

H13 Native Hedgerow with Trees



Hedgerow favourable condition attributes				
Attributes and functional groupings (A, B, C, D and E)		Criteria - the minimum requirements for ‘favourable condition’	Criterion passed (Yes or No)	Notes (such as justification)
Core groups - applicable to all hedgerow types				
A1.	Height	>1.5 m average along length	Pass	15m avg
A2.	Width	>1.5 m average along length	Pass	8m avg
B1.	Gap - hedge base	Gap between ground and base of canopy <0.5 m for >90% of length	Pass	Hedge to ground throughout
B2.	Gap - hedge canopy continuity	Gaps make up <10% of total length; and No canopy gaps >5 m	Pass	No gaps
C1.	Undisturbed ground and perennial vegetation	>1 m width of undisturbed ground with perennial herbaceous vegetation for >90% of length: · Measured from outer edge of hedgerow; and · Is present on one side of the hedgerow (at least).	Fail → Pass	Grassland managed to hedge edge 2025 → unmanaged as of 2026
C2.	Nutrient-enriched perennial vegetation	Plant species indicative of nutrient enrichment of soils dominate <20% cover of the area of undisturbed ground.	Pass	Some nettle and indicators but not over 20%
D1.	Invasive and neophyte species	>90% of the hedgerow and undisturbed ground is free of invasive non-native plant species (including those listed on Schedule 9 of WCA ³) and recently introduced species.	Pass	None recorded
D2.	Current damage	>90% of the hedgerow or undisturbed ground is free of damage caused by human activities.	Pass	Not damaged
Additional group - applicable to hedgerows with trees only				

E1.	Tree class	There is more than one age-class (or morphology) of tree present (for example: young, mature, veteran and or ancient ⁸), and there is on average at least one mature, ancient or veteran tree present per 20 - 50m of hedgerow.	Pass	Veteran and mature
E2.	Tree health	At least 95% of hedgerow trees are in a healthy condition (excluding veteran features valuable for wildlife). There is little or no evidence of an adverse impact on tree health by damage from livestock or wild animals, pests or diseases, or human activity.	Pass	Trees in good health
Condition categories for hedgerows with trees				
Category		Category Requirements	Metric score	
Good		No more than 2 failures in total; AND No more than 1 failure in any functional group.	3	
Moderate		No more than 5 failures in total; AND Does not fail both attributes in more than one functional group (for example, fails attributes A1, A2, B1, C2 and E1 = Moderate condition).	2	
Poor		Fails a total of more than 5 attributes; OR Fails both attributes in more than one functional group (for example, fails attributes A1, A2, B1 and B2 = Poor condition).	1	
Score achieved:			Good (No failures)	

Hedgerow species recorded: hawthorn, blackthorn, bramble (does not count towards total species), dog rose, and common lime.

Average species count per 30m: 4 (species poor)

H14 Ecologically valuable line of trees - associated with bank or ditch



Condition Assessment Criteria		Criterion passed (Yes or No)	Notes (such as justification)
A	At least 70% of trees are native species.	Pass	Entirely native
B	Tree canopy is predominantly continuous with gaps in canopy cover making up <10% of total area and no individual gap being >5 m wide.	Pass	Continuous
C	One or more trees has veteran features and or natural ecological niches for vertebrates and invertebrates, such as presence of standing and attached deadwood, cavities, ivy or loose bark.	Pass	All of the listed criteria present
D	There is an undisturbed naturally-vegetated strip of at least 6 m on both sides to protect the line of trees from farming and other human activities (excluding grazing). Where veteran trees are present, root protection areas should follow standing advice ² .	Fail	North side is undisturbed. Southern site side is farmed up to edge
E	At least 95% of the trees are in a healthy condition (deadwood or veteran features valuable for wildlife are excluded from this). There is little or no evidence of an adverse impact on tree health by damage from livestock or wild animals, pests or diseases, or human activity.	Pass	Some low-level livestock browsing impacts
Number of criteria passed			4
Condition Assessment Result (out of 5 criteria)	Condition Assessment Score	Score Achieved x/√	
Passes 5 criteria	Good (3)		

Passes 3 or 4 criteria	Moderate (2)	Moderate (4/5 passes)	
Passes 2 or fewer criteria	Poor (1)		

Tree species recorded: Pedunculate oak, Blackthorn, Hawthorn, Holly, Ash, and English elm

