

<b>Survey Cover Sheet</b>			
<b>Survey date/s</b>	16/05/2025, 30/05/2025, 08/07/2025	<b>Site name or location</b>	Blackthorn Farm
<b>Weather conditions</b>	Clear and Sunny	<b>Project or development name</b>	Blackthorn Farm
<b>Surveyor name</b>	Sean Manley, Jodie Southgate	<b>On-site or off-site</b>	On-site
<b>Survey reference</b>	N/A	<b>Reason for assessment (if not baseline condition survey)</b>	
<b>Notes</b>			

Citation Basis: GRASSLAND Habitat Type (medium, high and very high diversity)																	
GRASSLAND - Lowland calcareous grassland																	
GRASSLAND - Lowland meadows																	
GRASSLAND - Other neutral grassland																	
GRASSLAND - Other neutral grassland (4340) [Not to be confused with the Tatt folks secondary code - see UKHab guidance for details]																	
GRASSLAND - Open acid grassland																	
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Condition sheet: HEDGEROW Habitat Types										
Habitat Type										
Native hedge										
Native hedge - associated with bank or ditch										
Native hedge with trees										
Native hedge with trees - associated with bank or ditch										
Species-rich native hedge										
Species-rich native hedge - associated with bank or ditch										
Species-rich native hedge with trees										
Species-rich native hedge with trees - associated with bank or ditch										
Habitat Description										
See notes inserted below "Habitat Panel Reference".										
Site or off-site, site name	Blackthorn Farm	Survey date and Surveyor name	2023							
Location (if applicable)	N/A	Survey reference (if applicable to wider survey)	N/A							
A series of ten attributes, representing key physical characteristics are used for this assessment. Each attribute is assigned to one of five functional groups (A – E) and the condition of a hedgerow is assessed according to the number of attributes from these functional groups which pass or fail the 'Favourable condition' criteria.										
This assessment is based on the Hedgerow Survey Handbook and Favourable Conservation Status document. For further classification please refer to the Hedgerow Survey Handbook.										
Best practice would be to record the species, age, spacing and other key information about all trees present along a hedgerow within the 'Habitat Description' box, as well as other key features of the hedge.										
Hedge panel reference										
Attributes and functional groups (A, B, C, D and E)										
Criteria description										
Criteria the minimum requirements for 'Favourable condition'										
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Condition Sheet: INDIVIDUAL TREES Habitat Type										
Habitat Types										
Individual trees – Urban trees										
Individual trees – Rural trees										
Complete a condition sheet for each tree or block of trees.										
Please see the separate Line of trees condition sheet for a line of <u>rural</u> trees. You should only use the Line of trees condition assessment and record that habitat type in <u>rural</u> locations.										
Habitat Description										
See new row inserted Below "Habitat Parcel Reference"										
Individual trees (description applied to the urban or rural environment): Young trees over 7.5 cm in diameter at breast height whose canopies are not touching.										
Urban Perimeter / Linear Blocks and Groups (description applied to the urban environment only): Groups or stands of trees (size requirement as defined above) within and around the perimeter of urban land. This includes those along urban streets, highways, railways and canals, and also former field boundary trees incorporated into developments. Canopies should predominantly overlap continuously. Groups of urban trees that don't match the descriptions for woodland may be assessed within this category.										
On-site or off-site, site name and location	Blackthorn Farm	Survey date and Surveyor name	Seen Manley - 2025							
		Survey reference (if relating to a wider survey)	N/A							
Limitations (if applicable)	N/A	Habitat parcel reference								
Habitat Type		Rural tree	FM1	FM2	FM3	Oak1	HB1	T45	T46	T48
Habitat Description		Large once laid field maple now standing alone on field boundary. Veteran Tree	Large once laid field maple now standing alone on field boundary. Veteran Tree	Large once laid field maple now standing alone at edge of stable horns. Veteran Tree	Large Oak – once part of vegetated boundary feature. now isolated	Rural Tree	Rural Tree	Rural Tree	Rural Tree	Rural Tree
Condition Assessment Criteria		Grid reference								
		Criterion passed (Yes or No)								
A	The tree is a native species (or at least 70% within the block are native species).	Yes - Field Maple	Yes - Field Maple	Yes - Field Maple	Yes - Pedunculate Oak	Yes - Hornbeam	Yes	Yes	No - non-native tree	
B	The tree canopy is predominantly continuous, with gaps in canopy cover making up <10% of total area and no individual gap being >5 m wide (individual trees automatically pass this criterion).	Yes - Indiv tree	Yes - Indiv tree	Yes - Indiv tree	Yes - Indiv tree	Yes - Individual Tree	Yes	Yes	Yes	
C	The tree is mature (or more than 50% within the block are mature)*.	Yes - Mature Old Field Maple (Vet under BNG)	Yes - Mature Old Field Maple (Vet under BNG)	Yes - Mature Old Field Maple (Vet under BNG)	Yes - Mature Oak (largeunder BNG Tree size category)	Yes - Mature Hornbeam Coppice	No - tree small in class category.	No - tree small in class category.	No - tree small in class category.	
