

# Deer Fence

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## Aim

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

## Eligibility

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

## Application requirements

You must show the location of the proposed deer fence on a 1:10,000 map.

If you have shared responsibility for the fence, 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/Shared-Boundary-Agreement-AECS-May-2015.docx>

## Management requirements

- you must erect a fence which will form a deer-proof barrier
- the minimum fence height for protection against roe deer is 1.5 metres. The minimum fence height for protection against red, sika or fallow deer is 1.8 metres
- you must use woven high tensile, mild steel or welded rectangular mesh
- any water gates must be designed to keep watercourses deer and stock proof, whatever the level of the water
- you must maintain a diary
- all fencing woodwork must be treated

## Payment

You can claim:

- £8.50 per metre
- £4.25 per metre where the fence will form a shared boundary

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.

To support deer fencing you can select this item with the following items:

- [Gate](#)
- [Gate - Self-closing, One-way Opening Gate](#)
- [Gate - Self-closing, Two-way Opening Gate](#)

## Inspections

The inspectors will check:

- the location and extent of the work

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- any water gates have been designed to keep watercourses deer and stock proof, whatever the level of the water
- you have maintained a diary
- all fencing woodwork has been treated

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