

# Restoring Drystone or Flagstone Dykes

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## Aim

The aim of this item is to maintain and preserve drystone and flagstone dykes which form an important landscape feature.

This includes the rebuilding of fanks and stells where these are of traditional drystone dyke construction.

## Eligibility

Any land where the area to benefit is included in a management option, or is a newly created habitat, is eligible.

Any drystone or flagstone dyke, fank or stell, which has totally collapsed sections of greater than two metres in length, are eligible.

## Application requirements

You must identify the location of the proposed dyke restoration on a map.

If you have shared responsibility for the dyke, a Shared Boundary Agreement form must be completed and submitted with your application.



[Shared Boundary Agreement form \(MS Word, Size: 134.3 kB\)](#)

doc\_external\_url: <https://www.ruralpayments.org/media/resources/AECS---Revised-Shared-boundary-Agreement-Form---31-Oct-2018.docx>

## Requirements

- you must rebuild your drystone or flagstone dyke using traditional local material, and to the standard and style that is normally found there
- you must maintain a diary

## Payment

You can claim:

- £33.00 per square metre restored or built
- £16.50 per square metre restored or built where the dyke will form a shared boundary

This item can be supported with the following capital items:

- [Scare and Temporary Electric Fencing](#)
- [Stock Fence](#)

## Inspections

The inspectors will check:

- the location and extent of the work
- you have rebuilt your drystone or flagstone dyke using traditional local material and to the standard and style that is normally found there
- you have maintained a diary

## Additional guidance

[Supporting guidance is available for this item.](#)

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