

UTASS BRIEFING – 5th June 2026

SFI 2026 – Latest Update

On Tuesday 2nd June 2026, DEFRA announced that Window 1 will open on 30th June 2026.

In preparation, we have developed a flowchart (see separate sheet) to help you determine whether you may be eligible to apply.

We would also like to invite you along to the **Funding for Farming** session, being held in partnership with the North Pennines National Landscapes at Middleton Auction Mart on Tuesday 9th June from 6.30pm. The session will cover the latest SFI developments, funding opportunities, eligibility requirements, and much more.

Supper is included.

To book your place **email** info@utass.org or **call 01833 641010**.

Capital Grants 2026 – Start Preparing Now

Defra has published the guidance for the 2026 Capital Grants Scheme: [Capital Grants 2026 - GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk/government/guidance/capital-grants-2026)

As with last year, the following funding limits will apply:

✓ Up to £25,000 for: Air Quality, Natural Flood Management and Water Quality

✓ Up to £35,000 for: Boundaries, Trees and Orchards

📅 The scheme is expected to open in July 2026 (exact date to be confirmed)


⚠ Demand is expected to be high, and available funding is likely to be allocated quickly once applications open. Early preparation will be essential to ensure applications can be submitted promptly.

If you are considering applying, key points to look at....

- Confirm the grant category you intend to apply for.
- Identify all land parcels involved. Ensure mapping is up to date, and parcels are not already committed under previous capital grant agreements. Any existing agreements must be fully claimed and closed before applying.
- Provide accurate measurements for proposed works (e.g. meters of walling, length of hedgerows, or area of habitat creation/restoration), as these determine eligibility and payment.
- Gather all required supporting documents, including site photos, contractor quotes, landowner permissions (if required), maps, and any relevant consents.


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Defra June Survey of Agriculture and Horticulture

 The Defra June Survey of Agriculture and Horticulture is an annual mandatory survey, with 1 June serving as the official census snapshot date.

Selected farm holdings will receive the survey either by email or post. Recipients are required to complete the survey, providing details of their land use, crops, livestock, and workforce figures as they stand on 1 June.

Women in Farming Network

 Great news! We are delighted to confirm that funding has been secured to allow the Women in Farming programme to continue.

 Please keep an eye out for updates and details of upcoming events. We look forward to sharing more information with you soon.

If you are not already a member of this group and would like more information or to join, please email Caitlin at info@utass.org

For help or advice on anything in this briefing, or other queries, please contact the UTASS Farm Support Team on 01833 641010 or email info@utass.org.