Veteran/mature tree count per 30m: 10+

H15 Native Hedgerow with Trees



Hedgerow favourable condition attributes				
Attributes and functional groupings (A, B, C, D and E)		Criteria - the minimum requirements for ‘favourable condition’	Criterion passed (Yes or No)	Notes (such as justification)
Core groups - applicable to all hedgerow types				
A1.	Height	>1.5 m average along length	Pass	Avg 8m
A2.	Width	>1.5 m average along length	Pass	Avg 5m
B1.	Gap - hedge base	Gap between ground and base of canopy <0.5 m for >90% of length	Pass	Bramble ensuring hedge to ground
B2.	Gap - hedge canopy continuity	Gaps make up <10% of total length; and No canopy gaps >5 m	Pass	Bramble endsuring no gaps
C1.	Undisturbed ground and perennial vegetation	>1 m width of undisturbed ground with perennial herbaceous vegetation for >90% of length: · Measured from outer edge of hedgerow; and · Is present on one side of the hedgerow (at least).	Pass	Undisturbed grassland to east
C2.	Nutrient-enriched perennial vegetation	Plant species indicative of nutrient enrichment of soils dominate <20% cover of the area of undisturbed ground.	Pass	Not evident
D1.	Invasive and neophyte species	>90% of the hedgerow and undisturbed ground is free of invasive non-native plant species (including those listed on Schedule 9 of WCA ³) and recently introduced species.	Pass	None recorded
D2.	Current damage	>90% of the hedgerow or undisturbed ground is free of damage caused by human activities.	Pass	Unmanaged
Additional group - applicable to hedgerows with trees only				
E1.	Tree class	There is more than one age-class (or morphology) of tree present (for example: young, mature, veteran and or ancient ⁸), and there is on average at least one mature, ancient or veteran tree present per 20 - 50m of hedgerow.	Pass	Mature and young present

E2.	Tree health	At least 95% of hedgerow trees are in a healthy condition (excluding veteran features valuable for wildlife). There is little or no evidence of an adverse impact on tree health by damage from livestock or wild animals, pests or diseases, or human activity.	Pass	Trees in good health
Condition categories for hedgerows with trees				
Category	Category Requirements	Metric score		
Good	No more than 2 failures in total; AND No more than 1 failure in any functional group.	3		
Moderate	No more than 5 failures in total; AND <u>Does not fail both attributes in more than one functional group (for example, fails attributes A1, A2, B1, C2 and E1 = Moderate condition).</u>	2		
Poor	Fails a total of more than 5 attributes; OR <u>Fails both attributes in more than one functional group (for example, fails attributes A1, A2, B1 and B2 = Poor condition).</u>	1		
Score achieved:		Good (No failures)		

Hedgerow species recorded: Pedunculate oak, English elm, Blackthorn, Hawthorn, Elder
Average species count per 30m: 4.5 (species poor)

H16 Native Hedgerow – associated with a ditch or bank



Hedgerow favourable condition attributes				
Attributes and functional groupings (A, B, C, D and E)		Criteria - the minimum requirements for ‘favourable condition’	Criterion passed (Yes or No)	Notes (such as justification)
Core groups - applicable to all hedgerow types				
A1.	Height	>1.5 m average along length	Pass	Avg 3.5m
A2.	Width	>1.5 m average along length	Pass	Avg 4m
B1.	Gap - hedge base	Gap between ground and base of canopy <0.5 m for >90% of length	Pass	Hedge to ground throughout
B2.	Gap - hedge canopy continuity	Gaps make up <10% of total length; and No canopy gaps >5 m	Pass	Hedge with no gaps
C1.	Undisturbed ground and perennial vegetation	>1 m width of undisturbed ground with perennial herbaceous vegetation for >90% of length: · Measured from outer edge of hedgerow; and · Is present on one side of the hedgerow (at least).	Pass	1m along track side undisturbed
C2.	Nutrient-enriched perennial vegetation	Plant species indicative of nutrient enrichment of soils dominate <20% cover of the area of undisturbed ground.	Pass	Not evident
D1.	Invasive and neophyte species	>90% of the hedgerow and undisturbed ground is free of invasive non-native plant species (including those listed on Schedule 9 of WCA ³) and recently introduced species.	Pass	None recorded
D2.	Current damage	>90% of the hedgerow or undisturbed ground is free of damage caused by human activities.	Pass	Hedge under managed but not damaged
Condition categories for hedgerows without trees				
Category	Category Requirements	Metric Score		

