HEDGE (& WALL) IMPORTANCE TEST (HIT)

Please transfer answers on survey form to this sheet and use the scoring instructions to work out the HIT mark

Points

1. Hedge in or near village or town (a dozen or more houses) :-
   Within village/town A, Urban fringe B, ½-1mile C, >1 mile D.

2. What is the furthest you can see from any point along the hedge?
   0-1 mile A, 1-5 miles B, 5-10 miles C, >10 miles D.

3. Does the hedge help to screen a man-made structure ? (Y or N)

4. Is the hedge visible from a highway/right of way/open-access? (Y or N)

5. Can you see the sea from anywhere along the hedge?
   In one quadrant A, 2 quadrants B, 3 or 4 quadrants C. No sea view N.

6. Is the hedge of a style distinctive to the county or region? (Y or N)

7. Is the hedge of a style or pattern particular to the local area? (Y or N)

8. Structure of hedgebank or wall :- Dry stone A, Stone-faced earth B,
   Turf-faced earth C, Mortared stone/concrete/brick D. No hedgebank N.

9. Estimate average height of hedgebank or wall on each side to nearest
   0.5m (enter both sides even if they are the same). No hedgebank N.

10. Does the hedge or wall include any gateways, stiles or other furniture?
    Gateway A, Stile B, Water trough C, Stone cross or other
    carved stone relic D, Any other E. None N. (Letter and number)

11. Name the associated features (max 2 of each):-
    Field A, Hedge B, Ditch C, Wood/copse D, Heath/scrub E,
    Marsh /bog F, Water G, Garden H, Urban environment J,
    Rail/motorway K, SSSI L. (Put letter & number in same box)

12. Which is the predominant type of growth on the hedge or wall?
    Tall trees A, Mixed scrub and bushy B, Single species hedgerow C,
    Turf /herbaceous D, Lichens/mosses E.

13. How many different tree species are in the hedge? Enter N for no tree species.

14. Count (max 11) trees in hedge (telephone pole height). No tall trees, enter N.

Notes (no points score)

Subtotal carried forward

Subtotal points brought forward

15. Estimate the diameter (cm) of largest tree trunk. No trees, enter N.

16. Enter for each of these indicator plants growing in the hedge:-
Bramble A, Foxglove/Mullein B, Honeysuckle C, Wild Rose D, Traveller's Joy E, Gorse/Broom F, Heather G, Fern H, Primrose I, Thrift J. DRY STONE /MORTARED WALLS may also have: Lichens/mosses K, Stonecrop L, Wildlife niches M. VILLAGE/ TOWN may also have: Ivy R, Dandelion S. No indicator plants N.

17. Is the hedge within 50m of a scheduled historic site or monument ?
Scheduled Monument A, Listed Building B, Sites & Monuments Record C. If none, enter N. Not known P.

18. Is the hedge associated with: Historic function A, Story B, None N.

19. Is the hedge first shown on : Pre-1850 map A, Post -1850 OS map B, Post-1900 OS map C, Post-1940 OS map D. Map not consulted P.

20. Is the hedge part of a recognised field system or boundary pattern ?
Prehistoric field system, or parish or manor boundary A,
Mediæval field system or relic boundary B,
Internal hedge of other historic field system C. None N. Not known P.

21. Using the 1:25 000 map, is the hedge parallel with the nearest contour A, at 45 degrees B, or at right angles to the contour C. (Enter nearest.)
Using the 1:25 000 map, measuring *uphill* from the middle of the hedge, how many *rising* contour lines lie within 15mm from the hedge ? None, 0.

22. What is the altitude (metres) of the contour line nearest centre of hedge ?

23. Is the hedge adjacent to a highway/right of way/open-access land:-
Class A road/motorway/railway A, Class B road B, Minor road/urban street C, Bridleway D, Footpath/open-access E. No highway N.

24. Length of hedge (metres), either paced or measured from map .

Hedge Location (grid letters and 6 figures)

Village/town and county

Total Points

Recorder's name

Divide by 20

Date (dd/mm/yy)

H I T MARK = (out of ten)

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