

Condition Sheet: GRASSLAND Habitat Type (low distinctiveness)																				
UK Habitat Classification (UKHab) Habitat Type																				
Grassland - Modified grassland																				
Habitat Description																				
ukhab – UK Habitat Classification On Site, Royston Evangelical Church Survey date and Surveyor name Dom Riley 16/07/25 Survey reference (if relating to a wider survey)																				
Limitations (if applicable)	Habitat parcel reference																			
	28675374																			
	Grid reference																			
Condition Assessment Criteria										Criterion passed (Yes or No)		Notes (such as justification)								
A	There are 6-8 vascular plant species per m² present, including at least 2 forbs (these may include those listed in Footnote 1). Note - this criterion is essential for achieving Moderate or Good condition. Where the vascular plant species present are characteristic of medium, high or very high distinctiveness grassland, or there are 9 or more of these characteristic species per m² (excluding those listed in Footnote 1), please review the full UKHab description to assess whether the grassland should instead be classified as a higher distinctiveness grassland. Where a grassland is classed as medium, high, or very high distinctiveness, please use the relevant condition sheet.										No									
B	Sward height is varied (at least 20% of the sward is less than 7 cm and at least 20% is more than 7 cm) creating microclimates which provide opportunities for vertebrates and invertebrates to live and breed.										No									
C	Any scrub present accounts for less than 20% of the total grassland area. (Some scattered scrub such as bramble <i>Rubus fruticosus</i> agg. may be present). Note - patches of scrub with continuous (more than 90%) cover should be classified as the relevant scrub habitat type.										Yes									
D	Physical damage is evident in less than 5% of total grassland area. Examples of physical damage include excessive poaching, damage from machinery use or storage, erosion caused by high levels of access, or any other damaging management activities.										No									
E	Cover of bare ground is between 1% and 10%, including localised areas (for example, a concentration of rabbit warrens)².										Yes									
F	Cover of bracken <i>Pteridium aquilinum</i> is less than 20%.										Yes									
G	There is an absence of invasive non-native plant species³ (as listed on Schedule 9 of WCA⁴).										Yes									
Essential criterion achieved (Yes or No)										No										
Number of criteria passed										4										
Condition Assessment Result (out of 7 criteria)		Condition Assessment Score		Score Achieved ×/√																
Passes 6 or 7 criteria including passing essential criterion A		Good (3)																		
Passes 4 or 5 criteria including passing essential criterion A		Moderate (2)																		
Passes 3 or fewer criteria; OR Passes 4 - 6 criteria (excluding criterion A)		Poor (1)		Yes																
Suggested enhancement interventions to improve condition score																				

Footnotes

Footnote 1 – Creeping thistle *Cirsium arvense* , spear thistle *Cirsium vulgare* , curled dock *Rumex crispus* , broad-leaved dock *Rumex obtusifolius* , common nettle *Urtica dioica* , creeping buttercup *Ranunculus repens* , greater plantain *Plantago major* , white clover *Trifolium repens* and cow parsley *Anthriscus sylvestris* .

Footnote 2 – For example, this could include small, scattered areas of bare ground allowing establishment of new species, or localised patches where not exceeding 10% cover.

Footnote 3 – Assess this for each distinct habitat parcel. If the distribution of invasive non-native species varies across the habitat, split into parcels accordingly, applying a buffer zone around the invasive non-native species with a size relative to its risk of spread into adjacent habitat, using professional judgement.

Footnote 4 – Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (as amended).