Good	No more than 2 failures in total; AND No more than 1 failure in any functional group.	3	
Moderate	No more than 4 failures in total; AND <u>Does not fail both attributes</u> in more than one functional group (for example, fails attributes A1, A2, B1 and C2 = Moderate condition).	2	
Poor	Fails a total of more than 4 attributes; OR <u>Fails both attributes</u> in more than one functional group (for example, fails attributes A1, A2, B1 and B2 = Poor condition).	1	
Score achieved:		Good (No failures)	

Hedgerow species recorded: Blackthorn, Pedunculate oak, Hawthorn
Average species count per 30m: 3 (species poor)

H17 Species-rich native hedgerow with trees - associated with bank or ditch



Hedgerow favourable condition attributes				
Attributes and functional groupings (A, B, C, D and E)		Criteria - the minimum requirements for ‘favourable condition’	Criterion passed (Yes or No)	Notes (such as justification)
Core groups - applicable to all hedgerow types				
A1.	Height	>1.5 m average along length	Pass	The hedgerow measured in height at approximately 7m.
A2.	Width	>1.5 m average along length	Pass	Gaps at the canopy base were less than 0.5m for 90% of the hedgerow length. Only gaps are small mammal trail
B1.	Gap - hedge base	Gap between ground and base of canopy <0.5 m for >90% of length	Pass	Gaps in the canopy were less than 10% of the hedgerow length and no individual gaps exceeded 5m.
B2.	Gap - hedge canopy continuity	Gaps make up <10% of total length; and No canopy gaps >5 m	Pass	Undisturbed vegetation was present the full length of the hedgerow.

C1.	Undisturbed ground and perennial vegetation	>1 m width of undisturbed ground with perennial herbaceous vegetation for >90% of length: · Measured from outer edge of hedgerow; and · Is present on one side of the hedgerow (at least).	Pass	Undesirable vegetation makes up less than 20% some nettle and cleavers <20%
C2.	Nutrient-enriched perennial vegetation	Plant species indicative of nutrient enrichment of soils dominate <20% cover of the area of undisturbed ground.	Pass	No invasive/neophyte species found. 1 sycamore seen
D1.	Invasive and neophyte species	>90% of the hedgerow and undisturbed ground is free of invasive non-native plant species (including those listed on Schedule 9 of WCA ³) and recently introduced species.	Pass	The hedgerow is free of damage caused by human activities.
D2.	Current damage	>90% of the hedgerow or undisturbed ground is free of damage caused by human activities.	Pass	The hedgerow measured in height at approximately 7m.
Additional group - applicable to hedgerows with trees only				
E1.	Tree class	There is more than one age-class (or morphology) of tree present (for example: young, mature, veteran and or ancient ⁸), and there is on average at least one mature, ancient or veteran tree present per 20 - 50m of hedgerow.	Pass	Multiple age classes present and a lot of trees every 50m.
E2.	Tree health	At least 95% of hedgerow trees are in a healthy condition (excluding veteran features valuable for wildlife). There is little or no evidence of an adverse impact on tree health by damage from livestock or wild animals, pests or diseases, or human activity.	Pass	All trees in healthy condition. A couple of dead ash. Mostly live
Condition categories for hedgerows with trees				
Category	Category Requirements	Metric score		

Good	No more than 2 failures in total; AND No more than 1 failure in any functional group.	3	
Moderate	No more than 5 failures in total; AND <u>Does not fail both attributes</u> in more than one functional group (for example, fails attributes A1, A2, B1, C2 and E1 = Moderate condition).	2	
Poor	Fails a total of more than 5 attributes; OR <u>Fails both attributes</u> in more than one functional group (for example, fails attributes A1, A2, B1 and B2 = Poor condition).	1	
Score achieved:		Good (No failures)	

Hedgerow species recorded: Bramble, Blackthorn, Grey willow, Hawthorn, Field Maple, Pedunculate/common oak, Wych elm

