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# **Sustainable Farming Scheme (SFS)**

## **How to use the SFS Universal Layer Dashboard 2026**



The purpose of this document is to give you step-by-step instructions on how to use your Sustainable Farming Scheme (SFS) Universal Layer Dashboard on Rural Payment Wales (RPW) Online. This document is intended for online use.

If you have any queries or concerns, or are unable to access your RPW Online account, please contact the RPW Customer Contact Centre on 0300 062 5004.

This guide has been divided into sections with detailed step by step instructions on how to update the SFS Universal Layer Dashboard for each Universal Action.

**Please note:**

The SFS Universal Layer Dashboard is being developed and made available in phases on RPW Online throughout 2026. This guide will be updated to reflect the additional facilities as they become available later in the year.

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# Sustainable Farming Scheme Universal Layer Dashboard Overview

Your SFS Universal Layer Dashboard is available on your RPW Online account from June 2026.

The SFS Universal Layer Dashboard will confirm all the Universal Actions (UAs) applicable to your farming business and the deadline for their completion.

In phase 1 you will be able to update the following UAs:

UA1: Soil Health

UA2: Integrated Pest Management (IPM)

UA5: Habitat Maintenance

UA6: Temporary habitat creation on improved land

UA7: Designated Site Management Plan

UA8: Hedgerow Management

UA9: Woodland Maintenance

UA11: Historic Environment

Later phases of the SFS Universal Layer dashboard will be made available through the summer and autumn with the final phase being made available in November.

We will send you a broadcast message when each phase of the SFS Universal Layer Dashboard is available

In phase 2, you will be able to update

UA10: Tree and Hedgerow Planting Opportunity Plan

In phase 3, you will be able to update

UA3: Benchmarking (where not complete through Farming Connect)

In phase 4, you will be able to update

UA4: Continuous Professional Development (CPD) (where not complete through Farming Connect)

UA12: Animal Health and Welfare

In phase 5, the link between Farming Connect and RPW Online will go live. The following UAs will automatically update on the SFS Universal Layer Dashboard if completed with Farming Connect:

UA3: Benchmarking

UA4: Continuous Professional Development (CPD)

The SFS Universal Layer Dashboard must be used to confirm you have completed all UAs applicable to your farm in 2026.

All UAs that need to be completed by 31 December 2026 should be updated on the SFS Universal Layer Dashboard by **15 January 2027**.

The SFS Universal Layer balance/full payment will not be paid until the SFS Universal Layer Dashboard has been updated to confirm all actions have been completed.

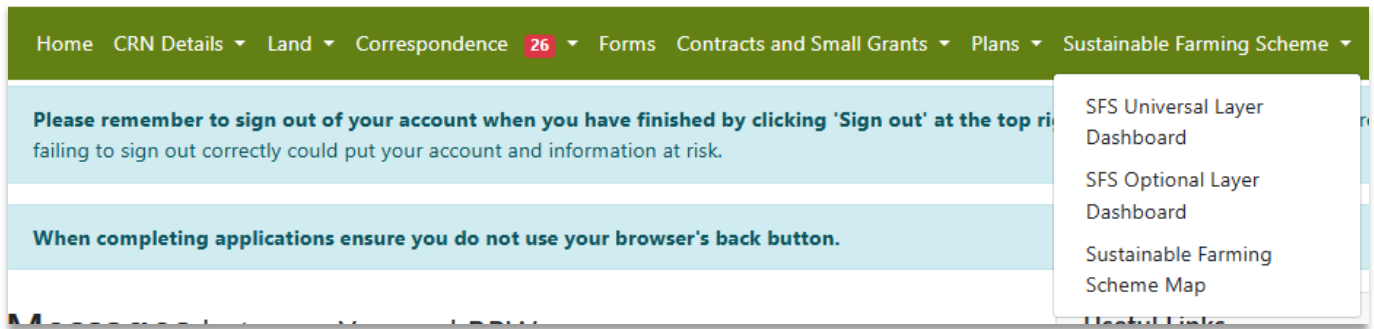
If you do not complete your UAs or where you have completed but do not update your SFS Universal Layer Dashboard by 15 January 2027, sanctions may be applied to your Universal Layer Payment in accordance with the published [Verifiable Standards](#)

The UA requirements are set out in Section J of the [SFS - Universal Layer: Guidance 2026](#). This also details the information you will need to provide on the SFS Universal Layer Dashboard for each individual UA.

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# SFS Universal Layer Dashboard

When you enter RPW Online an option of “Sustainable Farming Scheme” will be shown in the green banner. Click to view the menu.



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# Universal Action (UA) Summary

When you select “SFS Universal Layer Dashboard” from the menu you will see the following page. This page will present all 12 UAs in separate panels. The panels displayed will be unique and applicable to your farm.

Home CRN Details ▾ Land ▾ Correspondence 225 ▾ Forms Contracts and Small Grants ▾ Plans ▾ Sustainable Farming Scheme ▾

SFS Universal Layer Dashboard Sustainable Farming Scheme Map

## Sustainable Farming Scheme Universal Layer Dashboard 2026

### Universal Actions (UA) Summary

Actions to be completed by 31 December 2026

You have completed 0 of 7 Universal Actions required for this year

You must complete all the Universal Actions listed below on or before the **31 December 2026**. You will have until the **15 January 2027** to update your dashboard.

UA1 Soil Health	Not started
UA3 Benchmarking	Not started
UA4 Continuous Professional Development (CPD)	Not started
UA5 Habitat Maintenance	Not started
UA9 Woodland Maintenance	Not started
UA10 Tree and Hedgerow Planting Opportunity Plan	Not started
UA11 Historic Environment	Not started

Extended Completion Window

You must complete this Universal Action on or before **31 December 2030**

UA7 Designated Site Management Plan	Not started
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Not applicable

The following Universal Actions are not applicable to you in 2026

- UA2 Integrated Pest Management (IPM)
- UA6 Temporary Habitat Creation on Improved Land
- UA8 Hedgerow Management
- UA12 Animal Health and Welfare

### Universal Actions (UA) Summary

- UA1 Soil Health
- UA2 Integrated Pest Management (IPM)
- UA3 Benchmarking
- UA4 Continuous Professional Development (CPD)
- UA5 Habitat Maintenance
- UA6 Temporary Habitat Creation on Improved Land
- UA7 Designated Site Management Plan
- UA8 Hedgerow Management
- UA9 Woodland Maintenance
- UA10 Tree and Hedgerow Planting Opportunity Plan
- UA11 Historic Environment
- UA12 Animal Health and Welfare

### Guidance

[View the guidance for the SFS Universal Layer on GOV.WALES](#)

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## Panel 1 - UA Navigation

The screenshot shows a vertical navigation panel. At the top is a green header with the text 'Universal Actions (UA) Summary'. Below this is a list of twelve Universal Actions, each with a blue link: UA1 Soil Health, UA2 Integrated Pest Management (IPM), UA3 Benchmarking, UA4 Continuous Professional Development (CPD), UA5 Habitat Maintenance, UA6 Temporary Habitat Creation on Improved Land, UA7 Designated Site Management Plan, UA8 Hedgerow Management, UA9 Woodland Maintenance, UA10 Tree and Hedgerow Planting Opportunity Plan, UA11 Historic Environment, and UA12 Animal Health and Welfare. At the bottom of the panel is a grey header labeled 'Guidance', followed by a blue link: 'View the guidance for the SFS Universal Layer on GOV.WALES'.

The left hand panel can be used to navigate directly to any UA information page, whether they are applicable or not to your farm. If a UA that is not applicable to you is selected, the UA information page will inform you.

There is also a link to all SFS Guidance.

To the right of panel 1 described above, up to 3 additional panels will show, dependant on the UAs applicable to your farm:

- Panel 2 - Actions to be completed by 31 December 2026
- Panel 3 - Extended completion window
- Panel 4 - Not applicable

You can also use the links in these panels to navigate directly to any UA information page

When you first open the Dashboard, all UAs applicable to your farm will show in panel 2 and possibly 3 and will have a status of **Not started**.

The list of the different statuses and what they mean are listed [below](#)

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## Panel 2 – Applicable UA’s for 2026

This panel, “**Actions to be completed by 31 December 2026**”, will show UAs that are applicable to your farm for the current scheme year.

As you update each UA it will show your progress by updating the status of each action on the far right-hand side of the screen.

You must complete all the UAs listed here on or before the **31 December 2026**. You will have until the **15 January 2027** to update your Dashboard.

### Universal Actions (UA) Summary

Actions to be completed by **31 December 2026**

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**You have completed 0 of 9 Universal Actions required for this year**

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You must complete all the Universal Actions listed below on or before the **31 December 2026**. You will have until the **15 January 2027** to update your dashboard.

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UA1 Soil Health	Not started
UA2 Integrated Pest Management (IPM)	Not started
UA3 Benchmarking	Not started
UA4 Continuous Professional Development (CPD)	Not started
UA5 Habitat Maintenance	Not started
UA6 Temporary Habitat Creation on Improved Land	Not started
UA8 Hedgerow Management	Not started
UA9 Woodland Maintenance	Not started
UA10 Tree and Hedgerow Planting Opportunity Plan	Not started

The list of the different statuses and what they mean are listed [below](#)

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### Panel 3 - Extended Completion Window

This Panel , “**Extended Completion Window**”, will show any UAs that are applicable to be completed within future years.

In 2026 this will display if UA7 is applicable to you.

You must complete this UA on or before **31 December 2030**.



The screenshot shows a panel titled "Extended Completion Window". Below the title, it states: "You must complete this Universal Action on or before **31 December 2030**". A horizontal line separates this from the list of actions. The first action listed is "UA7 Designated Site Management Plan" in blue text. To the right of this text is a dark grey button with the text "Not started" in white.

The list of the different statuses and what they mean are listed [below](#)

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## Panel 4 – Not applicable for 2026

The Panel “**Not applicable**” will show the UAs that are not applicable to you in 2026.

**No action is required for these UAs.**

Not applicable

The following Universal Actions are not applicable to you in 2026

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[UA2 Integrated Pest Management \(IPM\)](#)

[UA8 Hedgerow Management](#)

[UA9 Woodland Maintenance](#)

[UA11 Historic Environment](#)

If you select a UA from the UA Dashboard Summary page, that is not applicable to you, the UA information page will still display.

The header will define the main aim of the actions and the deadline date. However, the screen will display the status as: **Not applicable**

With the following message: *‘This UA is not applicable to you in 2026.’*

### UA6 : Temporary Habitat Creation on Improved Land Not applicable

The aim of this Universal Action is to create temporary habitat to complement any existing habitats on your farm and help you meet the 10% habitat requirements, where applicable.

**Deadline:** 31 December 2026

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This Universal Action is not applicable to you in 2026.

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## Dashboard Universal Action Statuses

The list of the different statuses and what they mean are listed in the table below.

Status	Description
Not started	No information has been recorded on the Dashboard against the UA.
Not applicable	This UA is not applicable to you in 2026.
Draft	Information has been recorded on the Dashboard against the UA and Saved but has <b>not</b> been submitted to RPW.
Submitted	Information has been recorded on the Dashboard against the UA and has been submitted to RPW for review.
In progress	<p>Part of the UA has been updated and submitted to RPW, but there is still additional information required to confirm all requirements of the UA have been completed.</p> <p>Examples would be:</p> <p>For UA4: when only 3 hours of the 6 hours have been completed, but there is still time left in the year to complete the other 3 hours.</p> <p>or</p> <p>For UA12 the biosecurity plan has been done, but the Animal Health Improvement Cycle (AHIC), Training and Scoring elements have not been completed but there is still time left in the year to complete these.</p>
Failed	<p>The customer has either indicated:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>the action has not been undertaken and will not be completed by the deadline</li> </ul> <p>or</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>not all parts of the action have been completed by the deadline</li> </ul> <p>or</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>there has been no confirmation that the action has been completed by the deadline</li> </ul> <p><b>This will result in a sanction being applied to your SFS Universal Payments</b></p>
Complete	The information updated on the Dashboard has been submitted and accepted by RPW, who have confirmed requirements have been met, subject to any further checks.

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## UA1: Soil Health

You must complete this Universal Action if you claim on field parcels with Improved Land. This is land that has been managed to improve agricultural productivity, for example by reseeded, or that has previously received or may receive lime and/or inputs.

We define inputs as the application of slurry, inorganic fertilisers, organic manures and fertilisers, farmyard manure, lime, basic slag, calcified seaweed, sewage sludge and wastepaper sludge.

You must ensure a minimum of 20% of your fields containing improved land are soil tested in 2026 (year 1) or have been tested in the past five years.

In 2026, you do not need to provide the actual results of any soil testing you have carried out.

If you select UA1 from the Dashboard Summary page, the UA information page will display. The header will define the main aim of the UA and the deadline date.

Select the 'Continue' button to make a declaration.

**UA1 : Soil Health** Not started

The aim of this Universal Action is to contribute to the understanding of the condition of your soil and effectively plan how to increase and/or maintain the long-term health, productivity, and resilience of your soil.

