



# **ASSESSOR MARKING SHEET NORTHUMBERLAND STYLE**

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## ASSESSMENT MARKING SHEET

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### ASSESSMENT DETAILS

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Location: \_\_\_\_\_

Specific Location: \_\_\_\_\_ *What3Words or Map Grid Ref.*

Assessment Level: Bronze / Silver / Gold *Circle one*

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### ASSESSOR(S)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

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### 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

Section	Max.	MARKS	Pass Mark			Notes
			Bronze	Silver	Gold	
<b>1 PLEACHING</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Neat cutting, tapering smoothly to the hinge.</li> <li>• Hinge not too thick.</li> <li>• Pleachers interwoven with each other to build the hedge.</li> </ul>	20		10	12	15	
<b>2 STOOL &amp; HEEL</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Trimmed off at a height no higher than the diameter of laid stem.</li> <li>• Cut off at same angle as laid stem without splitting.</li> <li>• Occasional long heels left for support, ring barked low down.</li> </ul>	20		10	12	15	

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<b>3 STAKES &amp; BINDERS (No BINDERS)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Staking to be minimal, only used if essential.</li> <li>• Ideally use stakes cut from the hedge.</li> <li>• Any stakes used should be unobtrusive.</li> <li>• As stated above heels may be used for occasional support.</li> </ul>	20		10	12	15	
<b>4 APPEARANCE</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Laid hedge 75cm – 107cm (2½. – 3½ft) high; width similar.</li> <li>• Half barrel profile, brush to reach ground on both sides to protect stools.</li> <li>• Finished hedge to have a neat, even appearance.</li> </ul>	30		15	18	23	

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<b>5 TOOLS</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Billhooks and axes must have a sharp edge with no cracks or chips.</li> <li>• Billhook cutting edge to have a narrow shoulder.</li> <li>• Use the tool appropriate for the job in hand.</li> <li>• If a chainsaw or other power tools are used, they must be in good working condition.</li> </ul>	10		5	6	7	
<b>6 GATEWAY START &amp; FINISH (GOLD ONLY)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Satisfactory interface of the laid hedge to a gateway or other gap at start and finish of length.</li> </ul>	20				15	
<b>7 QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS (BRONZE ONLY)</b> (See Q&A form on page 6)	10		5			

			Pass Mark			Notes
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<b>8 HEALTH AND SAFETY</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Correct PPE for tools being used.</li> <li>• Safe use of tools and placement while working.</li> <li>• Work area safe and clear of brash.</li> <li>• Good awareness of possible risks.</li> </ul>	Pass/ Fail		–	–	–	
<b>9 ROOT LAY, BACK LAY &amp; SIDE LAY (SILVER AND GOLD ONLY)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gold and Silver candidates will be expected to be able to demonstrate all three techniques.</li> </ul>	20			12	15	

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## 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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