

Marks for certificate level	<i>Bronze</i>	<i>Silver</i>	<i>Gold</i>
<b><u>Lancashire and Westmorland Standard description</u></b>			
Marks available	20	20	20
Section pass mark	10	12	15
<p>Lancashire &amp; Westmorland hedges need to be well maintained for both cattle and sheep. Stakes are placed about 0.5 meter apart on alternate sides of the hedge not above the top line with the pleacher laid between at approx. 45°.</p> <p>Width of the hedge approx. 0.7 meter wide.</p> <p>The pleachers are laid to both sides between the stakes, not crossing over and the brush out to cover the stakes. The cuts should be long enough to bend the pleacher without damaging the bark according to the diameter of the pleacher.</p> <p>The hedge finished to a height of 1 meter high.</p> <p>The hedge is square but feathered brush on the side and top (flying brush). The centre of the hedge is slightly lighter than the rest of the hedge so that the regrowth from the heels can grow through so that sheep cannot nibble the shoots. Brush evenly placed to both sides, from top to bottom no gaps in the bottom.</p> <p>With no dead wood. Heels cut off cleanly at an angle and no higher than 10 centimetres.</p>	<p>PASS</p> <p>20 - 16</p>	<p>PASS</p> <p>20 - 16</p>	<p>PASS</p> <p>20 - 18</p>
<p>The hedge is laid firm and secure but the pleachers are not all at the same angle may be a bit high or low. Stakes are firm but not straight , the cut is a slightly different length on pleachers, the brush is a little too uneven on both sides. Stock proof but may have some small gaps at the bottom of the hedge. Overall appearance may be a bit untidy but the hedge has been laid properly.</p>	<p>PASS</p> <p>15-10</p>	<p>PASS</p> <p>15 - 12</p>	<p>PASS</p> <p>17 -15</p>
<p>Poorly constructed, not stock proof, inconsistent appearance, stake line not in the correct place, stakes not firm or holding the hedge. The cuts are not to a good standard may be some bark split, the hedge is not high enough, or too many gaps in the bottom with too much brush on one side.</p>	<p>FAIL</p> <p>9 - 5</p>	<p>FAIL</p> <p>11 – 6</p>	<p>FAIL</p> <p>14-7</p>
<p>No understanding of correct build for style.</p> <p>Very poor pleaching with very little attempt at secondary cutting.</p> <p>Over all poor build. Many gaps , laid down hill,</p> <p>No regard for neatness or presentation of work or work area.</p> <p>Not at all stock proof. Many pleachers visible allowing livestock to graze regrowth.</p> <p>Overall, a very poorly presented hedge and work area.</p>	<p>FAIL</p> <p>4 - 0</p>	<p>FAIL</p> <p>5 – 0</p>	<p>FAIL</p> <p>6 - 0</p>