**Deadline:** 31 December 2026

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**Complete a Declaration**

Complete your declaration to confirm you have met the requirements of this Universal Action to undertake soil testing on at least 20% of your improved land parcels by 31 December 2026.

In 2026, you do not need to provide the actual results of any soil testing you have carried out.

If you have been unable to complete the minimum 20% soil testing and have not had an accepted derogation, you will need to tell us how much soil testing you have completed.

Where you are unable to meet one or more of the requirements of this Universal Action, a derogation must be requested by completing the 'SFS - Derogation or Enquiry Form' on your RPW Online account.

[Continue](#)

You will be asked if you have completed this UA, you should select the option that applies to you.

**UA1: Soil Health Declaration**

All items marked with \* must be entered. Once you have entered all relevant information you must click Continue to submit the details.

**Have you completed this Universal Action? \***

I have completed soil testing on at least 20% of land parcels containing improved land and/or have an **accepted** derogation.

I have **not** completed soil testing on at least 20% of land parcels containing improved land.

If you confirm you have completed the required level of soil testing you will be asked to select the year(s) the soil testing was undertaken, you should tick all the years that apply.

**UA1: Soil Health Declaration**

All items marked with \* must be entered. Once you have entered all relevant information you must click Continue to submit the details.

**Have you completed this Universal Action? \***

I have completed soil testing on at least 20% of land parcels containing improved land and/or have an **accepted** derogation.

**Select the years that soil testing was undertaken, tick all that apply \***

2022-2025

2026

I have **not** completed soil testing on at least 20% of land parcels containing improved land.

If you do not select a relevant year an error message will appear asking you to select an option.

**UA1: Soil Health Declaration**

All items marked with \* must be entered. Once you have entered all relevant information you must click Continue to submit the details.

Some data has not been entered or is invalid in the fields highlighted below. Please correct this data before continuing.

**Have you completed this Universal Action? \***

I have completed soil testing on at least 20% of land parcels containing improved land and/or have an **accepted** derogation.

**Select the years that soil testing was undertaken, tick all that apply \***

2022-2025

2026

I have **not** completed soil testing on at least 20% of land parcels containing improved land.

[Continue](#) [Save](#) [Back](#)

If you select the '*I have **not** completed soil testing on at least 20% of land parcels containing improved land.*' option you will be asked to select how much soil testing have you completed, you should select the option that applies to you.

**UA1: Soil Health Declaration**

All items marked with \* must be entered. Once you have entered all relevant information you must click Continue to submit the details.

**Have you completed this Universal Action? \***

I have completed soil testing on at least 20% of land parcels containing improved land and/or have an **accepted** derogation.

I have **not** completed soil testing on at least 20% of land parcels containing improved land.

**How much soil testing have you completed? \***

I have completed some soil testing of my land parcels containing improved land but less than 20%.

I have **not** completed any soil testing.

[Continue](#) [Save](#) [Back](#)

If you press the 'Save' button, without entering all the required information, a warning message will be shown to highlight what information you are required to enter. Select the option that applies to you.

**UA1: Soil Health Declaration**

All items marked with \* must be entered. Once you have entered all relevant information you must click Continue to submit the details.

Some data has not been entered or is invalid in the fields highlighted below. Please correct this data before continuing.

**Have you completed this Universal Action? \***

- I have completed soil testing on at least 20% of land parcels containing improved land and/or have an **accepted** derogation.
- I have **not** completed soil testing on at least 20% of land parcels containing improved land.

**How much soil testing have you completed? \***

- I have completed some soil testing of my land parcels containing improved land but less than 20%.
- I have **not** completed any soil testing.

If you do not want to submit the information at the current time you can use the 'Save' button. A message will appear on the top of the screen saying: 'Your changes have been successfully saved'

**UA1: Soil Health Declaration**

Your changes have been successfully saved

All items marked with \* must be entered. Once you have entered all relevant information you must click Continue to submit the details.

**Have you completed this Universal Action? \***

- I have completed soil testing on at least 20% of land parcels containing improved land and/or have an **accepted** derogation.
- I have **not** completed soil testing on at least 20% of land parcels containing improved land.

**How much soil testing have you completed? \***

- I have completed some soil testing of my land parcels containing improved land but less than 20%.
- I have **not** completed any soil testing.

If you then use the 'Back' button this will take you back to the main information page and the status will be updated to **Draft**.

**Sustainable Farming Scheme Universal Layer Dashboard 2026**

Universal Actions (UA)  
Summary

**UA1 Soil Health** Draft

UA2 Integrated Pest Management (IPM)

UA3 Benchmarking

UA4 Continuous Professional Development (CPD)

UA5 Habitat Maintenance

UA6 Temporary Habitat Creation on Improved Land

UA7 Designated Site Management Plan

UA8 Hedgerow Management

**UA1 : Soil Health** Draft

The aim of this Universal Action is to contribute to the understanding of the condition of your soil and effectively plan how to increase and/or maintain the long-term health, productivity, and resilience of your soil.

**Deadline:** 31 December 2026

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**Complete a Declaration**

Complete your declaration to confirm you have met the requirements of this Universal Action to undertake soil testing on at least 20% of your improved land parcels by 31 December 2026.

In 2026, you do not need to provide the actual results of any soil testing you have carried out.

If you have been unable to complete the minimum 20% soil testing and have not had an accepted derogation, you will need to tell us how much soil testing you have completed.

Where you are unable to meet one or more of the requirements of this Universal Action, a derogation must be requested by completing the 'SFS - Derogation or Enquiry Form' on your RPW Online account.

[Continue](#)

Select the 'Continue' button to go back into the declaration page, and after you have selected the relevant option select the 'Continue' button and a '**Confirm Your Submission**' box will appear.

The **Confirm Your Submission** will state:

*“By submitting, you confirm that the information provided is complete and accurate. You will not be able to edit your responses after submission.”*

SFS Universal Layer Dashboard Sustainable Farming Scheme Map

**UA1: Soil Health Declaration**

All items marked with \* must be entered. On submit the details.

**Have you completed this Universal Action? \***

I have completed soil testing on at least 20% of land parcels containing improved land.

I have **not** completed soil testing on at least 20% of land parcels containing improved land.

**How much soil testing have you completed? \***

I have completed some soil testing of my land parcels containing improved land but less than 20%.

I have **not** completed any soil testing.

[Continue](#) [Save](#) [Back](#)

**Confirm Your Submission**

By submitting, you confirm that the information provided is complete and accurate. You will not be able to edit your responses after submission.

[Confirm and Submit](#) [Cancel](#)

If you select 'Cancel', you will remain on the declaration page so you can amend your declaration details.

If you select '**Confirm and Submit**' the declaration will be submitted to RPW for review. You will be returned to the Dashboard Summary page following submission.

**Sustainable Farming Scheme Universal Layer Dashboard 2026**

Your changes have been successfully submitted

**Universal Actions (UA) Summary**

Actions to be completed by **31 December 2026**

You have completed 0 of 9 Universal Actions required for this year

You must complete all the Universal Actions listed below on or before the **31 December 2026**. You will have until the **15 January 2027** to update your dashboard.

UA1 Soil Health	Submitted
UA2 Integrated Pest Management (IPM)	Not started
UA3 Benchmarking	Not started
UA4 Continuous Professional Development (CPD)	Not started

Universal Actions (UA) Summary

- UA1 Soil Health
- UA2 Integrated Pest Management (IPM)
- UA3 Benchmarking
- UA4 Continuous Professional Development (CPD)
- UA5 Habitat Maintenance
- UA6 Temporary Habitat Creation on Improved Land
- UA7 Designated Site Management Plan
- UA8 Hedgerow Management

If you select the UA again, the information page will now display the status as **Submitted** along with the details of your declaration.

**UA1 : Soil Health** Submitted

The aim of this Universal Action is to contribute to the understanding of the condition of your soil and effectively plan how to increase and/or maintain the long-term health, productivity, and resilience of your soil.

**Deadline:** 31 December 2026

The information shown below is your submitted declaration. Changes cannot be made via the Dashboard. If changes are required, you should contact the Customer Contact Centre using your RPW Online account.

**Your declaration**

**Have you completed this Universal Action?**

I have **not** completed soil testing on at least 20% of land parcels containing improved land.

**How much soil testing have you completed?**

I have completed some soil testing of my land parcels containing improved land but less than 20%.

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## UA2: Integrated Pest Management (IPM)

You must complete this Universal Action if you use, or employ contractors to use, Plant Protection Products (PPP) on any of the land you farm and claim. This includes any small amounts of PPP used for spot spraying or targeted hand-held applications e.g. if you are using a weed wiper or spraying docks/thistles.

PPP includes the following; insecticides, herbicides, pesticides, fungicides (including seed dressings), molluscicides or plant growth regulators.

You must collect and record data of all **PPP** used on your holding. You must complete an assessment, by 31 December 2026, of the use of PPP and record this in your IPM plan.

If you select UA2 from the Dashboard Summary page, the UA information page will display. The header will define the main aim of the actions and the deadline date.

Select the 'Continue' button to make a declaration.

### UA2 : Integrated Pest Management (IPM) Not started

The aim of this Universal Action is to consider Integrated Pest Management (IPM) as a whole farm approach that uses all available methods to prevent, monitor, and control pests, weeds and diseases.

**Deadline:** 31 December 2026

#### Complete a Declaration

Complete your declaration to confirm you have met the requirements of this Universal Action by collecting and recording data of all Plant Protection Products (PPP) used on your holding, completing an assessment of the use of PPP and recording this in your IPM plan.

Where you are unable to meet one or more of the requirements of this Universal Action, a derogation must be requested by completing the 'SFS - Derogation or Enquiry Form' on your RPW Online account.

[Continue](#)

You will be asked if you have completed this UA, you should select the option that applies to you.

**UA2: Integrated Pest Management (IPM) Declaration**

All items marked with \* must be entered. Once you have entered all relevant information you must click Continue to submit the details.

The requirements of this Universal Action must be completed by the 31 December 2026.

**Have you completed this Universal Action? \***

- I confirm I have collected and recorded the data of all Plant Protection Products (PPP) used on my holding, completed an assessment of the use of PPP, recorded this in my IPM plan and/or have an **accepted** derogation.
- I have **not** met the requirements for this Universal Action.

If you press the 'Save' button, without entering all the required information, a warning message will be shown to highlight what information you are required to enter.

**UA2: Integrated Pest Management (IPM) Declaration**

All items marked with \* must be entered. Once you have entered all relevant information you must click Continue to submit the details.

The requirements of this Universal Action must be completed by the 31 December 2026.

Some data has not been entered or is invalid in the fields highlighted below. Please correct this data before continuing.

**Have you completed this Universal Action? \***

- I confirm I have collected and recorded the data of all Plant Protection Products (PPP) used on my holding, completed an assessment of the use of PPP, recorded this in my IPM plan and/or have an **accepted** derogation.
- I have **not** met the requirements for this Universal Action.

If you do not want to submit the information at the current time you can use the 'Save' button. A message will appear on the top of the screen saying: 'Your changes have been successfully saved'

**UA2: Integrated Pest Management (IPM) Declaration**

Your changes have been successfully saved

All items marked with \* must be entered. Once you have entered all relevant information you must click Continue to submit the details.

The requirements of this Universal Action must be completed by the 31 December 2026.

**Have you completed this Universal Action? \***

- I confirm I have collected and recorded the data of all Plant Protection Products (PPP) used on my holding, completed an assessment of the use of PPP, recorded this in my IPM plan and/or have an **accepted** derogation.
- I have **not** met the requirements for this Universal Action.

If you then use the 'Back' button this will take you back to the main UA information page and the status will be updated to **Draft**.

## Sustainable Farming Scheme Universal Layer Dashboard 2026

The screenshot shows a dashboard with a sidebar on the left containing links for Universal Actions (UA) 1 through 6. The main content area is titled 'UA2 : Integrated Pest Management (IPM)' with a 'Draft' status tag. Below the title, there is a description of the Universal Action's aim, a deadline of 31 December 2026, and a section titled 'Complete a Declaration' with instructions on how to proceed. A blue 'Continue' button is located at the bottom right of the main content area.

Select the 'Continue' button to go back into the declaration Page, and after you have selected the relevant option select the 'Continue' button and a '**Confirm Your Submission**' box will appear.

The **Confirm Your Submission** will state:

*"By submitting, you confirm that the information provided is complete and accurate. You will not be able to edit your responses after submission."*

The screenshot shows a 'Confirm Your Submission' dialog box overlaid on the dashboard. The dialog box contains the text: 'By submitting, you confirm that the information provided is complete and accurate. You will not be able to edit your responses after submission.' Below the text are two buttons: 'Confirm and Submit' (blue) and 'Cancel' (white with a grey border). The background dashboard shows the 'UA2: Integrated Pest Management' section with a question: 'Have you completed this Universal Action? \*' and two radio button options. The first option is selected: 'I confirm I have collected and recorded the data of all Plant Protection Products (PPP) used on my holding, completed an assessment of the use of PPP and recorded this in my IPM plan and/or have an **accepted** derogation.' The second option is: 'I have **not** met the requirements for this Universal Action.' At the bottom of the dashboard, there are three buttons: 'Continue' (blue), 'Save' (grey), and 'Back' (grey).

