers and to qualify for a grant your farm must be situated within the Blithe catchment and have high risk fields. In return we ask you to provide a copy your pesticide application records and farm maps.

### How you can get involved

To register your interest in the scheme please contact the catchment team for further information.

### How to apply

For more details contact Nina Yiannoukos-Benton

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Open for applications.

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