# Rabbit-proofing an Existing or New Stock or Deer Fence 

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Note: In September 2023, references to Natura Sites have been updated to European Sites.

## Aim

The aim of this item is to protect an existing or newly created habitat or landscape feature from rabbit damage.

## Eligibility

Any land is eligible where the area to benefit is included in a management option.

## Application requirements

You must show the location of the proposed fence(s) to be rabbit proofed on a map.

## Requirements

- you must use galvanised wire rabbit netting. The netting must be not less than 1.05 metres high
- the top edge of the galvanised wire netting must not be less than 0.9 metres above ground level
- the netting must be fastened to the fencing and the bottom edge of the netting turned outwards for a minimum distance of 150 millimetres and anchored with either turves or pegs
- all gates in rabbit-proofed fences must also be proofed
- you must maintain a diary


## Payment

You can claim £2.00 per metre.
You may apply for payment on an actual cost basis for this item if the work you are proposing to carry out will benefit the notified features of a designated site, and where there are exceptional circumstances. This can include works which offer a dual benefit to both the environment and the long term management of a Scheduled Monument located within the designated site (Sites of Special Scientific Interest and European sites).

This item can be supported with one of the following items:

- Stock Fence
- Deer Fence


## Inspections

The inspectors will check:

- the location and extent of the work
- you have maintained a diary
- you have use galvanised wire rabbit netting. The netting is not less than 1.05 metres high
- the top edge of the galvanised wire netting is not less than 0.9 metres above ground level
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