

HEDGE (& WALL) IMPORTANCE TEST

INSTRUCTIONS FOR WORKING OUT SEPARATE HIT MARKS FOR LANDSCAPE, WILDLIFE AND HISTORY

Download and print out the three separate points sheets for landscape, wildlife and history. Then take each separate sheet and enter the points scores from the survey form as follows.

LANDSCAPE.

Enter the points scored for questions 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7 and 23. Then additionally work out the scores for the following questions:-

5. Coastal exposure. Score A=4, B=6, C=8, N=0. Note: if this score equals 8, the score for question 22 = 0.

8. Hedgebank structure. A, B, C or D = 8. N = 0.

9. Hedgebank height. (Height on the shorter side if the two sides of the hedgebank/wall differ). Score one point for 0.5 metres, and one point for each 0.5 m thereafter. Maximum 4 points. If there is a difference in height of the two sides of 0.5m or more, score 1. Add height and difference scores together, max 5.

11. Associated features. Score A=1, B=2, C=1, D=4, E=3, F=1, G=3, H=2, J=10, K=2, L=0. For A2, B2 etc double the score for that feature. Where more than one feature box is filled in, the scores are added together. Max 11.

12. Hedge growth. A, B or C = 8, D=4, E=2.

13. Tree species. 1 or 2 species = 1, 3 or 4 species = 2, 5 or more species = 3. Max 3.

14. Tree count. 1 or 2 trees = 1, 3 or 4 = 2, 5 or 6 = 3, 7 or 8 = 4, 9 or 10 = 5, 11 or more = 6. No trees = 0. Max 6.

15. Largest tree. Score 1 point for each 15cm of diameter. Max 3 points.

21. Run-off prevention. Divide points by 2, rounded up to nearest whole figure; eg for a points score of 9, divide by 2 = 4½, score 5 for landscape.

22. Altitude. Score 1 point for 150m and for each 20m thereafter. This score added to the score for question 5 must not exceed 8. If the two scores add up to more than 8, reduce Altitude score until the two scores added together total 8. If the score for question 5 is 0, enter altitude score up to maximum 8. If score for q5 = 8, score 0 for altitude.

24. Hedge length. Score 2 points for each 100m. Max 8. Below 100m, score 0.

Add up all the points and divide the total by 7 to get the HIT mark (marks out of ten) for Landscape. Round this to the nearest half mark, eg 4.7 becomes HIT mark 4½, 4.8 becomes HIT mark 5. If the total number of points exceeds 70, the hedge or wall merits HIT Mark 10* for Landscape.

WILDLIFE.

Enter the points for question 16, then additionally work out the following scores:-

5. Coastal exposure. Score A=4, B=6, C=8, N=0. Note: if this score equals 8, the score for question 22 = 0.

8. Hedgebank structure. Score for A, B, C or D = 8.

9. Hedgebank height. (Height on the shorter side if the two sides of the hedgebank/wall differ). Score 1 point for 0.5m and 1 point for each 0.5m thereafter. Max 4. If the difference in height of the two sides is 0.5m or more, score 1. Add height and difference scores together, max 5.

11. Associated features. A=1, B=2, C=1, D=3, E=4, F=2, G=2, H=3, J=8, K=3, L=10. For

A2, B2 etc, double the score for that feature. Where more than one feature box is filled in, the scores are added together. Max 17.

12. Hedge growth. Score A, B, or C = 8, D=6, E=5.

13. Tree species. For each species, score 1. Max 7.

14. Tree count. 1 or 2 trees = 1, 3 or 4 = 2, 5 or 6 = 3, 7 or more = 4. No trees = 0. Max 4.

15. Largest tree. Score 1 point for each 15 cm of diameter, max 3 points.

21. Run-off prevention. Deduct Landscape individual run-off score from whole points score for this question, and divide remainder by 2. Add remainder of 1 if present.

22. Altitude. Score 1 point for 150m and for each 20m thereafter. If this score added to the score for question 5 totals more than 8, reduce altitude score accordingly to total max 8. If score for q5=8, score 0 for altitude. If the score for question 5 = 0, enter altitude score up to maximum 8.

24. Hedge length. Score 1 point for each 100m, max 4. Below 100m, score 0.

Add up all the points and divide the total by 7 to get the marks out of ten for Wildlife. Round this to the nearest half mark, eg 4.7 becomes HIT mark 4½, 4.8 becomes HIT mark 5. If the total number of points exceeds 70, the hedge or wall merits HIT Mark 10* for Wildlife.

HISTORY.

Enter the points for questions 10, 17,18, 19 and 20. Then work out the following scores:-

9. Hedgebank height. (Height on the shorter side if the two sides of the hedgebank/wall differ). Score 1 for 0.5m and 1 for each 0.5 thereafter, max 4. Additionally, if there is a difference in height of the two sides, for 0.5m difference score 1 point, 1.0 - 1.5m score 3, over 1.5m score max 4. Add height and difference scores together.

13. Tree species. For five or more species score 1.

15. Largest tree. More than 45cm diameter, score 1.

21. Run-off prevention. Deduct Landscape and Wildlife individual run-off scores from the whole points score for this question. Enter the remainder, which is the run-off score for History.

Add up all the points and divide the total by 7 to get the marks out of ten for History. Round this to the nearest half mark, eg 4.7 becomes HIT mark 4½, 4.8 becomes HIT mark 5. If the total number of points exceeds 70, the hedge or wall merits HIT Mark 10* for History.

Download and print out the Results form to record all four HIT marks for the hedge or wall.

Please note that the mean average of the three separate HIT marks may not be the same as the overall HIT mark.