If you select 'Cancel', you will remain on the declaration page so you can amend your declaration details.

If you select '**Confirm and Submit**' the information will be submitted to RPW online. You will be returned to the Dashboard Summary page following submission.

### Sustainable Farming Scheme Universal Layer Dashboard 2026

Your changes have been successfully submitted

#### Universal Actions (UA) Summary

Actions to be completed by **31 December 2026**

You have completed **0** of **9** Universal Actions required for this year

You must complete all the Universal Actions listed below on or before the **31 December 2026**. You will have until the **15 January 2027** to update your dashboard.

UA1 Soil Health	Submitted
UA2 Integrated Pest Management (IPM)	Submitted
UA3 Benchmarking	Not started
UA4 Continuous Professional Development (CPD)	Not started

When you select the UA again, the UA information page will now display the status of the UA as **Submitted** along with the details of your declaration.

#### UA2 : Integrated Pest Management (IPM) **Submitted**

The aim of this Universal Action is to consider Integrated Pest Management (IPM) as a whole farm approach that uses all available methods to prevent, monitor, and control pests, weeds and diseases.

**Deadline:** 31 December 2026

The information shown below is your submitted declaration. Changes cannot be made via the Dashboard. If changes are required, you should contact the Customer Contact Centre using your RPW Online account.

#### Your declaration

##### Have you completed this Universal Action?

I confirm I have collected and recorded the data of all Plant Protection Products (PPP) used on my holding, completed an assessment of the use of PPP, recorded this in my IPM plan and/or have an **accepted** derogation.

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## UA3: Benchmarking

The aim of this action is to support your business to benefit from basic benchmarking using Key Performance Indicators (KPIs).

Measuring and monitoring key aspects of your farming business through the process of benchmarking will help you identify opportunities for improvement and efficiency.

KPIs show which areas are performing well and those areas that could be improved when compared to the wider industry and sector standard.

These KPIs can be used to monitor and improve farm performance, increase the farms' ability to adapt to change, enhancing profitability whilst providing benefits for the environment.

This action can link to other UAs, particularly the requirements of UA12: Animal health and welfare.

If you select UA3 from the Dashboard Summary page, the UA information page will display. The header will define the main aim of the actions and the deadline date.

In the first phase release of the SFS Universal Layer Dashboard, this UA is not available for completion and the page will display as follows:

### UA3 : Benchmarking Not started

The aim of this Universal Action is to support your business to benefit from basic benchmarking using Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) by completing annual measuring and monitoring assessments to help you identify savings or improvements.

**Deadline:** 31 December 2026

**This Universal Action is currently unavailable for completion on the SFS Universal Layer Dashboard. You will be notified through your RPW Online account when it can be completed.**

If you are completing this Universal Action through Farming Connect, you will not be required to update the dashboard.

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## UA4: Continuous Professional Development (CPD)

The aim of this UA is to invest in your professional development and your farm's future success.

You and/or an individual within your farm business, as registered with RPW, must complete this action by 31 December 2026. The learning can be provided through Farming Connect (FC) or delivered by a different and independent provider. The requirement is to complete:

- a minimum of six hours of learning, and
- a mandatory Health and Safety training module

If you select UA4 from the Dashboard Summary page, the UA information page will display. The header will define the main aim of the actions and the deadline date.

In the first phase release of the SFS Universal Layer Dashboard, this UA is not available for completion and the page will display as follows:

### UA4 : Continuous Professional Development (CPD) Not started

The aim of this Universal Action is to invest in your professional development and your farm's future success.

**Deadline:** 31 December 2026

**This Universal Action is currently unavailable for completion on the SFS Universal Layer Dashboard. You will be notified through your RPW Online account when it can be completed.**

If you are completing this Universal Action through Farming Connect, you will not be required to update the dashboard.

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## UA5: Habitat Maintenance

The aim of this action is to retain and maintain important semi-natural, or newly created, permanent habitats on your farm to benefit grazing livestock and the natural environment.

Semi-natural habitats can range from the coast to the uplands and include heathlands, wetlands and the range of species-rich grasslands of all types managed as pasture or hay fields across Welsh farms. These habitats provide forage for livestock and depend on sustainable levels of grazing to provide a home for wildlife and an attractive and diverse landscape.

You must complete this UA if you confirmed permanent Habitat on your Single Application Form (SAF).

The location and extent of each habitat classification will be updated and shown on the SFS Map once your Habitat Baseline Review has been processed.

If you select UA5 from the Dashboard Summary page, the UA information page will display. The header will define the main aim of the actions and the deadline date.

Select the 'Continue' button to make a declaration.

### UA5 : Habitat Maintenance Not started

The aim of this Universal Action is to retain and maintain important semi-natural, or newly created, permanent habitats on your farm to benefit grazing livestock and the natural environment.

**Deadline:** 31 December 2026

#### Complete a Declaration

Complete your declaration to confirm you have met and will continue to meet the management requirements for the permanent habitat(s) present on your holding.

Where you are unable to meet one or more of the requirements of this Universal Action, a derogation must be requested by completing the 'SFS - Derogation or Enquiry Form' on your RPW Online account.

[Continue](#)

You will be asked if you have completed this UA, you should select the option that applies to you.

**UA5: Habitat Maintenance Declaration**

All items marked with \* must be entered. Once you have entered all relevant information you must click Continue to submit the details.

The requirements of this Universal Action must be completed by the 31 December 2026.

**Have you completed this Universal Action? \***

I confirm I have met and will continue to meet the management requirements for the permanent habitat(s) present on my holding and/or have an **accepted** derogation.

I have **not** met the requirements for this Universal Action.

If you select the *'I have **not** met the requirement of this Universal Action'* option. You will be asked how much Habitat have you managed in line with the requirements.

If you select *'I have **not** met the management requirements for **any** of my permanent habitat.'* you will be asked to provide comments. You should provide full details of why the Habitat maintenance requirements have not been met.

**UA5: Habitat Maintenance Declaration**

All items marked with \* must be entered. Once you have entered all relevant information you must click Continue to submit the details.

The requirements of this Universal Action must be completed by the 31 December 2026.

**Have you completed this Universal Action? \***

I confirm I have met and will continue to meet the management requirements for the permanent habitat(s) present on my holding and/or have an **accepted** derogation.

I have **not** met the requirements for this Universal Action.

**Select one of the following: \***

I have **not** met the management requirements for **any** of my permanent habitat.

I have **not** met the permanent habitat management requirements on the field parcel(s) listed below.

**Provide details of why you have not met the permanent habitat management requirements. \***

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If you have managed most of your habitat in line with the requirements, but there are some parcels where you have not, you should select the ‘I have **not** met the permanent habitat management requirements on the field parcel(s) listed below.’

You will be asked to provide the details of the field parcels where you have not met the requirements, along with the habitat area affected and any comments. You should provide full details of why the Habitat maintenance requirements have not been met for each field parcel.

### UA5: Habitat Maintenance Declaration

All items marked with \* must be entered. Once you have entered all relevant information you must click Continue to submit the details.

The requirements of this Universal Action must be completed by the 31 December 2026.

#### Have you completed this Universal Action? \*

- I confirm I have met and will continue to meet the management requirements for the permanent habitat(s) present on my holding and/or have an **accepted** derogation.
- I have **not** met the requirements for this Universal Action.

#### Select one of the following: \*

- I have **not** met the management requirements for **any** of my permanent habitat.
- I have **not** met the permanent habitat management requirements on the field parcel(s) listed below.

Sheet Reference *	Field Number *	Habitat Area Affected (ha) *	Provide details of why you have not met the permanent habitat management requirements. *	
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="button" value="Remove"/>
				0/2000
<input type="button" value="+ Add Another Parcel"/>				

If you press the ‘Save’ button, without entering all the required information, a warning message will be shown to highlight what information you are required to enter.

### UA5: Habitat Maintenance Declaration

All items marked with \* must be entered. Once you have entered all relevant information you must click Continue to submit the details.

The requirements of this Universal Action must be completed by the 31 December 2026.

Some data has not been entered or is invalid in the fields highlighted below. Please correct this data before continuing.

#### Have you completed this Universal Action? \*

- I confirm I have met and will continue to meet the management requirements for the permanent habitat(s) present on my holding and/or have an **accepted** derogation.
- I have **not** met the requirements for this Universal Action.

#### Select one of the following: \*

- I have **not** met the management requirements for **any** of my permanent habitat.
- I have **not** met the permanent habitat management requirements on the field parcel(s) listed below.

Sheet Reference *	Field Number *	Habitat Area Affected (ha) *	Provide details of why you have not met the permanent habitat management requirements. *	
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="button" value="Remove"/>
				0/2000

- Enter a valid Sheet Reference for Welsh land using the correct format. For example: SN1234.
- Enter a valid Field Number using the correct format. For example: 0123.
- Enter an area affected.
- Enter a comment.

If you enter field parcel details that do not match the information you submitted on your SAF, an information message will be displayed asking for you to check the information is correct. You will still be able to submit the declaration but it may take RPW longer to process the information.

### UA5: Habitat Maintenance Declaration

All items marked with \* must be entered. Once you have entered all relevant information you must click Continue to submit the details.

The requirements of this Universal Action must be completed by the 31 December 2026.

#### Have you completed this Universal Action? \*

- I confirm I have met and will continue to meet the management requirements for the permanent habitat(s) present on my holding and/or have an **accepted** derogation.
- I have **not** met the requirements for this Universal Action.

#### Select one of the following: \*

- I have **not** met the management requirements for **any** of my permanent habitat.
- I have **not** met the permanent habitat management requirements on the field parcel(s) listed below.

Sheet Reference *	Field Number *	Habitat Area Affected (ha) *	Provide details of why you have not met the permanent habitat management requirements. *	
SO0349	0664	0.48	Habitat requirements not met	Remove
			28/2000	

The field parcel you have selected was not submitted on your Single Application Form (SAF). Check the parcel reference and ensure the information is correct before continuing.

If you need to enter information against more than one parcel, use the '+Add another parcel' button.

### UA5: Habitat Maintenance Declaration

All items marked with \* must be entered. Once you have entered all relevant information you must click Continue to submit the details.

The requirements of this Universal Action must be completed by the 31 December 2026.

#### Have you completed this Universal Action? \*

- I confirm I have met and will continue to meet the management requirements for the permanent habitat(s) present on my holding and/or have an **accepted** derogation.
- I have **not** met the requirements for this Universal Action.

#### Select one of the following: \*

- I have **not** met the management requirements for **any** of my permanent habitat.
- I have **not** met the permanent habitat management requirements on the field parcel(s) listed below.

Sheet Reference *	Field Number *	Habitat Area Affected (ha) *	Provide details of why you have not met the permanent habitat management requirements. *	
SO0349	0664	0.48	Habitat requirements not met	Remove
			28/2000	
				Remove
			0/2000	

+ Add Another Parcel

If you have added a field parcel in error, select the 'Remove' button.

If you do not want to submit the information at the current time you can use the 'Save' button. A message will appear on the top of the screen saying: 'Your changes have been successfully saved'.

### UA5: Habitat Maintenance Declaration

Your changes have been successfully saved

All items marked with \* must be entered. Once you have entered all relevant information you must click Continue to submit the details.

The requirements of this Universal Action must be completed by the 31 December 2026.

**Have you completed this Universal Action? \***

I confirm I have met and will continue to meet the management requirements for the permanent habitat(s) present on my holding and/or have an **accepted** derogation.

I have **not** met the requirements for this Universal Action.

**Select one of the following: \***

I have **not** met the management requirements for **any** of my permanent habitat.

I have **not** met the permanent habitat management requirements on the field parcel(s) listed below.

Sheet Reference *	Field Number *	Habitat Area Affected (ha) *	Provide details of why you have not met the permanent habitat management requirements. *	
<input type="text" value="SO0349"/>	<input type="text" value="0664"/>	<input type="text" value="0.48"/>	<input type="text" value="Habitat requirements not met"/>	<input type="button" value="Remove"/>
			<small>28/2000</small>	

If you then use the 'Back' button this will take you back to the main UA information page and the status will be updated to **Draft**.

## Sustainable Farming Scheme Universal Layer Dashboard 2026

- Universal Actions (UA) Summary
- UA1 Soil Health
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- UA3 Benchmarking
- UA4 Continuous Professional Development (CPD)
- UA5 Habitat Maintenance**
- UA6 Temporary Habitat Creation on Improved Land

### UA5 : Habitat Maintenance Draft

The aim of this Universal Action is to retain and maintain important semi-natural, or newly created, permanent habitats on your farm to benefit grazing livestock and the natural environment.

**Deadline:** 31 December 2026

#### Complete a Declaration

Complete your declaration to confirm you have met and will continue to meet the management requirements for the permanent habitat(s) present on your holding.

