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Hedgeline Help Out

Please send us your results via our website

www.cpre.org.uk/hedgeline-help-out/

1. Does the hedge have any blossom?

Hedgerows are an important food source for insects, birds and small mammals. They love hedgerow flowers and berries!

2. Is there at least a metre of unmown grass running alongside the hedge?

Many hedgerows will have a green, grassy margin running alongside and there may be wildflowers too. They are great for wildlife!

3. Are there any trees taller than the hedge?

Hedgerow trees are an important part of this habitat and a good sign of a healthy hedgerow.

4. Does the hedge have more than five different leaf shapes?

Hedgerow plants make the changing seasons visible as well as giving us a strong link to our past. Some of our hedgerows date back to medieval times!

5. Is the hedgerow taller than you?

Tall, bushy hedgerows are not only beautiful, but they are great for nature and the climate. In towns and cities, hedgerows provide useful water drainage, clean the air and shelter urban wildlife.

6. Do all the hedgerow plants touch along the hedge? (For example, there are no gaps of more than a metre)

Dense, well-connected hedgerows are the best for wildlife, helping them to move from one field to another.

7. Does the hedgerow have branches all the way down to the ground?

Hedgerows that are dense at the base are incredibly important to wildlife.

8. Take 5 minutes to notice creatures and critters around the hedge

Hedgerows provide an excellent home for insects, birds and mammals – take 5 minutes to notice creatures and critters around the hedge! How many birds did you see in 5 minutes?



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9. Around the hedge did you also see or hear any butterflies, bees or other insects?

Yes/No?