

Tall-herb Vegetation Management

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Aim

The aim of this option is to restore, maintain or enhance the condition and extent of tall-herb habitats.

Tall herbs are typically found on upland cliff ledges and steeper slopes. Restricting or removing grazing pressure from domestic and / or wild grazers will allow these plants to flower and set seed.

Eligibility

Permanent pasture or rough grazing which contains existing tall-herb vegetation communities is eligible.

This can include land suitable for expansion of these habitats, and other land which requires to be included in enclosures for practical fencing reasons.

Spatial targeting



[Map of target area – Tall-herb Vegetation Management \(PDF, Size: 1.3 MB\)](#)

doc_external_url: https://www.ruralpayments.org/media/resources/32_Tall_Herb_Veg_Man.pdf This option is available within the target area shown on this map. It may be possible to apply for this option outside this area where there is strong justification as endorsed by Scottish Natural Heritage.

Application requirements

You must identify on a map the location of the area to be managed.

Management requirements



[Grazing Management Plan \(MS Word, Size: 135.8 kB\)](#)

doc_external_url: <https://www.ruralpayments.org/media/resources/Grazing-Management-Plan-AECS-April-2015.docx> [Plan template]

Payment

You can claim £53.34 per hectare per year.

Inspections

The inspectors will check:

You have managed the same location each year for the duration of your contract.

You have either:

- excluded all grazing

or:

- if grazing with livestock, you have adhered to an approved grazing regime defining the livestock units and grazing dates
- you have maintained a diary

Additional guidance

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