Where you are unable to meet one or more of the requirements of this Universal Action, a derogation must be requested by completing the 'SFS - Derogation or Enquiry Form' on your RPW Online account.

Select the 'Continue' button to go back into the declaration page, and after you have selected the relevant option, select the 'Continue' button and a '**Confirm Your Submission**' box will appear.

The '**Confirm Your Submission**' will state:

*"By submitting, you confirm that the information provided is complete and accurate. You will not be able to edit your responses after submission."*

The screenshot shows a 'Confirm Your Submission' dialog box overlaid on a form. The dialog box contains the text: "By submitting, you confirm that the information provided is complete and accurate. You will not be able to edit your responses after submission." Below the text are two buttons: "Confirm and Submit" (in blue) and "Cancel" (in white with a grey border). The background form is partially visible, showing a question "Have you completed this Universal Action?" with radio button options. One option is selected: "I have not met the permanent habitat management requirements." Below this is a table with columns: "Sheet Reference \*", "Field Number \*", "Habitat Area Affected (ha) \*", and "Provide details of why you have not met the permanent habitat management requirements. \*". The table has one row with values: "SO0349", "0664", "0.48", and "Habitat requirements not met". There is a "Remove" button next to the last cell. Below the table is a message: "The field parcel you have selected was not submitted on your Single Application Form (SAF). Check the parcel reference and ensure the information is correct before continuing." and a "+ Add Another Parcel" button.

If you select 'Cancel', you will remain on the declaration page so you can amend your declaration details.

If you select '**Confirm and Submit**' the information will be submitted to RPW Online for review. You will be returned to the Dashboard Summary page.

## Sustainable Farming Scheme Universal Layer Dashboard 2026

The screenshot shows the 'Universal Actions (UA) Summary' dashboard. At the top, a light blue banner says "Your changes have been successfully submitted". Below this is the title "Universal Actions (UA) Summary" and a sub-header "Actions to be completed by 31 December 2026". A progress bar shows "You have completed 0 of 9 Universal Actions required for this year". Below this is a message: "You must complete all the Universal Actions listed below on or before the 31 December 2026. You will have until the 15 January 2027 to update your dashboard." The main content is a list of 10 Universal Actions (UA1 to UA10) with their status: UA1 Soil Health (Submitted), UA2 Integrated Pest Management (IPM) (Submitted), UA3 Benchmarking (Not started), UA4 Continuous Professional Development (CPD) (Not started), UA5 Habitat Maintenance (Submitted), and UA6 Temporary Habitat Creation on Improved Land (Not started). The remaining four actions (UA7 to UA10) are not visible in the screenshot. On the left side, there is a navigation menu with "Universal Actions (UA) Summary" highlighted in green, and links for UA1 to UA10.

When you select the UA again, the UA information page will now display. the status of the UA as **Submitted** along with the details of your declaration.

## UA5 : Habitat Maintenance Submitted

The aim of this Universal Action is to retain and maintain important semi-natural, or newly created, permanent habitats on your farm to benefit grazing livestock and the natural environment.

**Deadline:** 31 December 2026

The information shown below is your submitted declaration. Changes cannot be made via the Dashboard. If changes are required, you should contact the Customer Contact Centre using your RPW Online account.

### Your declaration

#### Have you completed this Universal Action?

I have **not** met the requirements for this Universal Action.

#### Select one of the following:

I have **not** met the permanent habitat management requirements on the field parcel(s) listed below.

#### Specific field parcels:

Sheet Reference	Field Number	Habitat Area Affected (ha)	Provide details of why you have not met the permanent habitat management requirements.
SO0349	0664	0.48	Habitat requirements not met

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## UA6: Temporary habitat creation on improved land

The aim of this action is to create temporary habitat to complement any existing habitats on your farm and help you meet the 10% habitat requirements.

Temporary habitats, such as arable margins or herbal leys, not only support farm wildlife like pollinating insects and birds but also act as natural buffers for streams and ponds, helping to filter pollutants and reduce soil erosion.

Depending on which habitat types you choose to create, these temporary habitats can improve soil quality, reduce soil loss, reduce the impact of drought and flooding on farm, and boost beneficial invertebrates such as hoverflies and other pollinators.

If you do not have sufficient semi-natural habitat, established broadleaf woodland, newly created hedgerows since 1 April 2022, or hedgerows meeting the 'good condition' criteria you must create temporary habitat on improved land to meet the 10% habitat requirement annually.

You must complete this UA if you have entered Temporary Habitat on your SAF.

The location and extent of each habitat classification will be updated and shown on the SFS Map once your declaration has been processed.

If you select UA6 from the Dashboard Summary page, the UA information page will display. The header will define the main aim of the actions and the deadline date.

Select the 'Continue' button to make a declaration.

### UA6 : Temporary Habitat Creation on Improved Land Not started

The aim of this Universal Action is to create temporary habitat to complement any existing habitats on your farm and help you meet the 10% habitat requirements, where applicable.

**Deadline:** 31 December 2026

#### Complete a Declaration

Complete your declaration to confirm you have met and will continue to meet the management requirements of the temporary habitat(s) you have created on your holding.

If you have changed your Temporary Habitat or moved its location since submitting your Single Application Form, you will need to inform us via your RPW Online Account.

Where you are unable to meet one or more of the requirements of this Universal Action, a derogation must be requested by completing the 'SFS - Derogation or Enquiry Form' on your RPW Online account.

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You will be asked if you have completed this UA, you should select the option that applies to you.

#### UA6: Temporary Habitat Creation on Improved Land Declaration

All items marked with \* must be entered. Once you have entered all relevant information you must click Continue to submit the details.

The requirements of this Universal Action must be completed by the 31 December 2026.

##### Have you completed this Universal Action? \*

- I confirm I have met and will continue to meet the management requirements for the temporary habitat(s) present on my holding and/or have an **accepted** derogation.
- I have **not** met the requirements for this Universal Action.

Continue

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If you select the '*I have not met the requirement of this Universal Action*' option. You will be asked how much Temporary Habitat have you managed in line with the requirements.

If you select '*I have **not** met the management requirements for **any** of my temporary habitat.*' you will be asked to provide comments. You should provide full details of why the Temporary Habitat Management requirements have not been met.

#### UA6: Temporary Habitat Creation on Improved Land Declaration

All items marked with \* must be entered. Once you have entered all relevant information you must click Continue to submit the details.

The requirements of this Universal Action must be completed by the 31 December 2026.

##### Have you completed this Universal Action? \*

- I confirm I have met and will continue to meet the management requirements for the temporary habitat(s) present on my holding and/or have an **accepted** derogation.
- I have **not** met the requirements for this Universal Action.

##### Select one of the following \*

- I have **not** met the management requirements for **any** of my temporary habitat.
- I have **not** met the temporary habitat management requirements on the field parcels listed below.

Provide details of why you have not met the temporary habitat management requirements. \*

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If you have managed most of your temporary habitat in line with the requirements, but there are some parcels where you have not, you should select the ‘I have **not** met the temporary habitat management requirements on the field parcels listed below.’

You will be asked to provide the details of the field parcels where you have not met the requirements, along with the habitat area affected and any comments. You should provide full details of why the Temporary Habitat Management requirements have not been met for each field parcel.

#### UA6: Temporary Habitat Creation on Improved Land Declaration

All items marked with \* must be entered. Once you have entered all relevant information you must click Continue to submit the details.

The requirements of this Universal Action must be completed by the 31 December 2026.

##### Have you completed this Universal Action? \*

- I confirm I have met and will continue to meet the management requirements for the temporary habitat(s) present on my holding and/or have an **accepted** derogation.
- I have **not** met the requirements for this Universal Action.

##### Select one of the following \*

- I have **not** met the management requirements for **any** of my temporary habitat.
- I have **not** met the temporary habitat management requirements on the field parcels listed below.

Sheet Reference *	Field Number *	Habitat Area Affected (ha) *	Provide details of why you have not met the temporary habitat management requirements. *	
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="button" value="Remove"/>

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+ Add Another Parcel

If you press the ‘Save’ button, without entering all the required information, a warning message will be shown to highlight what information you are required to enter.

#### UA6: Temporary Habitat Creation on Improved Land Declaration

All items marked with \* must be entered. Once you have entered all relevant information you must click Continue to submit the details.

The requirements of this Universal Action must be completed by the 31 December 2026.

Some data has not been entered or is invalid in the fields highlighted below. Please correct this data before continuing.

##### Have you completed this Universal Action? \*

- I confirm I have met and will continue to meet the management requirements for the temporary habitat(s) present on my holding and/or have an **accepted** derogation.
- I have **not** met the requirements for this Universal Action.

##### Select one of the following \*

- I have **not** met the management requirements for **any** of my temporary habitat.
- I have **not** met the temporary habitat management requirements on the field parcels listed below.

Sheet Reference *	Field Number *	Habitat Area Affected (ha) *	Provide details of why you have not met the temporary habitat management requirements. *	
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="button" value="Remove"/>

0/2000

- Enter a valid Sheet Reference for Welsh land using the correct format. For example: SN1234.
- Enter a valid Field Number using the correct format. For example: 0123.
- Enter an area affected.
- Enter a comment.

If you enter field parcel details that do not match the information you submitted on your SAF, an information message will be displayed asking for you to check the information is correct.

You will be still be able to submit the declaration but it may take RPW longer to process the information.

### UA6: Temporary Habitat Creation on Improved Land Declaration

All items marked with \* must be entered. Once you have entered all relevant information you must click Continue to submit the details.

The requirements of this Universal Action must be completed by the 31 December 2026.

**Have you completed this Universal Action? \***

I confirm I have met and will continue to meet the management requirements for the temporary habitat(s) present on my holding and/or have an **accepted** derogation.

I have **not** met the requirements for this Universal Action.

**Select one of the following \***

I have **not** met the management requirements for **any** of my temporary habitat.

I have **not** met the temporary habitat management requirements on the field parcels listed below.

Sheet Reference *	Field Number *	Habitat Area Affected (ha) *	Provide details of why you have not met the temporary habitat management requirements. *	
SO0349	0664	0.48	Temporary habitat requirements not met. 39/2000	<a href="#">Remove</a>

The field parcel you have selected was not submitted on your Single Application Form (SAF). Check the parcel reference and ensure the information is correct before continuing.

[+ Add Another Parcel](#)

If you need to enter information against more than one parcel, use the '+Add another parcel' button.

### UA6: Temporary Habitat Creation on Improved Land Declaration

All items marked with \* must be entered. Once you have entered all relevant information you must click Continue to submit the details.

The requirements of this Universal Action must be completed by the 31 December 2026.

**Have you completed this Universal Action? \***

I confirm I have met and will continue to meet the management requirements for the temporary habitat(s) present on my holding and/or have an **accepted** derogation.

I have **not** met the requirements for this Universal Action.

**Select one of the following \***

I have **not** met the management requirements for **any** of my temporary habitat.

I have **not** met the temporary habitat management requirements on the field parcels listed below.

Sheet Reference *	Field Number *	Habitat Area Affected (ha) *	Provide details of why you have not met the temporary habitat management requirements. *	
SO0349	0664	0.48	Temporary habitat requirements not met. 39/2000	<a href="#">Remove</a>
				<a href="#">Remove</a>

The field parcel you have selected was not submitted on your Single Application Form (SAF). Check the parcel reference and ensure the information is correct before continuing.

[+ Add Another Parcel](#)

If you have added a field parcel in error, select the 'Remove' button.

If you do not want to submit the information at the current time you can use the ‘Save’ button. A message will appear on the top of the screen saying: ‘Your changes have been successfully saved’.

### UA6: Temporary Habitat Creation on Improved Land Declaration

Your changes have been successfully saved

All items marked with \* must be entered. Once you have entered all relevant information you must click Continue to submit the details.

The requirements of this Universal Action must be completed by the 31 December 2026.

**Have you completed this Universal Action? \***

I confirm I have met and will continue to meet the management requirements for the temporary habitat(s) present on my holding and/or have an **accepted** derogation.

I have **not** met the requirements for this Universal Action.

**Select one of the following \***

I have **not** met the management requirements for **any** of my temporary habitat.

I have **not** met the temporary habitat management requirements on the field parcels listed below.

Sheet Reference *	Field Number *	Habitat Area Affected (ha) *	Provide details of why you have not met the temporary habitat management requirements. *	
SO0349	0664	0.48	Temporary habitat requirements not met.	Remove
<small>39/2000</small>				

[+ Add Another Parcel](#)

If you then use the ‘Back’ button, this will take you back to the UA information page and the status will be updated to **Draft**.

## Sustainable Farming Scheme Universal Layer Dashboard 2026

- Universal Actions (UA) Summary
- UA1 Soil Health
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- UA3 Benchmarking
- UA4 Continuous Professional Development (CPD)
- UA5 Habitat Maintenance
- UA6 Temporary Habitat Creation on Improved Land
- UA7 Designated Site Management Plan

### UA6 : Temporary Habitat Creation on Improved Land Draft

The aim of this Universal Action is to create temporary habitat to complement any existing habitats on your farm and help you meet the 10% habitat requirements, where applicable.

