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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.

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Section	Max.	MARKS	Pass Mark Bronze	Silver	Gold	Notes
1 Pleaching • Starting the cut at the correct height for the size of the stem, thinning the stem down in an even manner with no splitting back. • Smooth finish to the cut with no “hacking”. • Pleachers laid at appropriate angle and should reach the top of the 4th stake. • No stems to be used from too far out from the line of the hedge..	20		10	12	15	
2 Stool & Heel • All heels taken off low to the ground (30mm/1.5” high at most). • The cut sloping away from the stem finished with a clean upward cut. • Smoothness of cut with no damage to the bark below.	20		10	12	15	

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3 Stakes & Binders • Stakes evenly placed and at a 35° angle to way the stems are laid. • Stakes should be in line and spaced so that the top of one stake should be vertically above the bottom of the next. • Top of binders should be 25mm (1”) below the top of the stakes. • Binders correct for the style and woven evenly to achieve a level top.	20		10	12	15	
4 Appearance • fHedge to have brush both sides but not too excessive that it hides the pleachers. • Deadwood to be placed in the back of the hedge and where possible forked to brush the front of the hedge. • Good well filled back of the hedge with at least one stick for every stake which reaches the top of the hedge.	30		15	18	23	

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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			

Section	Max.	MARKS	Pass Mark			Notes
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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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