

Option Name: Traditional dry stone wall rebuilding – double skin

Option Code: DSW

Option Payment:# Year 1: £22.95 per m
Year 2 – 5: £0.00 per m

Option Aim(s): Maintain and preserve dry stone walls which are an important landscape and biodiversity feature.

Scheme Applicability: Wider – EFS(W) Higher – EFS(H) Group – EFS(G)

This option is made up of: Annual Management requirements NPI (capital items)

This option is: Permanent Rotational

Option Description and Outcome: This Option is a combination of essential non-productive investments (referred to as capital works) to establish the Option with a range of recurring annual management requirements to ensure retention and maintenance of the Option. Payment for the essential capital works is included in the Option payment rate. For EFS(H) sites, the 'Traditional dry stone wall rebuilding – double skin' Option is eligible where it will maintain and enhance the biodiversity value of these sites and is included in the site specific Remedial Management Plan (ssRMP). 'Traditional dry stone wall rebuilding – double skin' uses local stones without the use of mortar or cement and is constructed in a style traditional to the locality.

Choice of site: This Option will usually be appropriate where there is an existing double skin dry stone wall that is in a poor or very poor state of repair.

Essential capital works: Rebuilding the double skin stone wall is considered as essential capital works.

Additional optional capital works available for this Option: None

Refer to the 'EFS(W) agreements started 1st July 2017 - 12 month and 18 month payment requirements' section below.

Length Permitted:

Minimum	2 m	Maximum	As per max agreement value*
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* DAERA reserves the right to limit a Higher Level agreement value where it considers appropriate to ensure value for money.

Requirements and Controls:

Code	Non-productive investment requirements (capital works)	Control type ⁽¹⁾		
		Admin	CwRS	OTSC
DSW1C	Complete all capital works required (rebuilding double skin stone wall) by 1 st June ⁽²⁾ in the first year of the EFS agreement.	✓		✓
DSW2C	Each individual length of rebuilt double skin stone wall must be a minimum of two metres.			✓
DSW3C	Complete the claimed length of 'Traditional dry stone wall rebuilding - double skin' in the field(s) where the Option has been approved.			✓
DSW4C	Securely rebuild the double skin stone wall from the base.		✓	✓
DSW5C	Build walls to reflect the height of nearby stone walls which will generally be a maximum of 1.80 metres.			✓
DSW6C	Do not use mortar or cement.			✓

(1) The possible control types for each requirement may be:

'Admin' – administrative checks, 'CwRS' – Control with Remote Sensing, 'OTSC' – On-the-Spot Check

(2) Refer to the 'EFS(W) agreements started 1st July 2017 - 12 month and 18 month payment requirements' section below.

Code	Annual management requirements	Control type ⁽¹⁾		
		Admin	CwRS	OTSC
DSW1M	Retain and manage the same linear length and location of 'Traditional dry stone wall rebuilding - double skin' for the duration of the EFS agreement.		✓	✓
DSW2M	Maintain the rebuilt double skin stone wall by replacing fallen and dislodged stones for the duration of the EFS agreement.			✓
DSW3M	'Traditional dry stone wall rebuilding – double skin' must be rebuilt, retained and managed as detailed in the ssRMP for EFS(H) sites.	✓		✓
DSW4M	Field records must be kept detailing length, location, date(s) completed and all Management Requirements including Integrated Pest Management (IPM) requirements.	✓		✓

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EFS(W) agreements started 1st July 2017 - 12 month and 18 month payment requirements

This Option is unaffected by the 18 month payment as payment is for the completion of capital items and does not have an on-going management payment element, so this Option can be established as per the 'Requirements and Controls' section above and remain eligible for full payment.

Further Advice:

If you intend to complete this option on a march boundary you should ensure that you have fully discussed and agreed that you can carry out the option requirements and controls on the march boundary with the person who has control of the neighbouring land.

'Traditional dry stone wall rebuilding - double skin' is only applicable to walls which are substantially damaged and in a poor or very poor state of repair. Replacing stones along the length of a wall does not constitute rebuilding a dry stone wall. Land should not be reclaimed to obtain stone. There is no payment for erecting a protective fence(s) alongside restored stone walls.