**Deadline:** 31 December 2026

#### Complete a Declaration

Complete your declaration to confirm you have met and will continue to meet the management requirements of the temporary habitat(s) you have created on your holding.

If you have changed your Temporary Habitat or moved its location since submitting your Single Application Form, you will need to inform us via your RPW Online Account.

Where you are unable to meet one or more of the requirements of this Universal Action, a derogation must be requested by completing the ‘SFS - Derogation or Enquiry Form’ on your RPW Online account.

[Continue](#)

Select the 'Continue' button to go back into the declaration Page, and after you have selected the relevant option select the 'Continue' button and a '**Confirm Your Submission**' box will appear.

The '**Confirm Your Submission**' will state:

*"By submitting, you confirm that the information provided is complete and accurate. You will not be able to edit your responses after submission."*

The screenshot shows a 'Confirm Your Submission' dialog box overlaid on a form titled 'UA6: Temporary Habitat Creation on Improved Land Declaration'. The dialog box contains the text: "By submitting, you confirm that the information provided is complete and accurate. You will not be able to edit your responses after submission." Below the text are two buttons: 'Confirm and Submit' (in blue) and 'Cancel' (in white). The background form is partially visible, showing a question: "Have you completed this Universal Action?" with two radio button options. The second option is selected: "I have not met the requirements for this Universal Action". Below this is a table with columns: 'Sheet Reference \*', 'Field Number \*', 'Habitat Area Affected (ha) \*', and 'Provide details of why you have not met the temporary habitat management requirements. \*'. The table contains one row with values: 'SO0349', '0664', '0.48', and 'Temporary habitat requirements not met.' There is also a 'Remove' button next to the row. A message at the bottom of the form states: "The field parcel you have selected was not submitted on your Single Application Form (SAF). Check the parcel reference and ensure the information is correct before continuing."

If you select 'Cancel', you will remain on the declaration page so you can amend your declaration details.

If you select '**Confirm and Submit**' the information will be submitted to RPW Online for review. You will be returned to the Dashboard Summary page.

## Sustainable Farming Scheme Universal Layer Dashboard 2026

The screenshot shows the 'Universal Actions (UA) Summary' dashboard. At the top, a light blue banner states: "Your changes have been successfully submitted". Below this is the title "Universal Actions (UA) Summary" and a sub-header "Actions to be completed by 31 December 2026". A progress bar shows 0 out of 9 actions completed. A message states: "You have completed 0 of 9 Universal Actions required for this year. You must complete all the Universal Actions listed below on or before the 31 December 2026. You will have until the 15 January 2027 to update your dashboard." A list of 11 Universal Actions is shown, each with a status button: UA1 Soil Health (Submitted), UA2 Integrated Pest Management (IPM) (Submitted), UA3 Benchmarking (Not started), UA4 Continuous Professional Development (CPD) (Not started), UA5 Habitat Maintenance (Submitted), UA6 Temporary Habitat Creation on Improved Land (Submitted), and UA8 Hedgerow Management (Not started). A sidebar on the left lists all 11 Universal Actions, with UA6 highlighted in green.

If you select the UA again, the information page will now display with a the status of **Submitted** along with the details of your declaration.

## UA6 : Temporary Habitat Creation on Improved Land Submitted

The aim of this Universal Action is to create temporary habitat to complement any existing habitats on your farm and help you meet the 10% habitat requirements, where applicable.

**Deadline:** 31 December 2026

The information shown below is your submitted declaration. Changes cannot be made via the Dashboard. If changes are required, you should contact the Customer Contact Centre using your RPW Online account.

### Your declaration

#### Have you completed this Universal Action?

I have **not** met the requirements for this Universal Action.

#### Select one of the following:

I have **not** met the temporary habitat management requirements on the field parcels listed below.

#### Specific field parcels:

Sheet Reference	Field Number	Habitat Area Affected (ha)	Provide details of why you have not met the temporary habitat management requirements.
SO0349	0664	0.48	Temporary habitat requirements not met.

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## UA7: Designated Site Management Plan

The aim of this UA is for all designated sites including Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI), Special Protection Areas (SPA), Special Areas of Conservation (SAC), Ramsar Sites and National Nature Reserves (NNRs) in SFS Universal Layer, to be under effective management by the end of 2030.

You must complete this UA if your holding includes part, or all, of a Designated Site (e.g. SSSI, SPA, SAC, Ramsar Site and NNR). This would also include any Common land where you are the sole owner/grazier.

If you select UA7 from the Dashboard Summary page, the UA information page will display. The header will define the main aim of the actions and the deadline date.

To meet this UA, Natural Resources Wales (NRW) will work with you to develop a Management Plan and agree a Schedule of Works by 31 December 2030 - this will enable you to access further Optional actions to support and improve the designated site(s).

If you would like to register your interest in receiving your Designated Sites Management Plan at the earliest opportunity, you can request via the 'Request Plan' button (Note - this does not guarantee a plan will be created this year).

### UA7 : Designated Site Management Plan Not started

The aim of this Universal Action is for all designated sites including Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI), Special Protection Areas (SPA), Special Areas of Conservation (SAC), Ramsar Sites and National Nature Reserves (NNRs) in SFS Universal Layer, to be under effective management by the end of 2030.

**Deadline:** 31 December 2030

#### Develop a Management Plan

To meet this Universal Action, NRW will work with you to develop a Management Plan and agree a Schedule of Works by 31 December 2030 - this will enable you to undertake further actions to support and improve the designated site(s).

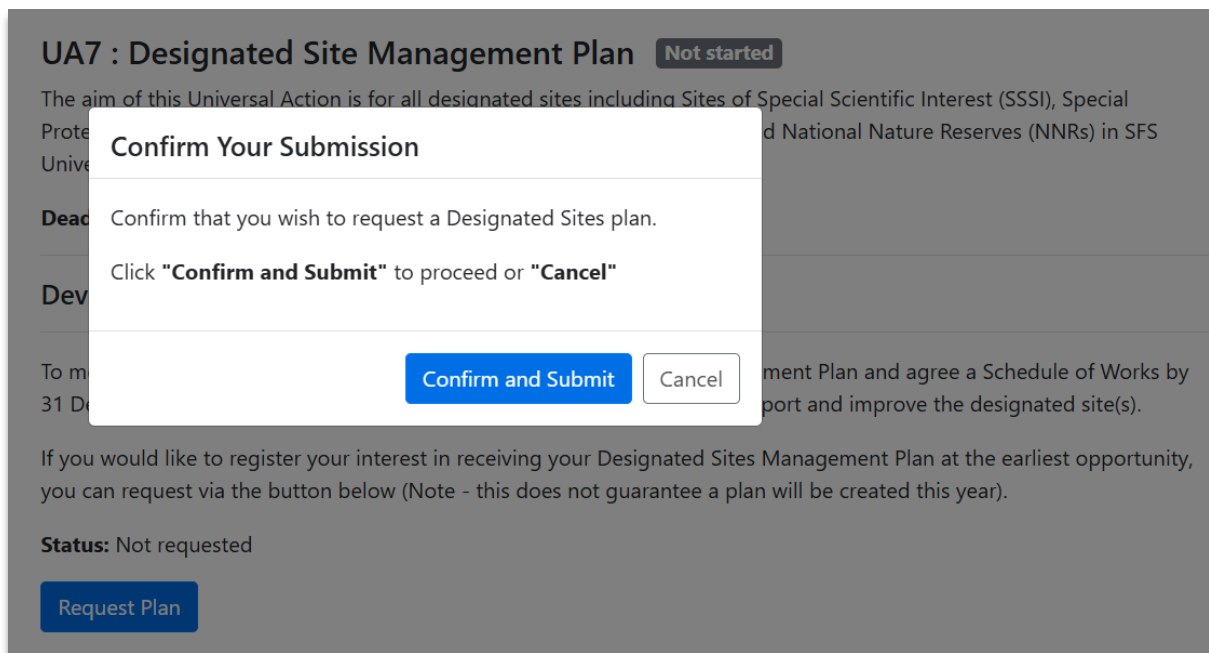
If you would like to register your interest in receiving your Designated Sites Management Plan at the earliest opportunity, you can request via the button below (Note - this does not guarantee a plan will be created this year).

**Status:** Not requested

[Request Plan](#)

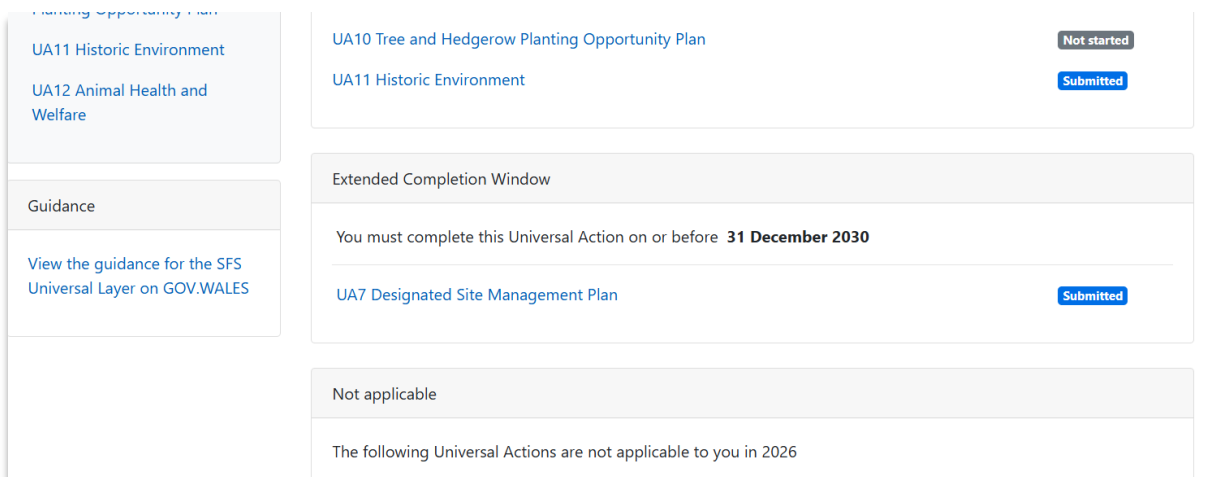
When you select the 'Request Plan' you will be asked if you want to confirm your submission to request a designated sites plan.

You can use the '**Confirm and Submit**' to proceed or choose to 'Cancel'.



If you select 'Cancel' this will take you back to the information page.

If you select '**Confirm and Submit**' the request will be submitted to RPW online. You will be returned to the Dashboard Summary.



If you select the UA again, the information page will now display the status as **Submitted** along with the details of your declaration.

## UA7 : Designated Site Management Plan Submitted

The aim of this Universal Action is for all designated sites including Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI), Special Protection Areas (SPA), Special Areas of Conservation (SAC), Ramsar Sites and National Nature Reserves (NNRs) in SFS Universal Layer, to be under effective management by the end of 2030.

**Deadline:** 31 December 2030

### Your declaration

The information you have provided cannot be changed. Submitted information to be displayed below.

**Status:** Requested

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## UA8: Hedgerow Management

The aim of this action is to create thick, dense hedgerows which provide shelter and are allowed to store more carbon, produce flowers, fruit and seeds as a food source for a variety of species including birds and pollinating insects.

Hedgerows exist in a continuous cycle from newly planted through to wider, taller, less uniform boundaries. Active management is key to this process, allowing hedgerows to grow and mature while maintaining structure and health for future generations.

Our landscapes and our wildlife thrive on a patchwork of hedgerows, each made up of different plant species and at various stages of growth. This diversity strengthens landscape character and creates essential habitats for wildlife to thrive.

Dense hedgerows act as windbreaks for crops and shelter and security for your livestock. Wider and taller hedgerows at farm boundaries can provide valuable biosecurity boundaries between neighbouring livestock.

If you select UA8 from the Dashboard Summary page, the information page will display. The header will define the main aim of the actions and the deadline date.

Select the 'Continue' button to make a declaration.

### UA8 : Hedgerow Management Not started

The aim of this Universal Action is to create thick, dense hedgerows which provide shelter and are allowed to store more carbon, produce flowers, fruit and seeds as a food source for a variety of species including birds and pollinating insects.

**Deadline:** 31 December 2026

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#### Complete a Declaration

Complete your declaration to confirm you have met and will continue to meet the Hedgerow Management requirements of this Universal Action through:

- Not trimming or cutting the same hedgerow in successive years
- Not trimming or cutting the hedgerow during the bird nesting season
- Trimming the hedgerow slightly taller and wider each cut
- Maintaining or establishing at least one hedgerow tree on average for every 50m of hedgerow

Where you are unable to meet one or more of the requirements of this Universal Action, a derogation must be requested by completing the 'SFS - Derogation or Enquiry Form' on your RPW Online account.

[Continue](#)

You will be asked if you have completed this UA, you should select the option that applies to you.

### UA8: Hedgerow Management Declaration

All items marked with \* must be entered. Once you have entered all relevant information you must click Continue to submit the details.

