

**SECTION 1****CWS Habitat Survey Form – Crib Sheet****To be completed by NWT staff**

Site name:

Site number:

Parish:

District:

Area:

Grid reference:

Parking:

Toilet facilities:

Details of livestock:

Contact details for County Wildlife Action team:

Date of survey **Name of surveyors**

Local name of site (if applicable)

Overview of site

This can be filled in at the end once all of the surveys have been completed.

Please give a brief general description of the overall site as a whole. Include the key habitats, boundaries and the context of the site in its surroundings.

1. Habitat descriptions

Please write a detailed description for each habitat type present on the site. Habitat types can be determined using the Phase 1 habitat definitions and codes (see **handout 14** in pack).

Give reference to their position using the annotated map. Include general structure, notable species present plus estimated abundance (using DAFOR) and any notable features or characteristics that are present (see **handout 9**).

The example below has been completed for you.

Compartment 1 (as annotated on map)

B5 - Marshy Grassland

Wet grassland gently sloping South away from River Running Water to a series of dry ditches marking the southern boundary. Occasional blunt-flowered rush found throughout the extent of the area with locally abundant marsh marigold. Sward is dominated by a variety of herbaceous species including Angelica, Meadowseet and Common Valerian. Fine grasses such as Yorkshire Fog and Red Fescue are abundant within the sward.

Compartment 2 (as annotated on map)

A2 - Scrub

Dense mature scrub dominated by Hawthorn, Blackthorn and Dog Rose approximately 3-5m tall encircles the perimeter of the marshy grassland on both the North and West boundaries. Scattered mature Willow and Alder are occasional throughout the scrub layer. Ground flora well established and comprises of abundant White and Red Dead Nettle, Lords and Ladies and Ground Ivy with occasional Moshatel.

B5 - Marshy Grassland

Same characteristics as found in compartment 1.

Please add more compartments and habitats as applicable to your site.

2. Annotated Habitat Map

Please include a copy of your annotated habitat maps for your site here, these can be added in after all the surveys have been completed.

3. Adjacent habitats, buffer zones and links to other sites

Please write a detailed description of other habitats that border the County Wildlife Site. This can also include topography of the surrounding land. (Annotate your map too)

For example:

- Is it next to another CWS/SSSI/NNR?
- Is the site surrounded by similar habitat?
- Does agricultural land border the site? Is this improved or unimproved?
- Is the site bordered by any construction/developments?
- Does the land slope towards or away from the CWS?

4. Site condition and current management

Write a description of how the site is currently being managed and if possible, include a brief note on whether there is evidence of this management having a positive or negative effect on the site.

The table below gives examples of the different types of management / non-management that might be present on your site. In your descriptions include any of the following from the table that are applicable and give details.

For example:

Compartment 1 mown twice in late summer and cuttings removed, compartment 2 grazed by 4 cattle from May to September. Both helping to increase species diversity in these areas by removing rank grasses.

Management / Non-management process	Considerations
Coppicing	<i>Has the area recently be felled? Has the wood been left or removed?</i>
Tree planting	<i>What type of habitat are they being planted on? Are these areas of high species diversity of other plants?</i>
Scrub Clearance	<i>Area of cut and cleared scrub</i>
Scrubbing Up	<i>Is the area being grown over by scrub/birch?</i>
Overgrown	<i>Is the area overgrown with rank grasses or scrub?</i>
Recently cut or mown	<i>Have the cuttings been left on or removed?</i>
Grazing	<i>What type of animal grazing? How many? What months? Is the area poached or in good condition?</i>
Flailing	<i>Has a machine been used to cut scrub or hedges?</i>
Hedge laying	<i>Has the hedge been recently laid, never laid, or laid a long time ago?</i>
Fly-tipping	<i>Has composted material, cattle feed or litter been dumped on parts of the site?</i>
Ditch/pond clearance	<i>Has the river, stream, pond or ditch recently been dredged? Where has the silt been dumped?</i>

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Name of Land Owner:

Land Owner/Agent/Manager:

Address of Land Owner:

Contact Number of Land Owner:

Email Address of Land Owner:

Has a site condition assessment form been completed for this site? Yes/No

If not, how would you rate the overall site condition?

Compt. no	Favourable/ no issues. Score 1	Favourable/ some issues Score 2	Recovering Score 3	Unfavourable – no change Score 4	Unfavourable declining Score 5 (poor management)	Neglected Score 6 (no management)	Part destroyed/ Score 7	Destroyed 8
Overall Condition								

Possible grants:Countryside Stewardship ☐Norfolk County Council grants ☐Other (specify) ☐**Surveyor's assessment of site:**

Habitat	Criteria passed on	Criteria failed on	Comments
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Final assessment of site:**Date:**

Habitat	Criteria passed on	Criteria failed on	Comments
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Recommendations:☐ Site remains CWS (boundary unchanged)☐ Site deleted☐ Boundary altered (specify)☐ Notify site as CWS