



An Easy Guide to SWSGB



Membership details

SWGB members receive support from the scheme manager, access to events and webinars, and opportunities to join working groups and contribute to research and sustainability communications. Membership is limited to WineGB producer members.

Members must:

- Meet minimum standards and work toward best practice.
- Upload evidence to the Data Hub.
- Complete an independent audit every three years and host on-site visits if required.
- Pay annual SWGB fees and remain up to date to maintain certification.

Members are encouraged to:

- Promote the SWGB trademark.
- Participate in working groups, the AGM, and wider SWGB initiatives.

Fees

Annual fees cover audit costs only and are charged per account, based on WineGB banding.

Vineyard fee bands		Winery fee bands	
0-3ha	£150	0-9,000L	£150
3.1-10ha	£200	9,001-30,000L	£200
10.1+ha	£250	30,001L+	£250

For full details on membership, guidelines, rules, and opportunities, download the SWGB Guidelines.

[Click here to find out more information on SWGB](#)

The Scheme: Key Points

1st Audit = Green Audit

2nd Audit = Gold Audit

Every audit after = Gold Audit (maintain and improve standards)

Tools you need:

- To be a member of WineGB
- SWGB guidelines and rules
- Access to your 'MyWineGB' account for the Data Hub
- Sign up to the Carbon Calculator

Minimum standard (outlined as MS on the hub)

- Must all be completed on your Green and Gold audit

Best Practice (outlined as BP on the hub)

- Optional for Green and Gold Audit but expected for your audits after Gold.

Evaluate and Planning (outlined as E&P on the hub)

- Must be completed for Gold audits

The scheme has annual reviews, the guidelines are refreshed every three years.

You can use the SWGB trademark on your bottles, marketing materials and website.

You may be subject to site audits. Once during your audited period, the scheme manager can spot-check your business site to ensure all data submitted on the data hub is aligned with practices on site.

Vineyard

Parcel Summary

- Name/number
- Area in ha
- Varieties grown

Vineyard Maintenance Diary

- Annual vineyard maintenance record (templates available)

Soil Health

- Upload soil profile
- Written description of drainage, erosion risk, texture, structure of soil
- Upload soil analysis results
- Earthworm count
- SWOT analysis & SMART objectives for soil health

Vineyard floor management

- Describe floor management
- List plants in vineyard
- SWOT analysis & 3 year plan to improve

Vineyard Protection

- Vineyard monitoring diary
- Pesticide application record
- Health and toxicity indices
- Non-chemical protection measures
- % Fruit loss by powdery mildew, downy mildew, and botrytis bunch rot
- Pesticide applicator maintenance records
- SWOT and SMART objectives for protection of vineyard

Canopy & Yield management

- Sign sustainable pruning guidelines
- Upload map of parcel highlighting sample vines
- Yield monitoring data
- Ravaz index
- SWOT and 3 year plan

Estate Conservation

- Estate conservation map
- Estate conservation features
- Photos of conservation features
- Animal count
- Smart objectives to improve estate conservation

Carbon Footprint

- Upload carbon footprint report and spreadsheet
- SWOT analysis and SMART objectives

Vineyard Waste

- SWOT and SMART objectives for vineyard waste

Winery

Building Summary

- Site name, function, principal equipment

Winery Throughput

- Number of bottles filled
- Tonnage of grapes processed

Winery site & building

- List principal features of the winery site and building with description of each (rate for environmental impact and energy efficiency)
- SWOT and SMART objectives for winery environmental impact

Water Use

- SWOT water use
- SMART reduce energy use

Winery energy use

- Upload servicing and repair records for winery machinery and equipment
- Evidence of energy usage and provenance
- Evidence of real-time energy records
- SWOT and SMART objectives for reducing energy use

Wine Packaging

- SWOT sustainability of packaging used
- 3 year plan to reduce environmental impact of wine packaging

Carbon Footprint

- Upload carbon footprint report and spreadsheet
- Upload evidence of carbon offsets used
- Upload evidence of purchase of bottles manufactured using renewable sources of energy
- SWOT analysis and SMART objectives

Winery waste

- Upload evidence of recycling of grape marc
- Evidence recycling of bidules and crown caps
- Complete SWGB sustainable purchasing form
- SWOT and SMART objectives on winery waste generation

Wastewater disposal

- Upload a wastewater report
- SWOT and SMART objectives for treatment of wastewater

People

Team Summary

- Team size, function, full time and part time employees

Recruitment

- Advertising and hiring processes and policies
- EDI and accessibility statements in job adverts
- SWOT and SMART objectives for your recruitment processes

Volunteers, temporary, and seasonal workers

- Volunteer agreement
- Harvest policy and processes for workers
- Volunteering opportunities for your team
- Evidence of energy usage and provenance
- Evidence of real-time energy records
- SWOT and SMART objectives for improving engagement with volunteers, temporary and seasonal workers, and volunteer opportunities for your team

Social Responsibility

- Use our tick-list to demonstrate compliance and best practice
- Create SMART objectives to tick more off in your next audit

Contractors

- Contractor engagement policy
- Contract workers' support systems
- SWOT and SMART objectives for working with contracted workers.

