4.5 Environmental management and conservation

Whole farm conservation planning

4.5.6
You should keep an up-to-date conservation plan for your whole holding so that you manage both your farm and its environment in an integrated way.

4.5.7
You should commission your plan from a competent advisor or organisation who should prepare it with you. It should detail:

• valuable points or sites, including cropped and non-cropped habitats
• opportunities you have to improve wildlife conservation and landscape values, and
• an action plan for further work, including any available grant funds.

Note – if you are a member of the Farming and Wildlife Advisory Group (FWAG) in England, Wales or Scotland, they can give you a farm management plan.

4.5.8
You must identify, on a map, all ‘recognised’ wildlife habitats and landscape sites, and archaeological and historic features on your holding. Your map should be the same scale as an Integrated Administration and Control System (IACS) map, for example 1:10,000. You must formally revise your map at least every five years.