Agri-Environment Climate Scheme (AECS)
Scoring for applications for corncrake applications out with designated sites submitted in 2021

1:   Continuity

Seeks to secure well established management practices to benefit corncrake. 5 points will be awarded for those applicants returning from an expiring 2015 or 2016 prefixed AECS contract which included management for corncrake. For clarity no score will be awarded to applicants who refused the opportunity in 2020 to extend their contract for a further year

Continuity Points	Points per category
Continuing management for corncrakes with no break in contract	5 points
Entering AECS for the first time or with a break in AECS management	0 points

Continuity points awarded	

2:   Collaboration

Seeks to reward projects for corncrakes with a larger collective scheme effort

In addition to applicant	Points per category
1 collaborator	2
2 collaborators	3
3 collaborators	4
4 collaborators	5
5 collaborators	6
6 collaborators	7
7 or more collaborators	8

To award points each collaborator must

- hold an active AECS from the 2017, 2018 and 2019 application rounds or be a new or returning applicant to AECS in 2021.
- And the locations involved must be within 5km of your holding at the nearest point as the corncrake flies.

Collaboration points awarded	

3:   Corncrake beneficial options

Seeks to reward applications with a greater option benefit to corncrakes

Key options benefiting corncrake	1 point per option
Corncrake Mown Grassland	
Corncrake Grazing Management	
Management of Cover for Corncrake	

Corncrake option points awarded	

4: Optimum management for Corncrake mown grassland

Seeks to reward applications which encourage a longer management period which in turn increased the likelihood of a second corncrake brood in the breeding year

Mowing times	1 point per option
1 August (mowing payment 1)	0
15 August (mowing payment 2)	1
1 September (mowing payment 3)	2

Optimum management for Corncrake mown grassland points awarded	

Total points awarded	