EDI training and policies

- EDI statement/policy for internal use
- EDI training
- SWOT and SMART objectives to improve EDI efforts

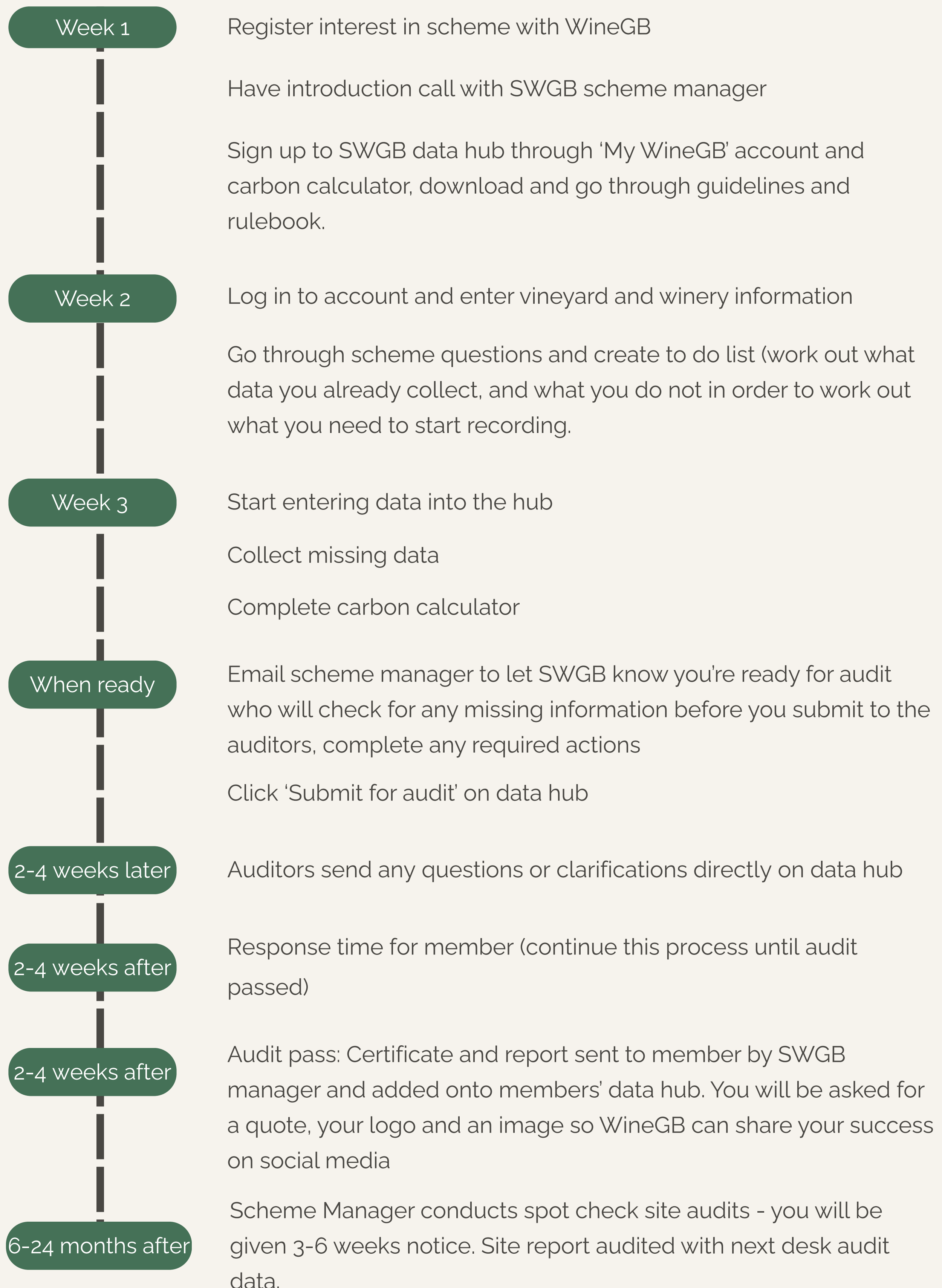
Local community

- Engaging with your local community
- SWOT and SMART objectives to improve engagement with your local community

Your Team

- Any other processes or policies you have in place to support your team
- SMART objectives to improve and implement more best practice examples

Approximate Timeline



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Any Questions? Contact the Scheme Manager:
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