D	There is little or no evidence of an adverse impact on tree health by human activities (such as vandalism, herbicide or mechanical aggression to the tree), and there is no current regular pruning regime, so the trees retain >75% of expected canopy for their age range and height.	No - Significant Bark Damage from horse grazing/rubbing.	No - Significant Bark Damage from horse grazing/rubbing.	No - Significant Bark Damage from horse grazing/rubbing.	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
E	Natural ecological niches for vertebrates and invertebrates are present, such as presence of deadwood, cavities, ivy or loose bark.	Yes - Opening to heartwood presenting significant deadwood for invertebrates. Limb loss present and hollows for water pooling.	Yes - Opening to heartwood presenting significant deadwood for invertebrates. Limb loss present and hollows for water pooling.	Yes - Opening to heartwood presenting significant deadwood for invertebrates. Limb loss present and hollows for water pooling.	Yes - Some deadwood in canopy	Yes	No	No	No	
F	More than 20% of the tree canopy area is oversailing vegetation beneath.	Yes	Yes	No - oversailing concrete hardstanding and bare ground.	Yes - Oversailing grasslands.	Yes	No	No	No	
	Number of Criteria passed	5	5	4	6	6	5	3	2	
Condition Assessment	Condition Assessment	Score Achieved ✎								
Passes 5 or 6 criteria	Good (3)	Good	Good	Good	Good					
Passes 3 or 4 criteria	Moderate (2)			Moderate			Moderate	Moderate		
Passes 2 or fewer criteria	Poor (1)								Poor	
Note that 'Fairly Good' and 'Fairly Poor' condition categories are not available for this broad habitat type.										
Suggested enhancement interventions to improve condition score*										
Footnotes										
Footnote 1 - See gov.uk standing advice on ancient and veteran trees. Available from: Conservation of ancient and native woodland and trees policy in England (publishing.service.gov.uk) and: Ancient woodland, ancient trees and veteran trees: advice for making planning decisions - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)										
Footnote 2 - Enhancement of this habitat type is only possible by improving the habitat so that it meets all Criteria B, D and F. It is not possible or appropriate to enhance individual trees through meeting just one or two of those Criteria, nor by meeting Criteria A, C or E.										

Condition Sheet: LINE OF TREES Habitat Type						
Habitat Type(s)						
<p><b>Line of trees</b></p> <p><b>Line of trees – associated with bank or ditch</b></p> <p><b>Ecologically valuable line of trees</b></p> <p><b>Ecologically valuable line of trees – associated with bank or ditch</b></p> <p><i>Please see the separate Individual trees condition sheet for linear blocks and groups of trees in an <u>urban</u> setting. You should only use this Line of trees condition assessment and record this habitat type in <u>rural</u> locations.</i></p>						
Habitat Description						
See new row inserted below "Habitat Parcel Reference"						
<p>See the Statutory Biodiversity Metric User Guide.</p> <p>This assessment is based on the Hedgerow Survey Handbook<sup>1</sup>. For further clarifications please refer to the Handbook.</p> <p>Where ancient and veteran trees are present within the line of trees, see Footnote 2 for standing advice.</p>						
On-site or off-site, site name and location		Blackthorn Farm	Survey date and Surveyor name	Sean Manley - 2025		
			Survey reference (if relating to a wider survey)	N/A		
Limitations (if applicable)		N/A	Habitat parcel reference			
		LOT1				
Habitat Type		Line of Trees				
Habitat Description		Short line of young Hornbeam trees				
		Grid reference				
		TQ 63719 63362				
Condition Assessment Criteria		Tree Species				
		Hornbeam				
		Criterion passed (Yes or No)				
A	At least 70% of trees are native species.		Yes			
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.		Yes			
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.		No			
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 <sup>2</sup> .		No			
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.		Yes			
Number of criteria passed						
Condition Assessment Result (out of 5)		Condition Assessment Score	Score Achieved x/✓			
