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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 • Pleachers laid at an angle of approximately 45°, all the same way. • Clean front face with cutting visible, white wood all showing the same way.	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	
3 Stakes & Binders • Stakes in a single straight line, 75mm (3”) off the centre line of stools. • Stakes are placed 50cm (20”) apart, finished with flat tops at the same height as the hedge. • Tops of the pleachers and brush may be held in place against the stake with twine.	20		10	12	15	

Section	Max.	MARKS	Pass Mark Bronze	Silver	Gold	Notes
4 Appearance • Finished hedge is 90cm to 110cm (36” to 42”) high, and approximately 25cm (10”) wide. • Brush on the far side, even, tight and narrow but not dense. • Good secondary cutting and weaving of brush to produce a tight, even and regular overall appearance. • No dead wood.	30		15	18	23	
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	

Section	Max.	MARKS	Pass Mark Bronze	Silver	Gold	Notes
7 Questions and Answers (Bronze only) (See Q&A form on page 5)	10		5			
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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