

Participant:	
Herd Number:	
Survey Date:	
Plot Number:	
Surveyor:	
Habitat Type:	
Total Proposed Payment	€
Plot Score	/100 % (marks)
Total Plot Area	Hectares
Total Measure Payment	€

POSITIVE INDICATORS

Bird's Foot Trefoil		<i>Marsh Pennywort</i>		<i>Mosses</i>	
Devil's Bit Scabious		<i>Marsh Thistle</i>		Selfheal & Bugle	
Eyebrights		<i>Meadow Thistle</i>		Sheep Sorrel	
Forget-me-nots		<i>Meadow Sweet</i>		Small Bedstraws/Stitchwort's	
Heathers		<i>Mints</i>		Small Rushes	
Knapweeds		<i>Orchids</i>		Small Umbels	
Lady's Smock		<i>Ox-eye Daisy</i>		Tormentil	
Large Umbels		<i>Ragged Robin</i>		Vetches	
Lesser Spearwort		<i>Sedges</i>		Vetchling	
Violets		<i>Yellow Composites</i>		Yellow Flag Iris	
Yellow Rattle		<i>Yorkshire Fog</i>		Creeping Bent	
Red Fescue		<i>Meadow Grasses spp</i>			

A. COMPOSITION OF POSITIVE INDICATOR SPECIES						15 MARKS
	*Low	Medium	Med-High	High	Very High	
No. Plants	0-4	5-8	9-12	13-15	16+	
	5 marks	8 marks	10 marks	15 marks	15 marks	

*Use Semi-Natural Grassland Scorecard

**Species Rich Grassland Payment

B. COVER OF POSITIVE INDICATOR SPECIES						20 MARKS
Cover %	Rare	Occasional	Frequent	Abundant	Dominant	
	0-5%	6-10%	11-25%	25-50%	>50%	
	0 marks	5 marks	10 marks	15 marks	20 marks	

C. COMPOSITION OF NEGATIVE INDICATOR SPECIES						5 MARKS
*Negative species including Nettles, Docks, Ragwort, Perennial Ryegrass, Creeping/Spear Thistle						

Cover %	Dominant	Abundant	Frequent	Occasional	Rare	
	>50%	25-50%	11-25%	6-10%	0-5%	
	-15 marks	-10 marks	-5 marks	0 marks	5 marks	

D. VEGETATION STRUCTURE		10 MARKS
Poor	Moderate	Good
Vast majority of the plot has either tall or short vegetation with lodging or overgrazing evident. Little or no flowering plants.	25-50% of plot has a variety of tall and/or short vegetation throughout with occasional to frequent patches.	>50% of the plot with a diverse sward of tall and short vegetation mosaics
-5 marks	5 marks	10 marks

E. CONTRIBUTION TO WATERCOURSES		15 MARKS
LOW	MODERATE	HIGH
Plot is a dry site with no natural wet features	Natural wet features/natural seepage areas/critical source areas present.	Natural wet features/natural seepage areas/critical source areas discharging to natural watercourse.
0 marks	5 marks	15 marks

F. ARTIFICIAL DRAINAGE FEATURES		15 MARKS	
HIGH	MODERATE	LOW	NONE
Newly maintained and/or free flowing drains throughout the plot	Minimal or <10% of the plot with free flowing or recently maintained drains	Well vegetated historic drains present with flow slowed and impeded significantly	No artificial drainage within the plot
-15 marks	-5 marks	5 marks	15 marks

G. THREATS TO SITE INTEGRITY		20 MARKS	
HIGH	MEDIUM	LOW	NONE
Evidence of severe Poaching, areas of encroaching scrub, abundance of bracken, presence of invasive species, dumping of material, or the application of organic/inorganic manures or pesticides.	Some evidence of Poaching, areas of encroaching scrub, abundance of bracken, presence of invasive species, dumping of material, or the application of organic/inorganic manures or pesticides	Minimal evidence of Poaching, areas of encroaching scrub, abundance of bracken, presence of invasive species, dumping of material, or the application of organic/inorganic manures or pesticides	No evidence of any damaging activity at the site.
-20 MARKS	-10 MARKS	10 MARKS	20 MARKS