

Special Roadside Verges structured walk recording form

Surveyor/s.....

Date:

Verge name.....

Verge Number:

Direction of travel along verge:

Notes/ Diagram of verge

1) Botanical Condition:

- a. **Botanically maintained (favourable condition):** All attributes are within targets
- b. **Botanically declining:** One or more attributes are outside targets compared to being within target on previous visit.
- c. **Botanically recovered (favourable condition):** All attributes are now within targets but the feature was declining or stable on previous visit.
- d. **Botanically recovering:** One or more attributes are outside targets but there is evidence of recovery. I.e one or more attributes are now within targets compared to being outside of targets on previous visit and sufficient management is in place to ensure that all attributes can eventually meet the targets.
- e. **Botanically stable (but in unfavourable condition):** The same attributes are outside targets and there is no change in the estimates for these attributes and the same discretionary attributes are outside the targets.
- f. **Partially destroyed / Destroyed:** Where parts of the verge have been destroyed or irretrievably altered.

2) Causes of unfavourable status: (please tick all that are relevant)

- a. Cut at wrong time
- b. Affected by works
- c. Affected by scrub
- d. Affected by dumping
- e. Other reasons

3) Losses and gains

- a. Length in metres of special roadside verge lost
- b. Length in metres of special roadside verge gained

Stopping point No:	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	Total	
Estimated distance (m)																						
Positive indicators: [2 species frequent (9+); 2 species occasional (5-8) out of 20]																						
Species selected from :																						
Negative indicators: [No species more than occasional (5-8) out of 20]																						
Bracken																						
Cow parsley																						
Cleavers																						
Creeping thistle																						
Docks																						
Greater plantain																						
Nettle																						
Ragwort spp.																						
Spear thistle																						
Bramble																						
Hawthorn																						
Blackthorn																						
Elder																						
Sward height (cm)																						

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