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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	Pass Mark Silver	Pass Mark Gold	Notes
1 Pleaching • Pleachers laid at an angle of 30° to 40° depending on the length of the stems. Longer stems allow for a slightly shallower angle of lay. • Finished height of 90cm to 120cm (39” to 48”). • Stems laid off 20cm to 25cm (8” to 10”). • Stems should create an even appearance using secondary cuts where necessary.	20		10	12	15	
2 Stool & Heel • Heels should be cut to the same angle as the pleaching cuts. • All heels taken off low to the ground (30mm/1.5” high at most). • Smoothness of cut with no damage to the bark below.	20		10	12	15	

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3 Stakes & Binders • Square sawn stakes are spaced in a straight line from 60cm to 75cm (24” to 30”) depending on the hedge’s initial height and bulk and sawn off flat. • All the pleachers should be built into the stake line and woven in to lock it solidly.	20		10	12	15	
4 Appearance • The face should be clean with no brush showing. • The back of the hedge should be full and stockproof. Dead wood can be used to bulk up the back in the absence of enough live material. • The brush on the top is finished flat and level. • The back of the hedge should be trimmed neatly.	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			

			Pass Mark			
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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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