

## Veteran Tree Habitat Assessment Practical Exercise Field Form

**NAME**

**1 DATE**

**2 SITE**

**3 GRID REF.**

Tick the boxes

**TREE AND HABITAT DETAILS**

**4 WHERE IS THE TREE LOCATED?**

- |                                   |                                  |                                      |                                                  |                                  |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Arable   | <input type="checkbox"/> Church  | <input type="checkbox"/> Common land | <input type="checkbox"/> Deer park               | <input type="checkbox"/> Garden  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hedgerow | <input type="checkbox"/> Orchard | <input type="checkbox"/> Park        | <input type="checkbox"/> Plantation              | <input type="checkbox"/> Pasture |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Urban    | <input type="checkbox"/> Avenue  | <input type="checkbox"/> Woodland    | Other <input style="width: 100px;" type="text"/> |                                  |

**5 TREE SPECIES**

- |                                   |                                 |                                   |                                                          |                                         |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ash      | <input type="checkbox"/> Beech  | <input type="checkbox"/> Hawthorn | <input type="checkbox"/> Holly                           | <input type="checkbox"/> Horse Chestnut |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hornbeam | <input type="checkbox"/> Lime   | <input type="checkbox"/> Oak      | <input type="checkbox"/> Poplar                          | <input type="checkbox"/> Sweet Chestnut |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sycamore | <input type="checkbox"/> Willow | <input type="checkbox"/> Pine     | Other species <input style="width: 100px;" type="text"/> |                                         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yew      | <input type="checkbox"/> Spruce |                                   |                                                          |                                         |

**6 TRUNK GIRTH AT 1.3m ABOVE GROUND LEVEL**

- |                                       |                                       |                                       |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> under 250 cm | <input type="checkbox"/> 251 - 300 cm | <input type="checkbox"/> 301 - 350 cm |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 351 - 420 cm | <input type="checkbox"/> 421 - 600 cm | <input type="checkbox"/> over 601 cm  |

**7 TREE FORM**

- Maiden  
  Pollard in cycle  
  Lapsed pollard  
  Coppice  
  Stump

**8 STANDING/FALLEN**

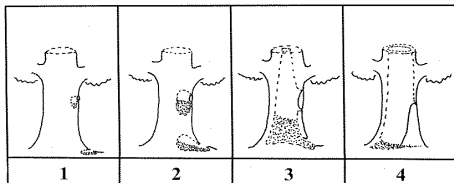
- Upright  
  Leaning  
  Root plate lifting  
  Lying/Fallen  
  Other

**9 LIVE/DEAD**

- Alive  
  Dead  
  Unsure

**10 HOLLOW TRUNK**

- Does the trunk have holes?  
  Yes (1 2 3 4)  
  No  
  Unsure



**11 HOLES** Are there any holes over 5 cm in the main branches?  
  Yes  
  No

**12 HEAVY DEAD WOOD** Is there a lot of deadwood in the crown?  
  Yes  
  No

**13 FALLEN DEAD WOOD** Is there a lot of fallen deadwood on the ground?  
  Yes  
  No

**14 TEARS/SCARS/LIGHTNING STRIKES/SAP RUNS/WATER POCKETS** Are there any tears, scars, lightning strikes, sap runs or water pockets on the tree?  
  Yes  
  No

**15 DECAY/ROT** Is there any white rot on/in the tree?  
  Yes  
  No  
 Is there any brown rot on/in the tree?  
  Yes  
  No  
 Is there any wood mould in the tree?  
  Yes  
  No

**16 WHAT ELSE IS GROWING ON THE TREE?**

- Toadstool fungi  
  Bracket fungi  
  Lichens  
  Mosses  
 Other plants (e.g. Ferns, Mistletoe, Ivy)  
  Nothing

**17 WHAT SIGNS OF ANIMAL LIFE ARE THERE?**

- Insect boring/exit holes  
  Birds nesting (in holes)  
  Bat roosts  
  None

**GENERAL SECTION**

**18 How would you describe the quality of the habitat in the tree?**

How would you classify the quality of the habitat

- Very high  
  High  
  Moderate  
  Low  
  None

**19 Are there any important landscape issues associated with the tree? If so, please list them.**

What landscape value would you give this tree?

- Very high  
  High  
  Moderate  
  Low  
  None

**20 What factors, if any, pose a current threat to the tree?**

How would you class these threats?

- Very high  
  High  
  Moderate  
  Low  
  None

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