Passes 5 criteria		Good (3)				
Passes 3 or 4 criteria		Moderate (2)				
Passes 2 or fewer criteria		Poor (1)				
Suggested enhancement interventions to improve condition score						
Footnotes						
<p><b>Footnote 1</b> – DEFRA (2007) <i>Hedgerow Survey Handbook: A standard procedure for local surveys in the UK</i>. 2nd ed [online]. Defra, London. PB1195. Available from: Hedgerow Survey Handbook (publishing.service.gov.uk).</p> <p><b>Footnote 2</b> – Where ancient and veteran trees are present, see gov.uk standing advice on ancient and veteran trees. Available from: <a href="http://www.gov.uk/government/policies/keepers-of-time-ancient-and-native-woodland-and-trees/policy-in-england">Keepers of time: ancient and native woodland and trees policy in England (publishing.service.gov.uk)</a> and: <a href="http://www.gov.uk/government/publications/ancient-woodland-ancient-trees-and-veteran-trees-advice-for-making-planning-decisions">Ancient woodland, ancient trees and veteran trees: advice for making planning decisions - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)</a></p>						

Condition Sheet: SCRUB Habitat Type								
Habitat Types								
Heathland and shrub - Blackthorn scrub Heathland and shrub - Gorse scrub Heathland and shrub - Hawthorn scrub Heathland and shrub - Hazel scrub Heathland and shrub - Mixed scrub Heathland and shrub - Dunes with sea buckthorn (H2160) Heathland and shrub - Willow scrub								
Habitat Description								
See new row inserted below "Habitat Parcel Reference"								
For Dunes with sea buckthorn see:	Dunes with sea-buckthorn (Dunes with <i>Hippophae rhamnoides</i> ) - Special Areas of Conservation (jncc.gov.uk)							
For other scrub types see:	<a href="#">ukhab - UK Habitat Classification</a>							
On-site or off-site, site name and location	Blackthorn Farm	Survey date and Surveyor name			Sean Manley - 2025			
		Survey reference (if relating to a wider survey)			N/A			
Limitations (if applicable)	N/A	Habitat parcel reference						
		S1	C2/S6	S7	S9			
Habitat Type		Blackthorn Scrub	Mixed Scrub	Mixed Scrub	Blackthorn Scrub			
Habitat Description		Small area of scrub expansion at field edge.	Mixed scrub expansion from the margin of a chalk pit into horse-ranunculus <i>Polygonum</i> area.	Small patch of immature trees.	Small area of scrub expansion at field edge.			
Condition Assessment Criteria								
		TQ 63776 63547	See Map 1	TQ 63770 63356	TQ 63645 63463			
Criterion passed (Yes or No)								
A	The parcel represents a good example of its habitat type - the appearance and composition of the vegetation closely matches its UKhab description (where in its natural range). <sup>1</sup> - At least 80% of scrub is native, - There are at least three native woody species <sup>2</sup> , - No single species comprises more than 75% of the cover (except hazel <i>Corylus avellana</i> , common juniper <i>Juniperus communis</i> , sea buckthorn <i>Hippophae rhamnoides</i> (only in its restricted native range), or box <i>Buxus sempervirens</i> , which can be up to 100% cover).	F >75% dominted by BT.	F - Bramble dominated with scattered Ash and Elder	F - Ash and Oak only	F >75% dominted by BT.			
B	Seedlings, saplings, young shrubs and mature (or ancient or veteran <sup>3</sup> ) shrubs are all present.	F	F	F - Semi Mature Ash and Oak	F			
C	There is an absence of invasive non-native plant species <sup>4</sup> (as listed on Schedule 9 of WCA <sup>5</sup> ) and species indicative of suboptimal condition <sup>6</sup> make up less than 5% of ground cover.	P	P	P	P			
D	The scrub has a well-developed edge with scattered scrub and tall grassland and/or forbs present between the scrub and adjacent habitat.	P	P	F	P			
E	There are clearings, glades or rides present within the scrub, providing sheltered edges.	F	F	F	F			
Number of criteria passed								
Condition Assessment Result (out of 5 criteria)	Condition Assessment Score	Score Achieved ✘/✓						
Passes 5 criteria	Good (3)							
Passes 3 or 4 criteria	Moderate (2)							
Passes 2 or fewer criteria	Poor (1)	Poor	Poor	Poor	Poor			
Suggested enhancement interventions to improve condition score								
Footnotes								
Footnote 1 – Professional judgement should be used alongside the UKhab description.								
