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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 • 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 of cuts removed and offcuts removed from hedge.	20		10	12	15	
3 Stakes & Binders (Crooking) • Crooks chosen suitable for the style, of correct quality and placed at the correct angle and trimmed to the correct height. • Crooks should be strong and firmly driven in. • Crooks placed only as and where required. • Crooks hidden as much as possible.	20		10	12	15	

Section	Max.	MARKS	Pass Mark Bronze	Silver	Gold	Notes
4 Appearance • *[Correct height depend on the bank and will be set by the assessor.]*	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 root laying and side laying. (Back laying does not occur in Devon style)	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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