



## ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP

Managing your ELS and OELS options

Wednesday 4th November 2009

10.30am – 12.30pm

*Big Allington Farm  
Pilgrims Way  
Hollingbourne  
Maidstone  
Kent  
ME17 1RD*

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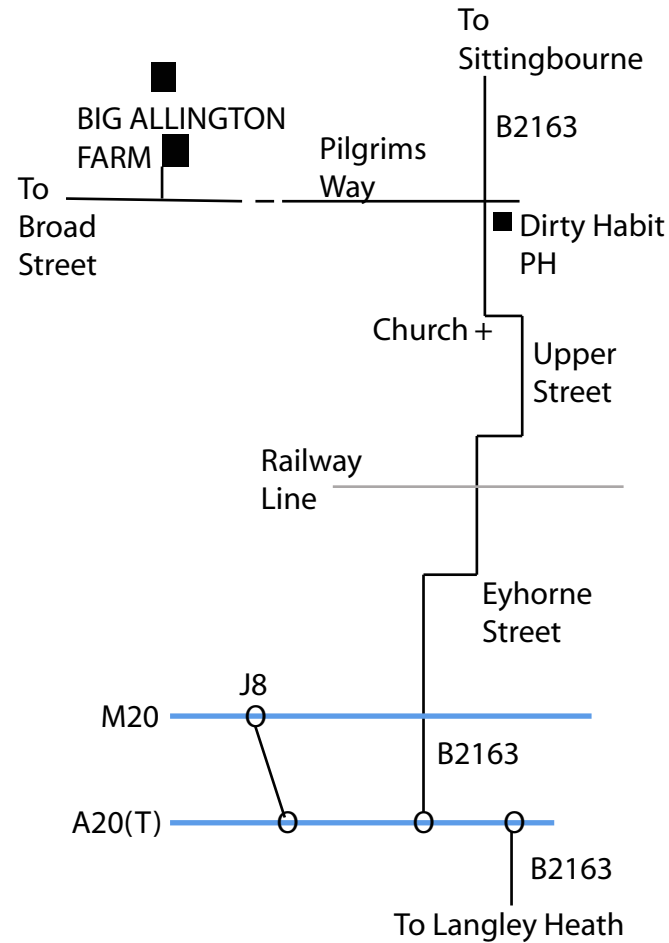
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## Directions

From the M20 turn off at junction 8 on to the A20(T). Turn towards Ashford and then at roundabout follow signs for Hollingbourne on B2163. Into Hollingbourne and then turn west onto Pilgrims Way opposite the Dirty Habit public house. Farm is on right hand side. Event signs will be in place on the day.

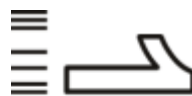
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## Introduction

As an Entry Level or Organic Entry Level agreement holder you are in good company. More than 3,800 farmers in the South East of England have already signed up to Environmental Stewardship. Almost 650,000 hectares of land in this region is under agreement.

You are invited to a farm walk to look at the management of a range of options under Entry Level Stewardship (ELS) and Organic Entry Level Stewardship (OELS). We will provide a refresher on the management prescriptions, and give you the opportunity to discuss and share experiences in option management with other farmers in the scheme.

## About the venue

E Chantler and Sons is a family farming business covering 648 ha on the North Downs, Greensand Ridge and Kent Weald. The 243 ha Big Allington Farm features arable cropping and chalk downland reversion. In H<sup>1</sup>nce 2006 the agreement includes species rich-rich grassland management, over wintered stubbles, wild bird seed mixes and un-harvested conservation headlands.

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## The Programme

Please aim to arrive 15 minutes before the announced start time, for refreshments and to ensure a prompt start. There will be one tour of the farm, starting at 10:30am until 12:30pm. We shall begin with a brief introduction to Environmental Stewardship. This will be followed by a guided walk around the farm to discuss options available under ELS and OELS. These will include:

- Hedgerow management
- Maintenance of woodland edges and woodland fences
- Options for buffer strips on cultivated land and grassland
- Options for arable land including field corners, wild bird seed mixtures, over wintered stubbles, un-harvested cereal headlands
- Options for grassland including permanent grassland with low and very low inputs
- Options to prevent soil erosion

## Speakers

- Nick Caspell from ADAS
- Charles Chantler from Natural England

We shall be walking across fields so please wear suitable clean footwear. A foot dip will be provided for bio-security purposes

The day's programme will be delivered by ADAS on behalf of Natural England

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To book your place, please complete this form and post.

I would like to attend the farm walk at:

Big Allington Farm, Hollingbourne, Maidstone

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If you would like a text reminder, the day before the event please enter your mobile number here:

Name:

Address:

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Telephone:

Holding (CPH) Number (optional):

Number of people in your party:

Names of other party members: