

Marks for certificate level	<i>Bronze</i>	<i>Silver</i>	<i>Gold</i>
<u>Derby Style Standard</u>			
Marks available	20	20	20
Section pass mark	10	12	15
<p>Pleachers at appropriate angle depending on the length of the stems with a finished height from 3'6" to 4'. Longer stems will allow for a slightly shallower angle of the finished hedge.</p> <p>Square sawn stakes are spaced in a straight line from 24" to 30" depending on the hedge's initial height and bulk and sawn off flat.</p> <p>Pleaching cuts should show to the front with the stems laid off 6-8" and the heels cut to the same angle as the pleaches. The pleachers should create an even appearance using secondary cuts where necessary.</p> <p>All the pleachers should be built into the stake line and woven in to lock it solidly. Cutting them in is sometimes required. Double row hedges should be treated as a single row with the furthest stems being brought to the front of the stakes and built in. Binders are not required.</p> <p>The face should be clean (no brush showing) and the back of the hedge should be full and stockproof. Dead wood can be used to bulk up the back in the absence of enough live material.</p> <p>The brush on the top is usually finished flat and level. A variant of the style in some areas is to leave the brush untrimmed on the top. The back of the hedge is trimmed neatly with a billhook.</p> <p>The end result should be a solid fence with no loose wood.</p>	PASS 20 - 16	PASS 20 - 16	PASS 20 - 18
Stakes are relatively straight but a bit uneven, pleachers are not uniform in angle, all heels not cut even, hedge is firm and solid, brush has an appearance of not being even. Some cuts look untidy, but the hedge is stockproof.	PASS 15-10	PASS 15 - 12	PASS 17 -15
Stakes not firm or secure, pleachers cut too thick or thin may be some damage to the bark hedge looks untidy, top of the hedge is not level, not stock proof, gaps in the hedge.	FAIL 9 - 5	FAIL 11 - 6	FAIL 14-7
A very badly presented hedge and work area. Did not build the hedge correctly, not stock proof, cutting of pleachers very poor, hedge not secure or firm, placing the pleacher very inconsistent. Overall the attempt to lay the hedge did not work. No regard to the standard of work needed.	FAIL 4 - 0	FAIL 5 - 0	FAIL 6 - 0