The requirements of this Universal Action must be completed by the 31 December 2026.

#### Have you completed this Universal Action? \*

- I confirm I have met and will continue to meet the Hedgerow Management requirements, and/or have an **accepted** derogation.
- I have **not** met the requirements for this Universal Action.

Continue

Save

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If you select the '*I have **not** met the requirement of this UA*' option. You will be asked how much have your hedgerows have you managed in line with the requirements.

If you have not managed any of you hedgerow, select '*I have **not** met the Hedgerow Management requirements on **any** of my hedgerows.*'

### UA8: Hedgerow Management Declaration

All items marked with \* must be entered. Once you have entered all relevant information you must click Continue to submit the details.

The requirements of this Universal Action must be completed by the 31 December 2026.

#### Have you completed this Universal Action? \*

- I confirm I have met and will continue to meet the Hedgerow Management requirements, and/or have an **accepted** derogation.
- I have **not** met the requirements for this Universal Action.

#### Select one of the following \*

- I have **not** met the Hedgerow Management requirements on **any** of my hedgerows.
- I have **not** met the Hedgerow Management requirements on the field parcel(s) listed below.

Continue

Save

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If you have managed most of your hedgerows in line with the requirements, but there are some parcels where you have not, you should select the ‘I have **not** met the Hedgerow Management requirements on the field parcel(s) listed below.’

You will be asked to provide the details of the field parcels where you have not met the requirements.

### UA8: Hedgerow Management Declaration

All items marked with \* must be entered. Once you have entered all relevant information you must click Continue to submit the details.

The requirements of this Universal Action must be completed by the 31 December 2026.

#### Have you completed this Universal Action? \*

- I confirm I have met and will continue to meet the Hedgerow Management requirements, and/or have an **accepted** derogation.
- I have **not** met the requirements for this Universal Action.

#### Select one of the following \*

- I have **not** met the Hedgerow Management requirements on **any** of my hedgerows.
- I have **not** met the Hedgerow Management requirements on the field parcel(s) listed below.

Sheet Reference \*

Field Number \*

Remove

+ Add Another Parcel

If you press the ‘Save’ button, without entering all the required information, a warning message will be shown to highlight what information you are required to enter.

### UA8: Hedgerow Management Declaration

All items marked with \* must be entered. Once you have entered all relevant information you must click Continue to submit the details.

The requirements of this Universal Action must be completed by the 31 December 2026.

Some data has not been entered or is invalid in the fields highlighted below. Please correct this data before continuing.

#### Have you completed this Universal Action? \*

- I confirm I have met and will continue to meet the Hedgerow Management requirements, and/or have an **accepted** derogation.
- I have **not** met the requirements for this Universal Action.

#### Select one of the following \*

- I have **not** met the Hedgerow Management requirements on **any** of my hedgerows.
- I have **not** met the Hedgerow Management requirements on the field parcel(s) listed below.

Sheet Reference \*

Field Number \*

Remove

- Enter a valid Sheet Reference for Welsh land using the correct format. For example: SN1234.
- Enter a valid Field Number using the correct format. For example: 0123.

+ Add Another Parcel

If you enter field parcel details that do not match the information you submitted on your SAF, an information message will be displayed asking for you to check the information is correct.

You will be still be able to submit the declaration but it may take RPW longer to process the information.

### UA8: Hedgerow Management Declaration

All items marked with \* must be entered. Once you have entered all relevant information you must click Continue to submit the details.

The requirements of this Universal Action must be completed by the 31 December 2026.

**Have you completed this Universal Action? \***

I confirm I have met and will continue to meet the Hedgerow Management requirements, and/or have an **accepted** derogation.

I have **not** met the requirements for this Universal Action.

**Select one of the following \***

I have **not** met the Hedgerow Management requirements on **any** of my hedgerows.

I have **not** met the Hedgerow Management requirements on the field parcel(s) listed below.

Sheet Reference *	Field Number *	
<input type="text" value="SD8788"/>	<input type="text" value="0099"/>	<input type="button" value="Remove"/>

The field parcel you have selected was not submitted on your Single Application Form (SAF). Check the parcel reference and ensure the information is correct before continuing.

If you need to enter more than one parcel, use the '+Add another parcel' button.

### UA8: Hedgerow Management Declaration

All items marked with \* must be entered. Once you have entered all relevant information you must click Continue to submit the details.

The requirements of this Universal Action must be completed by the 31 December 2026.

**Have you completed this Universal Action? \***

I confirm I have met and will continue to meet the Hedgerow Management requirements, and/or have an **accepted** derogation.

I have **not** met the requirements for this Universal Action.

**Select one of the following \***

I have **not** met the Hedgerow Management requirements on **any** of my hedgerows.

I have **not** met the Hedgerow Management requirements on the field parcel(s) listed below.

Sheet Reference *	Field Number *	
<input type="text" value="SD8788"/>	<input type="text" value="0099"/>	<input type="button" value="Remove"/>
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="button" value="Remove"/>

If you have added a field parcel in error, select the 'Remove' button.

If you do not want to submit the information at the current time you can use the 'Save' button. A message will appear on the top of the screen saying: 'Your changes have been successfully saved'.

### UA8: Hedgerow Management Declaration

Your changes have been successfully saved

All items marked with \* must be entered. Once you have entered all relevant information you must click Continue to submit the details.

The requirements of this Universal Action must be completed by the 31 December 2026.

**Have you completed this Universal Action? \***

I confirm I have met and will continue to meet the Hedgerow Management requirements, and/or have an **accepted** derogation.

I have **not** met the requirements for this Universal Action.

**Select one of the following \***

I have **not** met the Hedgerow Management requirements on **any** of my hedgerows.

I have **not** met the Hedgerow Management requirements on the field parcel(s) listed below.

Sheet Reference *	Field Number *	
<input type="text" value="SD8788"/>	<input type="text" value="0099"/>	<input type="button" value="Remove"/>

If you then use the 'Back' button, this will take you back to the main UA information page and the status will be updated to **Draft**.

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- UA7 Designated Site Management Plan
- UA8 Hedgerow Management**
- UA9 Woodland Maintenance

#### UA8 : Hedgerow Management Draft

The aim of this Universal Action is to create thick, dense hedgerows which provide shelter and are allowed to store more carbon, produce flowers, fruit and seeds as a food source for a variety of species including birds and pollinating insects.

**Deadline:** 31 December 2026

#### Complete a Declaration

Complete your declaration to confirm you have met and will continue to meet the Hedgerow Management requirements of this Universal Action through:

- Not trimming or cutting the same hedgerow in successive years
- Not trimming or cutting the hedgerow during the bird nesting season
- Trimming the hedgerow slightly taller and wider each cut
- Maintaining or establishing at least one hedgerow tree on average for every 50m of hedgerow

Where you are unable to meet one or more of the requirements of this Universal Action, a derogation must be requested by completing the 'SFS - Derogation or Enquiry Form' on your RPW Online account.

Select the 'Continue' button to go back into the declaration Page, and after you have selected the relevant option select the 'Continue' button and a '**Confirm Your Submission**' box will appear.

The '**Confirm Your Submission**' will state:

*"By submitting, you confirm that the information provided is complete and accurate. You will not be able to edit your responses after submission."*

The screenshot shows the 'UA8: Hedgerow Management Declaration' form. A modal box titled 'Confirm Your Submission' is overlaid on the form. The modal contains the text: 'By submitting, you confirm that the information provided is complete and accurate. You will not be able to edit your responses after submission.' Below the text are two buttons: 'Confirm and Submit' (in blue) and 'Cancel' (in white with a grey border). The background form is partially visible, showing a question 'Have you completed this Universal Action?' with radio button options. One option is selected: 'I have not met the requirements for this Universal Action'. Below this is a section 'Select one of the following' with two radio button options, the second of which is selected: 'I have not met the Hedgerow Management requirements on the field parcel(s) listed below.' There is a table with columns 'Sheet Reference \*' and 'Field Number \*'. The first row contains 'SD8788' and '0099'. A 'Remove' button is next to the field number. Below the table is a message: 'The field parcel you have selected was not submitted on your Single Application Form (SAF). Check the parcel reference and ensure the information is correct before continuing.' At the bottom left of the form is a '+ Add Another Parcel' button.

If you select 'Cancel', you will remain on the declaration page so you can amend your declaration details.

If you select '**Confirm and Submit**' the information will be submitted to RPW Online for review. You will be returned to the Dashboard Summary page.

## Sustainable Farming Scheme Universal Layer Dashboard 2026

The screenshot shows the 'Sustainable Farming Scheme Universal Layer Dashboard 2026'. At the top, a light blue banner states 'Your changes have been successfully submitted'. Below this is the 'Universal Actions (UA) Summary' section. A sub-header reads 'Actions to be completed by 31 December 2026'. A progress bar shows 'You have completed 0 of 9 Universal Actions required for this year'. Below this, a message states: 'You must complete all the Universal Actions listed below on or before the 31 December 2026. You will have until the 15 January 2027 to update your dashboard.' A table lists the Universal Actions with their status:

Universal Action	Status
UA1 Soil Health	Submitted
UA2 Integrated Pest Management (IPM)	Submitted
UA3 Benchmarking	Not started
UA4 Continuous Professional Development (CPD)	Not started
UA5 Habitat Maintenance	Submitted
UA6 Temporary Habitat Creation on Improved Land	Submitted
UA8 Hedgerow Management	Submitted

On the left side of the dashboard, there is a sidebar with a 'Universal Actions (UA) Summary' header and a list of links for each Universal Action: UA1 Soil Health, UA2 Integrated Pest Management (IPM), UA3 Benchmarking, UA4 Continuous Professional Development (CPD), UA5 Habitat Maintenance, UA6 Temporary Habitat Creation on Improved Land, UA7 Designated Site Management Plan, UA8 Hedgerow Management, UA9 Woodland Maintenance, UA10 Tree and Hedgerow Planting Opportunity Plan, and UA11 Historic Environment.

If you select the UA again, the information page will now display the status as **Submitted** along with the details of your declaration.

## UA8 : Hedgerow Management Submitted

The aim of this Universal Action is to create thick, dense hedgerows which provide shelter and are allowed to store more carbon, produce flowers, fruit and seeds as a food source for a variety of species including birds and pollinating insects.

**Deadline:** 31 December 2026

The information shown below is your submitted declaration. Changes cannot be made via the Dashboard. If changes are required, you should contact the Customer Contact Centre using your RPW Online account.

### Your declaration

#### Have you completed this Universal Action?

I have **not** met the requirements for this Universal Action.

#### Select one of the following:

I have **not** met the Hedgerow Management requirements on the field parcel(s) listed below.

#### Specific field parcels:

Sheet Reference	Field Number
SD8788	0099

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## UA9: Woodland Maintenance

The aim of this action is to retain and maintain the existing woodlands on your holding.

You must complete this UA where you have existing woodland on your holding for which you have management control, in individual blocks of 0.1 hectares or greater. It can be broadleaf woodlands, conifer plantation, or a mixture of both.

The location and extent of each woodland classification will be updated and shown on the SFS Map once your SAF declaration has been processed and verified.

If you select UA9 from the Dashboard Summary page, the UA Information page will display. The header will define the main aim of the actions and the deadline date.

Select the 'Continue' button to make a declaration.

### UA9 : Woodland Maintenance Not started

The aim of this Universal Action is to retain and maintain the existing woodlands on your holding.

**Deadline:** 31 December 2026

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#### Complete a Declaration

Complete your declaration to confirm you have met and will continue to meet the Woodland Maintenance requirements of this Universal Action by retaining and maintaining existing woodlands.

Where you are unable to meet one or more of the requirements of this Universal Action, a derogation must be requested by completing the 'SFS - Derogation or Enquiry Form' on your RPW Online account.

[Continue](#)

You will be asked if you have completed this UA, you should select the option that applies to you.

### UA9: Woodland Maintenance Declaration

All items marked with \* must be entered. Once you have entered all relevant information you must click Continue to submit the details.

The requirements of this Universal Action must be completed by the 31 December 2026.

**Have you completed this Universal Action? \***

I confirm I have met and will continue to meet the Woodland Management requirements, and/or have an **accepted** derogation.

I have **not** met the requirements for this Universal Action.

[Continue](#) [Save](#) [Back](#)

If you select the '*I have **not** met the requirement of this Universal Action*' option, you will be asked how much have your Woodlan maintenance have you manged in line with the requirements.

If you select '*I have **not** met the Woodland Maintenance requirements on **any** of my woodland.*' you will be asked to provide comments. You should provide full details of why the Woodland habitat maintenance requirements have not been met.

#### UA9: Woodland Maintenance Declaration

All items marked with \* must be entered. Once you have entered all relevant information you must click Continue to submit the details.

The requirements of this Universal Action must be completed by the 31 December 2026.

##### Have you completed this Universal Action? \*

- I confirm I have met and will continue to meet the Woodland Management requirements, and/or have an **accepted** derogation.
- I have **not** met the requirements for this Universal Action.