Footnote 2 – Native woody species as defined and listed in the Hedgerow Survey Handbook: DEFRA (2007) <i>Hedgerow Survey Handbook: A standard procedure for local surveys in the UK</i> . 2nd ed. [online]. Defra, London. PB1195. Available from: <a href="#">Hedgerow Survey Handbook</a> (publishing.service.gov.uk).								
Footnote 3 – See gov.uk standing advice on ancient and veteran species. Available from: <a href="#">Keepers of time: ancient and native woodland and trees policy in England</a> (publishing.service.gov.uk)								
and Ancient woodland, ancient trees and veteran trees: advice for making planning decisions – GOV.UK ( <a href="#">www.gov.uk</a> )								
Footnote 4 – Assess this for each distinct habitat parcel. If the distribution of invasive non-native species varies across the habitat, split into parcels accordingly, applying a buffer zone around the invasive non-native species with a size relative to its risk of spread into adjacent habitat, using professional judgement.								
Footnote 5 – Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (as amended).								
Footnote 6 – Species indicative of suboptimal condition for this habitat type may include: non-native conifers, tree-of-heaven <i>Ailanthus altissima</i> , holm oak <i>Quercus ilex</i> , European turkey oak <i>Quercus cerris</i> , cherry laurel <i>Prunus laurocerasus</i> , snowberry <i>Symporicarpos</i> spp., shallon <i>Gaultheria shallon</i> , American skunk cabbage <i>Lysichiton americanus</i> , buddleia <i>Buddleja</i> spp., cotoneaster <i>Cotoneaster</i> spp., Spanish bluebell <i>Hyacinthoides hispanica</i> and hybrid bluebells <i>Hyacinthoides x massartiana</i> . There may be additional relevant species local to the region and/or site.								

Condition Sheet: URBAN Habitat Type							
<b>Habitat Types</b>							
Sparse vegetated land - Ruderal/Ephemeral Sparsely vegetated land - Tall herbs Urban - Allotments Urban - Biodiverse green roof Urban - Green roofs Urban - Cemeteries and churchyards Urban - Façade-bound green wall Urban - Ground based green wall Urban - Green roofs Urban - Open mosaic habitats on previously developed land Urban - Rain gardens Urban - Sustainable drainage system (SuDS) Urban - Vacant or derelict land Urban - Bare ground							
<b>Habitat Description</b>							
See new row inserted below 'Habitat Parcel Reference'.							
See the Statutory Biodiversity Metric User Guide for green roofs, and UK Habitat Classification (UKHab) for other habitats: <a href="#">ukhab.ukbiodiversity.org.uk</a> – UK Habitat Classification							
On-site or off-site, site name and location	Blackthorn Farm	Survey date and Surveyor name	Sean Manley - 2025				
		Survey reference (if relating to a wider survey)	N/A				
Limitations (if applicable)		N/A	Habitat parcel reference				
			U6				
<b>Habitat Type</b>		Bare Ground					
<b>Habitat Description</b>		Extensive compacts and mounded manure. With loose margins of tall ruderal and					
		Grid reference					
Condition Assessment Criteria		See Map 1					
		Criterion passed (Yes or No)					
<b>Core Criteria - must be assessed for all urban habitat types</b>							
A	Vegetation structure is varied, providing resources for vertebrates to live, eat and breed. A single structural habitat component or vegetation type does not account for more than 80% of the total habitat area.						No
B	The habitat parcel contains different plant species that are beneficial for wildlife, for example flowering species providing nectar sources for a range of invertebrates at different times of year.						No
C	Invasive non-native plant species (listed on Schedule 9 of WCA) and others which are to the detriment of native wildlife (using professional judgement) <sup>1</sup> cover less than 5% of the total vegetated area.  Note - to achieve Good condition, this criterion must be satisfied by a complete absence of invasive non-native species (rather than <5% cover).						Yes
<b>Additional Criterion - must be assessed for Open mosaic habitat on previously developed land only:</b>							
D	The parcel shows spatial variation and forms a mosaic of bare substrate PLUS:  - At least four early successional communities (a) to (i): - Communities: (a) annuals; (b) mosses/fernlets; (c) lichens; (d) ruderals; (e) inundation species; (f) open grassland; (g) flower-rich grassland; (h) heathland; (i) pools.						
