

Summary of CFE voluntary measures

CFE option	ELS equiv.	Summary of management protocol
C1	EE3, EJ9	Grass buffers alongside temporary and permanent watercourses + Width > 6m. + <i>If sowing, no more than 10% cocksfoot. May include wild flowers.*</i> Manage as EE3
C2	EJ5	Grass areas to prevent erosion and run-off + Cut 3m annually after July, rest once in two years. + <i>Recommended seed mixes.*</i> Manage as EE3
C3a	EF1	Reverted arable areas + Width > 6m. Cut after July. + <i>Temporary storage and occasional vehicle access allowed, avoiding damage. Can be rotated every 3 or more years.*</i>
C3b	EF1	Optional scrub management + Retain scrubby area, cut rotationally September to February.
C4	EF8	Skylark plots + In fields > 5ha. + <i>Manage as rest of field. Establish as recommended for EF8</i>
C5	EF13	Fallow plots + 1- 2.5ha, in fields > 2ha. + <i>Avoid fields with pernicious weeds or prone to water logging. Unbounded unless > 10ha. Non-selective herbicide use may be necessary for establishment. If regeneration is dense, may need to spray or recultivate. Dates as for EF13</i>
C6	EF22	Overwinter stubble followed by spring/ summer fallow – + Not maize. Cultivate from late February. Herbicides can be used from 15 May. Cut after July. + <i>Do not cultivate before 31 July, unless organic. Leave cover in place as long as possible, if using non-selective herbicide. Avoid farming operations harming nesting birds (March-July), overwintering insects (up to mid- May) and wild flowers that have not set seed.</i>
C7a	EF6	Overwinter Stubbles – + From harvest to 1 March. + <i>Not in fields with undesirable grass weed species. Light cultivation before the end of September or within the first month of harvest will encourage weed germination.</i>
C7b	EF6	Overwinter stubbles on vulnerable soils + <i>Establish a quick-growing cover crop by 25 September (ryegrass/vetch, cloves, mustard, rye etc.) May be ploughed from 15 Feb if essential, leave longer if possible.</i>
C8	EF11	Uncropped, cultivated margins + Width > 3m + <i>Vary depth and time (spring or autumn) of cultivation. Can be relocated within the same field to avoid a build up of pernicious weeds.</i>
C9	EF2	Wild bird seed mixture (wbm) + Sown in blocks or strips. Strip width > 6m. Strip area > 0.4ha. No maize or giant sorgham. Retain until 1st March + <i>Recommended mix, sown annually or every other year. Herbicides, fertilisers and seed treatments may be used to aid establishment.</i>
C10	n/a	Game strips + No maize or giant sorgham. Retain until mid February. + <i>Annual or biannual. 6m wide, 0.4ha. Fertilisers, herbicides, seed treatments can be used to aid establishment. Avoid sowing too early. Leave standing crop later than mid-February if seed still present.</i>
C11	EF10	Unharvested cereal headlands + 3-6m wide. Reduced pesticide use. + <i>Can be established by drilling or broadcasting in autumn or spring with triticale, wheat, barley or oats. Leave overwinter after harvest.</i>
C12a	EF4	Pollen and nectar mixtures for arable or grassland + Width > 6m. Strip area > 0.4ha. One cut required. + <i>Re-establish mix as necessary. Cut half of the area to 20cm from June 15 to 7 July, to stimulate late flowering, but not where there are ground nesting birds. Grazing allowed late autumn/ early winter.</i>
C12b	EF4	Pollen and nectar mixtures for horticultural crops – + <i>Use recommended species for biocontrol</i>
C13		Sown wild flower headlands + Width > 6m. Annual late cut, cuttings removed. + <i>Take advice on seed mixes. 1-2m uncut next to boundary creates a refuge for insects and small mammals. Cut again before April if there is excess vegetation.*</i>
C14		Selective use of spring herbicides + Light soils, partial or whole field, no autumn herbicide. Single application of selective herbicide in March. + <i>Single spring application of amidosulfuron in March is the most beneficial treatment. Do not place in same field in consecutive years to avoid a build up of weeds</i>
C15		Enhanced management of short rotation coppice + Blocks > 3ha need 8m rides, Plots < 15ha need 8m margins. Restricted pesticides. Cut grass no more than twice a year, not between 1 March and 31 July. + <i>Establish adjacent to existing woody habitats using mixed English varieties. Create rides and open ground. Consider sowing grass/ wildflowers.</i>

