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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

			Pass Mark			
Section	**Max.**	**MARKS**	**Bronze**	**Silver**	**Gold**	**Notes**
1 Pleaching • The cut pleachers should be split to run into the ground with root laying if required • Pleachers should also be even in appearance and distribution throughout the build.	20		10	12	15	
2 Stool & Heel • All heels should be cut off to a uniform appearance and clean finish.	20		10	12	15	

Section	Max.	MARKS	Pass Mark Bronze	Silver	Gold	Notes
3 Stakes & Binders • Sawn stakes should be spaced 75cm to 90cm (30” to 36”) apart depending on the width of the pleachers in the base of the hedge. • Stakes can be placed on either side of the rail, but if thicker stakes are used they should be placed on one side only. • The rail should be placed down the centre line of the hedge with good continuous joints. Any nails protruding through the rails being clasped over neatly. • Any gaps on the build of the hedge should be neatly and evenly filled with extra sections of rail.	20		10	12	15	
4 Appearance • Any thicker pleachers should be trimmed hard to make the hedge narrow in section with a square or rectangular section, no more than 25cm to 30cm (10” to 12”) in width. • Brush should be minimal to maintain a thin and narrow width within the build • The overall height of the hedge should be between 90cm and 105cm (36” to 42”) to the top of the rail.	30		15	18	23	

			Pass Mark			
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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			
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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