##### Select one of the following \*

- I have **not** met the Woodland Maintenance requirements on **any** of my woodland.
- I have **not** met the Woodland Maintenance requirements on the field parcel(s) listed below.

##### Provide details of why you have not met the Woodland Maintenance requirements. \*

0/2000

If you have managed most of your Woodland habitat in line with the requirements, but there are some parcels where you have not, you should select the ‘I have **not** met the Woodland Maintenance requirements on the field parcel(s) listed below.’

You will be asked to provide the details of the field parcels where you have not met the requirements, along with the habitat area affected and any comments. You should provide full details of why the Woodland habitat maintenance requirements have not been met for each field parcel.

#### UA9: Woodland Maintenance Declaration

All items marked with \* must be entered. Once you have entered all relevant information you must click Continue to submit the details.

The requirements of this Universal Action must be completed by the 31 December 2026.

##### Have you completed this Universal Action? \*

- I confirm I have met and will continue to meet the Woodland Management requirements, and/or have an **accepted** derogation.
- I have **not** met the requirements for this Universal Action.

##### Select one of the following \*

- I have **not** met the Woodland Maintenance requirements on **any** of my woodland.
- I have **not** met the Woodland Maintenance requirements on the field parcel(s) listed below.

Sheet Reference *	Field Number *	Woodland area affected (ha) *	Provide details of why you have not met the Woodland Maintenance requirements. *
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

0/2000 Remove

+ Add Another Parcel

If you press the ‘Save’ button, without entering all the required information, a warning message will be shown to highlight what information you are required to enter.

#### UA9: Woodland Maintenance Declaration

All items marked with \* must be entered. Once you have entered all relevant information you must click Continue to submit the details.

The requirements of this Universal Action must be completed by the 31 December 2026.

Some data has not been entered or is invalid in the fields highlighted below. Please correct this data before continuing.

##### Have you completed this Universal Action? \*

- I confirm I have met and will continue to meet the Woodland Management requirements, and/or have an **accepted** derogation.
- I have **not** met the requirements for this Universal Action.

##### Select one of the following \*

- I have **not** met the Woodland Maintenance requirements on **any** of my woodland.
- I have **not** met the Woodland Maintenance requirements on the field parcel(s) listed below.

Sheet Reference *	Field Number *	Woodland area affected (ha) *	Provide details of why you have not met the Woodland Maintenance requirements. *
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

0/2000 Remove

- Enter a valid Sheet Reference for Welsh land using the correct format. For example: SN1234.
- Enter a valid Field Number using the correct format. For example: 0123.
- Enter an area affected.
- Enter a comment.

If you enter field parcel details that do not match the information you submitted on your SAF, an information message will be displayed asking for you to check the information is correct. You will be still be able to submit the information but it may take RPW longer to process the information.

### UA9: Woodland Maintenance Declaration

All items marked with \* must be entered. Once you have entered all relevant information you must click Continue to submit the details.

The requirements of this Universal Action must be completed by the 31 December 2026.

**Have you completed this Universal Action? \***

I confirm I have met and will continue to meet the Woodland Management requirements, and/or have an **accepted** derogation.

I have **not** met the requirements for this Universal Action.

**Select one of the following \***

I have **not** met the Woodland Maintenance requirements on **any** of my woodland.

I have **not** met the Woodland Maintenance requirements on the field parcel(s) listed below.

Sheet Reference *	Field Number *	Woodland area affected (ha) *	Provide details of why you have not met the Woodland Maintenance requirements. *	
SO0349	0664	0.48	Woodland Maintenance not met. 29/2000	<a href="#">Remove</a>

The field parcel you have selected was not submitted on your Single Application Form (SAF). Check the parcel reference and ensure the information is correct before continuing.

[+ Add Another Parcel](#)

If you need to enter information against more than one parcel, use the ‘+Add another parcel’ button.

### UA9: Woodland Maintenance Declaration

All items marked with \* must be entered. Once you have entered all relevant information you must click Continue to submit the details.

The requirements of this Universal Action must be completed by the 31 December 2026.

**Have you completed this Universal Action? \***

I confirm I have met and will continue to meet the Woodland Management requirements, and/or have an **accepted** derogation.

I have **not** met the requirements for this Universal Action.

**Select one of the following \***

I have **not** met the Woodland Maintenance requirements on **any** of my woodland.

I have **not** met the Woodland Maintenance requirements on the field parcel(s) listed below.

Sheet Reference *	Field Number *	Woodland area affected (ha) *	Provide details of why you have not met the Woodland Maintenance requirements. *	
SO0349	0664	0.48	Woodland Maintenance not met. 29/2000	<a href="#">Remove</a>
				<a href="#">Remove</a>

The field parcel you have selected was not submitted on your Single Application Form (SAF). Check the parcel reference and ensure the information is correct before continuing.

[+ Add Another Parcel](#)

If you have added a field parcel in error, select the ‘Remove’ button.

If you do not want to submit the information at the current time you can use the 'Save' button. A message will appear on the top of the screen saying: 'Your changes have been successfully saved'.

### UA9: Woodland Maintenance Declaration

Your changes have been successfully saved

All items marked with \* must be entered. Once you have entered all relevant information you must click Continue to submit the details.

The requirements of this Universal Action must be completed by the 31 December 2026.

**Have you completed this Universal Action? \***

I confirm I have met and will continue to meet the Woodland Management requirements, and/or have an **accepted** derogation.

I have **not** met the requirements for this Universal Action.

**Select one of the following \***

I have **not** met the Woodland Maintenance requirements on **any** of my woodland.

I have **not** met the Woodland Maintenance requirements on the field parcel(s) listed below.

Sheet Reference *	Field Number *	Woodland area affected (ha) *	Provide details of why you have not met the Woodland Maintenance requirements. *	
<input type="text" value="SO0349"/>	<input type="text" value="0664"/>	<input type="text" value="0.48"/>	<input type="text" value="Woodland Maintenance not met."/> <small>29/2000</small>	<input type="button" value="Remove"/>

If you then use the 'Back' button, this will take you back to the UA information page and the status will be updated to **Draft**.

## Sustainable Farming Scheme Universal Layer Dashboard 2026

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- UA3 Benchmarking
- UA4 Continuous Professional Development (CPD)
- UA5 Habitat Maintenance
- UA6 Temporary Habitat Creation on Improved Land

### UA9 : Woodland Maintenance Draft

The aim of this Universal Action is to retain and maintain the existing woodlands on your holding.

**Deadline:** 31 December 2026

#### Complete a Declaration

Complete your declaration to confirm you have met and will continue to meet the Woodland Maintenance requirements of this Universal Action by retaining and maintaining existing woodlands.

Where you are unable to meet one or more of the requirements of this Universal Action, a derogation must be requested by completing the 'SFS - Derogation or Enquiry Form' on your RPW Online account.

Select the 'Continue' button to go back into the declaration Page, and after you have selected the relevant option select the 'Continue' button and a '**Confirm Your Submission**' box will appear.

The '**Confirm Your Submission**' will state:

*"By submitting, you confirm that the information provided is complete and accurate. You will not be able to edit your responses after submission."*

The screenshot shows a 'Confirm Your Submission' dialog box overlaid on a form titled 'UA9: Woodland Maintenance Declaration'. The dialog box contains the text: "By submitting, you confirm that the information provided is complete and accurate. You will not be able to edit your responses after submission." Below this text are two buttons: 'Confirm and Submit' (in blue) and 'Cancel' (in white with a grey border). The background form includes a question: "Have you completed this Universal Action?" with two radio button options. The second option, "I have not met the requirements for this Universal Action", is selected. Below this is a table with columns: 'Sheet Reference \*', 'Field Number \*', 'Woodland area affected (ha) \*', and 'Provide details of why you have not met the Woodland Maintenance requirements. \*'. The table contains one row with values: 'SO0349', '0664', '0.48', and 'Woodland Maintenance not met. 29/2000'. A 'Remove' button is next to the last cell. A message below the table states: "The field parcel you have selected was not submitted on your Single Application Form (SAF). Check the parcel reference and ensure the information is correct before continuing." At the bottom left of the form is a '+ Add Another Parcel' button.

If you select 'Cancel', you will remain on the declaration page so you can amend your declaration details.

If you select '**Confirm and Submit**' the information will be submitted to RPW Online for review. You will be returned to the Dashboard Summary page following submission.

## Sustainable Farming Scheme Universal Layer Dashboard 2026

The screenshot shows the 'Universal Actions (UA) Summary' dashboard. At the top, a light blue banner states "Your changes have been successfully submitted". Below this is the title "Universal Actions (UA) Summary" and a sub-header "Actions to be completed by 31 December 2026". A progress bar shows "You have completed 0 of 9 Universal Actions required for this year". A message below states: "You must complete all the Universal Actions listed below on or before the 31 December 2026. You will have until the 15 January 2027 to update your dashboard." A table lists 10 actions with their completion status:

Action	Status
UA1 Soil Health	Submitted
UA2 Integrated Pest Management (IPM)	Submitted
UA3 Benchmarking	Not started
UA4 Continuous Professional Development (CPD)	Not started
UA5 Habitat Maintenance	Submitted
UA6 Temporary Habitat Creation on Improved Land	Submitted
UA8 Hedgerow Management	Submitted
UA9 Woodland Maintenance	Submitted
UA10 Tree and Hedgerow Planting Opportunity Plan	Not started

A sidebar on the left lists all 12 Universal Actions (UA1 to UA12) for navigation.

When you select the UA again, the UA information page will now display. the status of the UA as **Submitted** along with the details of your declaration.

## UA9 : Woodland Maintenance Submitted

The aim of this Universal Action is to retain and maintain the existing woodlands on your holding.

**Deadline:** 31 December 2026

The information shown below is your submitted declaration. Changes cannot be made via the Dashboard. If changes are required, you should contact the Customer Contact Centre using your RPW Online account.

### Your declaration

#### Have you completed this Universal Action?

I have **not** met the requirements for this Universal Action.

#### Select one of the following:

I have **not** met the Woodland Maintenance requirements on the field parcel(s) listed below.

#### Specific field parcels:

Sheet Reference	Field Number	Woodland area affected (ha)	Provide details of why you have not met the Woodland Maintenance requirements.
SO0349	0664	0.48	Woodland Maintenance not met.

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## UA10: Tree and Hedgerow Planting Opportunity Plan

The aim of this UA is to encourage you to consider where tree, woodland or hedgerow planting would benefit your farming business.

There are two distinct requirements of this UA:

- Complete a Tree and Hedgerow Planting Opportunity Plan on RPW online by 31 December 2026.
- Demonstrate progress towards implementing your plan by 31 December 2028.

You will need to complete a Tree and Hedgerow Planting Opportunity Plan on RPW Online, regardless of the current area of tree canopy cover or hedgerows on your holding or the tenure of the land.

In the first release, if you select UA10 from the Dashboard Summary page, the UA information page will display. The header will define the main aim of the actions and the deadline date.

During the first release of the SFS Universal Layer Dashboard, this UA is not available for completion. The UA Information page will display:

***This UA is currently unavailable for completion on the SFS Universal Layer Dashboard. You will be notified through your RPW Online account when it can be completed on RPW Online.***

### UA10 : Tree and Hedgerow Planting Opportunity Plan Not started

The aim of this Universal Action is to encourage you to consider where tree, woodland or hedgerow planting would benefit your farming business.

**Deadline:** 31 December 2026

**This Universal Action is currently unavailable for completion on the SFS Universal Layer Dashboard. You will be notified through your RPW Online account when it can be completed.**

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## UA11: Historic Environment

The aim of this UA is to monitor, maintain and protect our important historic features (sometimes referred to as assets) from damage and help sustain the distinctive cultural character of Wales.

You must complete this UA if you have any of the following on your holding; Scheduled Monuments, Historic Environment Features (HEFs), Registered Historic Parks and gardens and Traditional farm buildings.

The location and extent of these features will be identified on the SFS Map.

If you select UA11 from the Dashboard Summary page, the UA information page will display. The header will define the main aim of the actions and the deadline date:

Select the 'Continue' button to make a declaration.

### UA11 : Historic Environment Not started

The aim of this Universal Action is to monitor, maintain and protect our important historic features (sometimes referred to as assets) from damage and help sustain the distinctive cultural character of Wales.

**Deadline:** 31 December 2026

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#### Complete a Declaration

Complete your declaration to confirm you have met and will continue to meet the Historic Environment requirements of this Universal Action by monitoring and maintaining the features present on your holding.

Where you are unable to meet one or more of the requirements of this Universal Action, a derogation must be requested by completing the 'SFS - Derogation or Enquiry Form' on your RPW Online account.

[Continue](#)

You will be asked if you have completed this UA, you should select the option that applies to you.

### UA11: Historic Environment Declaration

All items marked with \* must be entered. Once you have entered all relevant information you must click Continue to submit the details.

The requirements of this Universal Action must be completed by the 31 December 2026.

**Have you completed this Universal Action? \***

I confirm I have met and will continue to meet the Historic Environment requirements, and/or have an **accepted** derogation.