<b>Additional Criteria - must be assessed for Bioswale and SuDS habitat types only:</b>							
E1	Plant species are mostly native. If non-native species are present, they should not be detrimental to the habitat or native wildlife.						
E2	The vegetation is comprised of plant species suited to wetland or riparian situations.						
<b>Additional Criterion - must be assessed for Intensive green roofs only:</b>							
F	The roof has a minimum of 50% native and non-native wildflowers. 70% of the roof area is soil and vegetation (including water features).						
<b>Additional Criterion - must be assessed for Biodiverse green roofs only:</b>							
G	The roof has a varied depth of 80 - 150 mm; at least 50% is at 150 mm and is planted and seeded with wildflowers and sedums or is pre-prepared with sedums and wildflowers.  Note - to achieve Good condition, some additional habitat, such as sand piles, stones, logs etc. are present.						
<b>Essential criteria relevant for habitat type achieved (Yes or No)</b>							
Number of criteria passed							
<b>Condition Assessment Result</b>		<b>Condition Assessment Score</b>	<b>Score Achieved %</b>				
Results for habitats requiring assessment of 3 core criteria only (all listed urban habitats except Open mosaic habitat on previously developed land, Bioswale, SuDS and Green roofs):							
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Passes all 3 core criteria;</li> <li>AND</li> <li>Meets the requirements for Good condition within criterion C.</li> </ul>		Good (3)					
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Passes 2 of 3 core criteria;</li> <li>OR</li> <li>Passes 3 of 3 core criteria but does not meet the requirements for Good condition within criterion C.</li> </ul>		Moderate (2)					
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Passes 0 or 1 of 3 core criteria.</li> </ul>		Poor (1)	Poor				
Results for Green roofs and Open mosaic habitat on previously developed land (requiring assessment of 4 criteria only - core criteria plus additional criterion specified for habitat type):							
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Passes all 3 core criteria;</li> <li>AND</li> <li>Meets the requirements for Good condition within criterion C;</li> <li>AND</li> <li>Passes additional criterion relevant to specific habitat type (D, F or G).</li> </ul>		Good (3)					
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Passes 2 or 3 of 4 criteria;</li> <li>OR</li> <li>Passes 4 of 4 criteria but does not meet the requirements for Good condition within criterion C.</li> </ul>		Moderate (2)					
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Passes 0 or 1 of 4 criteria.</li> </ul>		Poor (1)					
Results for Bioswale or SuDS (requiring assessment of 8 criteria - core criteria plus additional criteria specified for habitat type):							
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Passes all 3 core criteria;</li> <li>AND</li> <li>Meets the requirements for Good condition within criterion C;</li> <li>AND</li> <li>Passes all additional criteria relevant to specific habitat type (Group E)</li> </ul>		Good (3)					
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Passes 3 or 4 of 5 criteria;</li> <li>OR</li> <li>Passes 5 of 5 criteria but does not meet the requirements for Good condition within criterion C.</li> </ul>		Moderate (2)					
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Passes 2 or fewer of 5 criteria.</li> </ul>		Poor (1)					
<b>Suggested enhancement interventions to improve condition score</b>							
<b>Footnotes</b>							
Footnote 1 - Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (as amended).							
Footnote 2 - Sources of information about detrimental non-native species can be found on the GB Non-native Species Secretariat (GBNNSS) website: <a href="#">gbnnss.org.uk</a> and the NNSSS website: <a href="#">nnsse.org.uk</a> . Natural England Assess to Evidence page should also be checked for up-to-date information: <a href="#">Horizon-scanning for invasive non-native plants in Great Britain - NECR019 (naturalengland.org.uk)</a> .							
For criterion C - For green roof habitat types only - <i>Buddleja davidii</i> should be assessed alongside Schedule 9 species. This species impairs the health of the local ecosystem and reduces the biodiversity potential of the roof. It is also a sign that a roof has not been planted and seeded correctly in subsequent years.							
Footnote 3 - Assess for each distinct habitat parcel. If the distribution of invasive non-native species varies across the habitat, split into parcels accordingly, applying a buffer zone around the invasive non-native species with a size relative to its risk of spreading into adjacent habitat, using professional judgement.							
Footnote 4 - Use professional judgement. Sources of information about non-native species that are not detrimental to native wildlife can be found on the GBNNSS website: <a href="#">gbnnss.org.uk</a> .							
Alternative plants » NNSSS (nonnativeSpecies.org)							

