National Hedge Laying Society

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ASSESSMENT MARKING SHEET

Assessment Details

Date: _____

Location: _____

Specific Location: _____ *What3Words or Map Grid Ref.*

Assessment Level: Bronze / Silver / Gold *Circle one*

Assessor(s)

Name: _____ Name: _____

Signed: _____ Signed: _____

Candidate

Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Chainsaw Certificate No: _____ *Required if using a chainsaw*

Issuing Authority: Lantra / NPTC / Other Other: _____

Declaration: I have read and understood the risk assessment relating to the training and assessment days. I declare that I am physically fit enough to take part and that I will inform the assessor of any medical condition that may effect my ability to complete the assessment. I have also been made aware of the assessment appeals procedure.

Signed: _____

By signing this form you are confirming that the details provided are correct and you confirm the conditions laid out in the declaration above.

Assessment Marking Sheet

Section	Max.	MARKS	Pass Mark Bronze	Silver	Gold	Notes
1 Pleaching • Smooth cuts with no splitting back. • Pleachers laying at appropriate angle and as horizontal as possible and with few overlaps.	20		10	12	15	
2 Stool & Heel • Heels removed and trimmed to follow the line of the cut stem.	20		10	12	15	

Section	Max.	MARKS	Pass Mark Bronze	Silver	Gold	Notes
3 Stakes & Binders (Bonds) • Hedge should be built low and well secured, both with itself and with internal bonds. • Bonds used only as and where required and mostly hidden from view. • Any external bonds are running at approximately 30° with the hedge, blending in well and serving their purpose with no gaps underneath. • Bonds are either pushed well into the ground or tucked under pleachers on one side and passed over to the other side but are very strong and secure.	20		10	12	15	
4 Appearance • The finished height determined by the lay of the land but between 75 and 90cm high if material is available. • Sides and top are trimmed up leaving a ½ barrel shape. • Sides of bank or surrounding area should be cleared.	30		15	18	23	

			Pass Mark			
Section	**Max.**	**MARKS**	**Bronze**	**Silver**	**Gold**	**Notes**
5 Tools • Billhooks and axes must have a sharp edge with no cracks or chips. • Billhook cutting edge to have a narrow shoulder. • Use the tool appropriate for the job in hand. • If a chainsaw or other power tools are used, they must be in good working condition.	10		5	6	7	
6 Gateway Start & Finish (Gold only) • Satisfactory interface of the laid hedge to a gateway or other gap at start and finish of length.	20				15	
7 Questions and Answers (Bronze only) (See Q&A form on page 6)	10		5			

			Pass Mark			
Section	**Max.**	**MARKS**	**Bronze**	**Silver**	**Gold**	**Notes**
8 Health and Safety • Correct PPE for tools being used. • Safe use of tools and placement while working. • Work area safe and clear of brash. • Good awareness of possible risks.	Pass/ Fail		–	–	–	
9 Root lay, Back lay & Side Lay (Silver and Gold only) • Gold and Silver candidates will be expected to be able to demonstrate all three techniques.	20			12	15	

Assessment Q&A (Bronze only)

10 Questions should be picked from the AS4 document for this section.

	AS4 Question No.	Pass/Fail	Notes
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