I have **not** met the requirements for this Universal Action.

[Continue](#) [Save](#) [Back](#)

If you select the ‘I have **not** met the requirement of this Universal Action’ option, you will be asked how much have your Historic environmental maintenance have you managed in line with the requirements.

If you select ‘I have **not** met the management requirements for **any** of my historic features.’ you will be asked to provide comments. You should provide full details of why the Historic Environment requirements have not been met.

**UA11: Historic Environment Declaration**

All items marked with \* must be entered. Once you have entered all relevant information you must click Continue to submit the details.

The requirements of this Universal Action must be completed by the 31 December 2026.

**Have you completed this Universal Action? \***

I confirm I have met and will continue to meet the Historic Environment requirements, and/or have an **accepted** derogation.

I have **not** met the requirements for this Universal Action.

**Select one of the following \***

I have **not** met the management requirements for **any** of my historic features.

I have **not** met the Historic Environment requirements on the field parcel(s) listed below.

**Provide details of why you have not met the Historic Environment requirements \***

0/2000

If you have managed most of your Historic Environment features in line with the requirements, but there are some parcels where you have not, you should select the ‘I have **not** met the Historic Environment requirements on the field parcel(s) listed below.’

You will be asked to provide the details of the field parcels where you have not met the requirements, along with any comments. You should provide full details of why the Historic Environment requirements have not been met for each field parcel.

**UA11: Historic Environment Declaration**

All items marked with \* must be entered. Once you have entered all relevant information you must click Continue to submit the details.

The requirements of this Universal Action must be completed by the 31 December 2026.

**Have you completed this Universal Action? \***

I confirm I have met and will continue to meet the Historic Environment requirements, and/or have an **accepted** derogation.

I have **not** met the requirements for this Universal Action.

**Select one of the following \***

I have **not** met the management requirements for **any** of my historic features.

I have **not** met the Historic Environment requirements on the field parcel(s) listed below.

Sheet Reference *	Field Number *	Provide details of why you have not met the Historic Environment requirements *
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

0/2000

[Remove](#)

[+ Add Another Parcel](#)

If you press the 'Save' button, without entering all the required information, a warning message will be shown to highlight what information you are required to enter.

### UA11: Historic Environment Declaration

All items marked with \* must be entered. Once you have entered all relevant information you must click Continue to submit the details.

The requirements of this Universal Action must be completed by the 31 December 2026.

Some data has not been entered or is invalid in the fields highlighted below. Please correct this data before continuing.

#### Have you completed this Universal Action? \*

- I confirm I have met and will continue to meet the Historic Environment requirements, and/or have an **accepted** derogation.
- I have **not** met the requirements for this Universal Action.

#### Select one of the following \*

- I have **not** met the management requirements for **any** of my historic features.
- I have **not** met the Historic Environment requirements on the field parcel(s) listed below.

Sheet Reference *	Field Number *	Provide details of why you have not met the Historic Environment requirements *	
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="button" value="Remove"/>
		0/2000	

- Enter a valid Sheet Reference for Welsh land using the correct format. For example: SN1234.
- Enter a valid Field Number using the correct format. For example: 0123.
- Enter a comment.

If you enter field parcel details that do not match the information you submitted on your SAF, an information message will be displayed asking for you to check the information is correct. You will be still be able to submit the information but it may take RPW longer to process the information.

### UA11: Historic Environment Declaration

All items marked with \* must be entered. Once you have entered all relevant information you must click Continue to submit the details.

The requirements of this Universal Action must be completed by the 31 December 2026.

#### Have you completed this Universal Action? \*

- I confirm I have met and will continue to meet the Historic Environment requirements, and/or have an **accepted** derogation.
- I have **not** met the requirements for this Universal Action.

#### Select one of the following \*

- I have **not** met the management requirements for **any** of my historic features.
- I have **not** met the Historic Environment requirements on the field parcel(s) listed below.

Sheet Reference *	Field Number *	Provide details of why you have not met the Historic Environment requirements *	
<input type="text" value="SH1258"/>	<input type="text" value="5678"/>	<input type="text" value="Historic Environment requirements not met"/>	<input type="button" value="Remove"/>
		41/2000	

The field parcel you have selected was not submitted on your Single Application Form (SAF). Check the parcel reference and ensure the information is correct before continuing.

If you need to enter information against more than one parcel, use the ‘+Add another parcel’ button.

### UA11: Historic Environment Declaration

All items marked with \* must be entered. Once you have entered all relevant information you must click Continue to submit the details.

The requirements of this Universal Action must be completed by the 31 December 2026.

**Have you completed this Universal Action? \***

I confirm I have met and will continue to meet the Historic Environment requirements, and/or have an **accepted** derogation.

I have **not** met the requirements for this Universal Action.

**Select one of the following \***

I have **not** met the management requirements for **any** of my historic features.

I have **not** met the Historic Environment requirements on the field parcel(s) listed below.

Sheet Reference *	Field Number *	Provide details of why you have not met the Historic Environment requirements *	
<input type="text" value="SN1234"/>	<input type="text" value="5678"/>	<input type="text" value="Historic Environment requirements not met."/>	<input type="button" value="Remove"/>
		<small>42/2000</small>	
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="button" value="Remove"/>
		<small>0/2000</small>	

If you have added a field parcel in error, select the ‘Remove’ button.

If you do not want to submit the information at the current time you can use the ‘Save’ button. A message will appear on the top of the screen saying: ‘Your changes have been successfully saved’.

### UA11: Historic Environment Declaration

Your changes have been successfully saved

All items marked with \* must be entered. Once you have entered all relevant information you must click Continue to submit the details.

The requirements of this Universal Action must be completed by the 31 December 2026.

**Have you completed this Universal Action? \***

I confirm I have met and will continue to meet the Historic Environment requirements, and/or have an **accepted** derogation.

I have **not** met the requirements for this Universal Action.

**Select one of the following \***

I have **not** met the management requirements for **any** of my historic features.

I have **not** met the Historic Environment requirements on the field parcel(s) listed below.

Sheet Reference *	Field Number *	Provide details of why you have not met the Historic Environment requirements *	
<input type="text" value="SN1234"/>	<input type="text" value="5678"/>	<input type="text" value="Historic Environment requirements not met."/>	<input type="button" value="Remove"/>
		<small>42/2000</small>	

If you then use the 'Back' button, this will take you back to the main UA information page and the status will be updated to Draft.

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Universal Actions (UA) Summary

- UA1 Soil Health
- UA2 Integrated Pest Management (IPM)
- UA3 Benchmarking
- UA4 Continuous Professional Development (CPD)
- UA5 Habitat Maintenance
- UA6 Temporary Habitat Creation on Improved Land

#### UA11 : Historic Environment Draft

The aim of this Universal Action is to monitor, maintain and protect our important historic features (sometimes referred to as assets) from damage and help sustain the distinctive cultural character of Wales.

**Deadline:** 31 December 2026

#### Complete a Declaration

Complete your declaration to confirm you have met and will continue to meet the Historic Environment requirements of this Universal Action by monitoring and maintaining the features present on your holding.

Where you are unable to meet one or more of the requirements of this Universal Action, a derogation must be requested by completing the 'SFS - Derogation or Enquiry Form' on your RPW Online account.

[Continue](#)

Select the 'Continue' button to go back into the declaration Page, and after you have selected the relevant option select the 'Continue' button and a '**Confirm Your Submission**' box will appear.

The '**Confirm Your Submission**' will state:

*"By submitting, you confirm that the information provided is complete and accurate. You will not be able to edit your responses after submission."*

### UA11: Historic Environment Declaration

All items marked with \* must be entered. Once you have entered all relevant information you must click Continue to submit the details.

The requirements of this Universal Action must be completed by the 31 December 2026.

**Have you completed this Universal Action? \***

I confirm I have met and will continue to meet the requirements for this Universal Action.

I have **not** met the requirements for this Universal Action.

**Select one of the following \***

I have **not** met the management requirements for this Universal Action.

I have **not** met the Historic Environment requirements for this Universal Action.

**Confirm Your Submission**

By submitting, you confirm that the information provided is complete and accurate. You will not be able to edit your responses after submission.

[Confirm and Submit](#) [Cancel](#)

Sheet Reference *	Field Number *	Provide details of why you have not met the Historic Environment requirements *
SN1234	5678	Historic Environment requirements not met.

42/2000

The field parcel you have selected was not submitted on your Single Application Form (SAF). Check the parcel reference and ensure the information is correct before continuing.

[+ Add Another Parcel](#)

[Remove](#)

If you select 'Cancel', you will remain on the declaration page so you can amend your declaration details.

If you select '**Confirm and Submit**' the information will be submitted to RPW Online for review. You will be returned to the Dashboard Summary page following submission.

## Sustainable Farming Scheme Universal Layer Dashboard 2026

Your changes have been successfully submitted

Universal Actions (UA) Summary

- UA1 Soil Health
- UA2 Integrated Pest Management (IPM)
- UA3 Benchmarking
- UA4 Continuous Professional Development (CPD)
- UA5 Habitat Maintenance
- UA6 Temporary Habitat Creation on Improved Land
- UA7 Designated Site Management Plan
- UA8 Hedgerow Management
- UA9 Woodland Maintenance
- UA10 Tree and Hedgerow Planting Opportunity Plan
- UA11 Historic Environment
- UA12 Animal Health and

### Universal Actions (UA) Summary

Actions to be completed by **31 December 2026**

**You have completed 0 of 8 Universal Actions required for this year**

You must complete all the Universal Actions listed below on or before the **31 December 2026**. You will have until the **15 January 2027** to update your dashboard.

UA1 Soil Health	Draft
UA2 Integrated Pest Management (IPM)	Draft
UA3 Benchmarking	Not started
UA4 Continuous Professional Development (CPD)	Not started
UA5 Habitat Maintenance	Draft
UA9 Woodland Maintenance	Draft
UA10 Tree and Hedgerow Planting Opportunity Plan	Not started
UA11 Historic Environment	Submitted

When you select the UA again, the UA Information page will now display. the status of the UA as **Submitted** along with the details of your declaration.

### UA11 : Historic Environment Submitted

The aim of this Universal Action is to monitor, maintain and protect our important historic features (sometimes referred to as assets) from damage and help sustain the distinctive cultural character of Wales.

**Deadline:** 31 December 2026

The information shown below is your submitted declaration. Changes cannot be made via the Dashboard. If changes are required, you should contact the Customer Contact Centre using your RPW Online account.

#### Your declaration

**Have you completed this Universal Action?**

I have **not** met the requirements for this Universal Action.

**Select one of the following:**

I have **not** met the Historic Environment requirements on the field parcel(s) listed below.

**Specific field parcels:**

Sheet Reference	Field Number	Provide details of why you have not met the permanent habitat management requirements.
SN1234	5678	Historic Environment requirements not met.

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## UA12: Animal Health and Welfare

The aim of this UA is to support collaborative working with your vet to optimise animal health and productivity on your farm.

You will need to complete this UA if you are the owner or registered keeper of livestock, where they are reared or farmed to produce food or goods.

You are not required to complete this UA if:

- you own or keep animals only as pets or as part of petting zoo type activities.
- you only have animals on your land that are not your responsibility (i.e. on tack).

If you select UA12 from the Dashboard Summary page, the UA Information page will display. The header will define the main aim of the actions and the deadline date.

In the first release of the SFS Universal Layer Dashboard, this UA is not available for completion. The UA informations screen will display:

***This UA is currently unavailable for completion on the SFS Universal Layer Dashboard. You will be notified through your RPW Online account when it can be completed.***

### UA12 : Animal Health and Welfare Not started

The aim of this Universal Action is to support collaborative working with your vet to optimise animal health and productivity on your farm.

**Deadline:** 31 December 2026

***This Universal Action is currently unavailable for completion on the SFS Universal Layer Dashboard. You will be notified through your RPW Online account when it can be completed.***

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## Your Progress:

As you submit declarations via the SFS Universal Layer Dashboard, the UA Summary page will show the updated statuses for each of the UAs.

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## Universal Actions (UA) Summary

Actions to be completed by **31 December 2026**

You have completed **0** of **8** Universal Actions required for this year

You must complete all the Universal Actions listed below on or before the **31 December 2026**. You will have until the **15 January 2027** to update your dashboard.

UA1 Soil Health	Submitted
UA3 Benchmarking	Not started
UA4 Continuous Professional Development (CPD)	Not started
UA5 Habitat Maintenance	Draft
UA9 Woodland Maintenance	Submitted
UA10 Tree and Hedgerow Planting Opportunity Plan	Not started
UA11 Historic Environment	Submitted
UA12 Animal Health and Welfare	Not started

### Extended Completion Window

You must complete this Universal Action on or before **31 December 2030**

UA7 Designated Site Management Plan Submitted

### Not applicable

The following Universal Actions are not applicable to you in 2026

- UA2 Integrated Pest Management (IPM)
- UA6 Temporary Habitat Creation on Improved Land
- UA8 Hedgerow Management

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