

Condition (cyclical maintenance) ie the standard of repairs of items														
	Very Poor		Poor		Fair		Good		Very good		Excellent		Exceptional	
1 with the designation as a nature conservation area?														
2 Does the area including entrances look attractive and well-managed or dingy and unattractive?														
3 Is there potential for species or habitat enhancement schemes?														
4 Is appropriate cyclical habitat management being carried out (e.g. scrub removal, coppicing, hedgelaying) as appropriate to the habitat types?														
5 Are the fences, barriers and gates in a safe and sound condition (if applicable) and any missing/rotten timbers/materials replaced?														
6 Is any hedging dense & healthy or is it gappy and in poor health (opportunities may present themselves for hedgerow management i.e. hedgelaying or coppicing to rejuvenate 'rural' style hedges)?														
7 Is woodland (if present) managed in such a way as to encourage species diversity including ground flora (eg selective thinning, coppicing, retention of dead wood, shrub layer management for diversity)?														
8 Are paths free of potholes, puddles and trip hazards and are loose materials on paths (eg stone, wood chip) topped up regularly or is the														
9 clearly readable, and site furniture safe, secure and in a good and usable condition, or are there slats missing from benches, graffiti or dirty bins?														
Overall score for Condition (1-10)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10				
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	Maintenance (how well-managed is the area in terms of regular maintenance?)							
		Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Very good	Excellent	Exceptional
1	Is the site free from dog fouling, glass, litter and fly tipping?							
2	Is the area well-maintained in relation to its status as a wildlife habitat, balanced against good public access and user-experience?							
3	Is the grass cut appropriately to the maintenance regime including grass paths							
4	Is any appropriate regular habitat management including scrub management and hay/silage cut carried out in the appropriate season and to the full extent?							
5	Are any built structures maintained in accordance with the grounds maintenance specification, and in a way that is optimum for managed habitats and to be appreciated by users?							
6	Do trees appear to be well managed with pruning operations carried out in accordance with the Arboricultural contract specification, and are young trees watered and staked with the stakes checked and ties loosened?							
7	Are hedges maintained in keeping with the site's status as a nature conservation area?							

8	Have any fences or barriers been regularly painted?										
9	Are notice boards and user-information clean of dirt and graffiti and is information shown up to date and relevant, including any events or 'Friends Group' or other conservation group that is actively involved in the management of										
10	Are bins being emptied regularly, or are they full or overflowing and are benches and any other furniture being regularly maintained (ie preservative application, cleaning)?										
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