

RFI 7334 – Information held

Request

- What was the total amount paid to applicants in England under the WS3 Grey Squirrel Management component of the Countryside Stewardship Higher Tier Scheme in 2024? (or 2023 if 2024 is not available)
- How many applicants received this supplement during this period?
- What was the total amount paid under this scheme to applicants in Northumberland and Cumbria in 2024? (or 2023 if 2024 is not available)
- How many applicants received this supplement in Northumberland and Cumbria during this period?

Response

Please find the information requested and caveats which apply to this information below: -

Scheme Year	County	Amount Paid (000s)	Number of Applicants Paid
2024	Cumbria	25	7
2024	Northumberland	105	15
2024	Other	940	146
2024	TOTAL	1069	168

Scheme Year	County	Amount Paid (000S)	Number of Applicants Paid
2023	Cumbria	26	8
2023	Northumberland	50	12
2023	Other	785	120
2023	TOTAL	860	140

2024 scheme year payments are ongoing, so the above is based on the current position. The RPA expect all payments for the 2024 scheme year to be made by the end of June. Therefore, we have also provided information for the 2023 scheme year as these claims have all been paid.

The county is based on the International Territorial Level information found here - [International geographies - Office for National Statistics](#). Specifically, these are TLD11 and TLD22 for West and East Cumbria respectively and TLC21 for Northumberland.

The location of the WS3 option is based on that of the land parcel itself rather than the business registration address.

The number of applicants paid is based on the number of unique organisations to receive a payment for the WS3 option.

An applicant can have land parcels across geographical boundaries – for example 'Northumberland' and 'Other'. If this is the case, the applicant is included in both categories under 'Number of Applicants Paid', but the amount paid is based on the location of the land parcel i.e. in 'Cumbria' or 'Other'.