

	<i>Bronze</i>	<i>Silver</i>	<i>Gold</i>
<u>BUILD OF HEDGE APPROPRIATE FOR STYLE... BRECON STAKE AND PLEACH</u>			
Marks Available	20	20	20
Section Pass Mark	10	12	15
<p>Pleacher laid at appropriate angle and should reach the top of the 4th stake.</p> <p>Very good stake line, evenly placed and at an angle opposite way to the hedge layed</p> <p>The angle of the stake should be in line so that the top of the stake should be in line with the bottom of the next stake, when you are stood in front of the hedge.</p> <p>Stakes should be driven firmly in the ground and within an inch of the binders.</p> <p>Hedge to have brush both sides but not too excessive that it hides the pleachers.</p> <p>Dead wood to be placed in the back of the hedge and where possible forked to brush the front of the hedge</p> <p>Binders correct for the style and weaved evenly to achieve a level top.</p> <p>No stems to be used from too far out from the line of the hedge.</p> <p>Good well filled back of the hedge with at least one stick for every stake which reaches the top of the hedge.</p> <p>Very stock proof, strong and firm hedge.</p>	<p>PASS</p> <p>20 - 16</p>	<p>PASS</p> <p>20 - 16</p>	<p>PASS</p> <p>20 - 18</p>
<p>Cutting good but slightly uneven.</p> <p>Stakes well placed and firm but top line uneven.</p> <p>Lacks brush in the front of the hedge.</p> <p>Binders not level</p> <p>Reasonable back of hedge with occasional weak spots.</p> <p>Lacking strength on the top of the hedge.</p>	<p>PASS</p> <p>15-10</p>	<p>PASS</p> <p>15 - 12</p>	<p>PASS</p> <p>17 -15</p>
<p>Irregular placement of stems.</p> <p>Poor cutting, heels not cleanly cut and pleachers not cut low enough to the ground.</p> <p>Poor stake line.</p> <p>Lacking brush and dead wood in the back of the hedge, not giving the hedge strength where the pleachers were weak.</p> <p>Binders quite poor and inconsistent in size and not level.</p> <p>Many gaps along the length.</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 the style Very poor pleaching and little attempt at secondary cutting. Overall poor build. Poor stake line. No knowledge of binding technique. No trimming of the front of hedge. Almost no back of hedge. Very poor stake line. Not at all stock proof.</p>		<p>FAIL 4 - 0</p>	<p>FAIL 5 - 0</p>	<p>FAIL 6 - 0</p>
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