

Condition Sheet: ORCHARD Habitat Type			
UK Habitat Classification (UKHab) Habitat Type			
Grassland - Traditional orchard			
Habitat Description			
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On-site or off-site, site name and location	On-site/ additional land	Survey date and Surveyor name	27/02/2026, AB
Limitations (if applicable)		Survey reference (if relating to a wider survey)	
Grid reference	SE 24858 05317	Habitat parcel reference	2
Condition Assessment Criteria		Criterion passed (Yes or No)	Notes (such as justification)
A	<p>Presence of ancient¹ and or veteran¹ trees.</p> <p>Note - this criterion is essential for achieving Good condition.</p>	No	
B	<p>Presence of deadwood in or on trees, or on the ground: at least 20% of mature trees have deadwood associated with them.</p> <p>Some examples of deadwood are: standing, attached and fallen trees or limbs; dead stems; branches and branch stubs greater than 10 cm diameter; and internal cavities. The types and distribution of deadwood provide a range of habitats suitable to support a wide assemblage of saproxylic invertebrates.</p> <p>Note - this criterion is essential for achieving Good condition.</p>	No	
C	<p>Less than 5% of fruit trees are smothered by scrub. Small patches of dense scrub and or scattered scrub growing between trees can be beneficial to biodiversity, however these occupy less than 10% of ground cover.</p>	Yes	
D	<p>There is evidence of formative and or restorative pruning to maintain longevity of trees.</p>	Yes	
E	<p>At least 95% of the trees are free from damage caused by humans or animals, for example browsing, bark stripping or rubbing on non-adjusted ties.</p>	Yes	
F	<p>Grassland is not overgrazed, poaching is not evident around the trees, with no more than 10% of trees poached under the canopy.</p>	Yes	
G	<p>Species richness of the grassland is equivalent to a medium, high, or very high distinctiveness grassland.</p>	Yes	

H	There is an absence of invasive non-native plant species ² (as listed on Schedule 9 of WCA ³) and species indicative of suboptimal condition ⁴ make up less than 10% of ground cover.	Yes	
Essential criteria achieved (required for good condition - Yes or No)		No	
Number of criteria passed		6	
Condition Assessment Result (out of 8 criteria)	Condition Assessment Score	Score Achieved ×/√	
Passes 6- 8 criteria, including essential criteria A and B.	Good (3)		
Passes 4 or 5 criteria; OR Passes 6 or 7 criteria but fails an essential criterion.	Moderate (2)	Moderate	
Passes 3 or fewer criteria.	Poor (1)		
Suggested enhancement interventions to improve condition score			
Footnotes			