Average species count per 30m: 7

H23 Species-rich Native Hedgerow with Trees - associated with bank or ditch



Hedgerow favourable condition attributes				
Attributes and functional groupings (A, B, C, D and E)		Criteria - the minimum requirements for ‘favourable condition’	Criterion passed (Yes or No)	Notes (such as justification)
Core groups - applicable to all hedgerow types				
A1.	Height	>1.5 m average along length	Pass	The hedgerow measured in height at approximately 8m
A2.	Width	>1.5 m average along length	Pass	The hedgerow measured in width at approximately 4m
B1.	Gap - hedge base	Gap between ground and base of canopy <0.5 m for >90% of length	Fail	Gaps at hedge base were greater than 0.5m for 90% of the length, approximate gap sizes equal 2m
B2.	Gap - hedge canopy continuity	Gaps make up <10% of total length; and No canopy gaps >5 m	Pass	Gaps in the canopy were less than 10% of the hedgerow length and no individual gaps exceeded 5m.
C1.	Undisturbed ground and perennial vegetation	>1 m width of undisturbed ground with perennial herbaceous vegetation for >90% of length: · Measured from outer edge of hedgerow; and · Is present on one side of the hedgerow (at least).	Pass	Undisturbed vegetation was present the full

				length of the hedgerow.
C2.	Nutrient-enriched perennial vegetation	Plant species indicative of nutrient enrichment of soils dominate <20% cover of the area of undisturbed ground.	Pass	Undesirable vegetation makes up less than 20%
D1.	Invasive and neophyte species	>90% of the hedgerow and undisturbed ground is free of invasive non-native plant species (including those listed on Schedule 9 of WCA ³) and recently introduced species.	Pass	No invasive/neophyte species found.
D2.	Current damage	>90% of the hedgerow or undisturbed ground is free of damage caused by human activities.	Pass	The hedgerow is free of damage caused by human activities.
Additional group - applicable to hedgerows with trees only				
E1.	Tree class	There is more than one age-class (or morphology) of tree present (for example: young, mature, veteran and or ancient ⁸), and there is on average at least one mature, ancient or veteran tree present per 20 - 50m of hedgerow.	Pass	Multiple age classes present and an average of 5 trees every 50m.
E2.	Tree health	At least 95% of hedgerow trees are in a healthy condition (excluding veteran features valuable for wildlife). There is little or no evidence of an adverse impact on tree health by damage from livestock or wild animals, pests or diseases, or human activity.	Pass	All trees in healthy condition.
Condition categories for hedgerows with trees				
Category		Category Requirements		
Good		No more than 2 failures in total; AND No more than 1 failure in any functional group.		
			3	

Moderate	No more than 5 failures in total; AND Does not fail both attributes in more than one functional group (for example, fails attributes A1, A2, B1, C2 and E1 = Moderate condition).	2	
Poor	Fails a total of more than 5 attributes; OR Fails both attributes in more than one functional group (for example, fails attributes A1, A2, B1 and B2 = Poor condition).	1	
Score achieved:		Good (1 failure)	

Hedgerow species recorded: Hawthorn, Bramble (does not count towards total species), Elder, Blackthorn, Goat Willow, Pedunculate oak

Average species count per 30m: 5 (species rich)

H25 Ecologically valuable line of trees







Condition Assessment Criteria		Criterion passed (Yes or No)	Notes (such as justification)
A	At least 70% of trees are native species.	Pass	Entirely native
B	Tree canopy is predominantly continuous with gaps in canopy cover making up <10% of total area and no individual gap being >5 m wide.	Fail	Large gap of 15m
C	One or more trees has veteran features and or natural ecological niches for vertebrates and invertebrates, such as presence of standing and attached deadwood, cavities, ivy or loose bark.	Pass	Many features suitable for many species
D	There is an undisturbed naturally-vegetated strip of at least 6 m on both sides to protect the line of trees from farming and other human activities (excluding grazing). Where veteran trees are present, root protection areas should follow standing advice ² .	Pass	Arable land beyond 6m away
E	At least 95% of the trees are in a healthy condition (deadwood or veteran features valuable for wildlife are excluded from this). There is little or no evidence of an adverse impact on tree health by damage from livestock or wild animals, pests or diseases, or human activity.	Pass	Trees in good health
Number of criteria passed			4
Condition Assessment Result (out of 5 criteria)	Condition Assessment Score	Score Achieved x/√	
Passes 5 criteria	Good (3)		

Passes 3 or 4 criteria	Moderate (2)	Moderate (4/5 passes)	
Passes 2 or fewer criteria	Poor (1)		

Tree species recorded: Hazel, Silver Birch, Pedunculate Oak, Blackthorn, Hawthorn, Elder

Mature/veteran tree count per 30m: 0