Marks for certificate level	В	Bronze	Silver	Gold
BUILD OF HEDGE APPROPRIATE FOR STYLE Midla	and			
Marks available		20	20	20
Section pass mark		10	12	15
Pleachers laying at appropriate angle. Cutting showing slightly to the front of the hedge line. Hedge 'laid off' between 10-12 inches from front stems to stake line. Very good stake line, evenly placed and straight. Stakes cut off facing slightly outwards, matching the cuts. Good 'flying brush' running evenly above the back of the hedge. Binders correct for style, level and rolling correctly between stakes. No stems used from too far out of the line. Clean front face to hedge with good use of secondary cutting. Good, well filled back of hedge. Very stock proof.		PASS 20 - 16	PASS 20 - 16	PASS 20 - 18
Some stems laying too flat within the hedge. Cutting good but not always showing to front of hedge. Hedge not laid off enough or laid off too far. Stakes well placed and firm but tops poorly removed. Little flying brush. Binders adequate, perhaps not level. Occasional stem used from outside of hedge line forming 'arm chair'. Front of hedge could be cleaner with tidier secondary cutting. Reasonable back of hedge with occasional thin spots. Occasional small gaps.		PASS 15-10	PASS 15 - 12	PASS 17 -15
Very irregular placement of stems, poor build. Poor cutting, no regularity to pleachers. Very irregular build, some stems laid off too far. Poor stake line, crude bindings. Little or no flying brush. Binders quite poor, of inconsistent pattern and not level. Front of hedge poorly cleaned with little secondary cutting. Little attempt to build a back of hedge. Many gaps along length.		FAIL 9- 5	FAIL 11 – 6	FAIL 14-7
No understanding of correct build for style. Very poor pleaching and little attempt at secondary cutting. Overall poor build. Poor stake line. No knowledge of binding technique. No trimming of front of hedge. Almost no back of hedge. Very poor stake line.		FAIL 4 - 0	FAIL 5 – 0	FAIL 6 - 0

Not at all stock proof.		