

HEDGEROW MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR OAKTON FARM

HEDGE 1

Mostly Hawthorn, medium height, layed in the past.

Management... Allow to gain height by incremental trimming and lay in 5 years time.

Aims... Thick dense hedge, lightly trimmed

HEDGE 2

Short section of severely over trimmed hedge now only Elder.

Management... Grub out all of hedge and turn over soil to create good planting medium.

Plant mixed hedge.

Aims...Create a mixed species hedge.

HEDGE 3

Roadside hedge of mixed species.

Management... Continue to trim the road side of the hedge for safety purposes but aim to achieve an A shape if possible. The field side could be trimmed less frequently or not as hard to encourage fruit. If the hedge is cut very year at the same height it will start to deteriorate so trimming must start to be lighter.

Aims ..a higher hedge over time. Lightly trimmed

HEDGE 4 Mixed species hedge with good wildlife potential. However the hedge has been trimmed to the same height for many years and is showing signs of becoming thin in the base. Good field margin habitat adjacent to hedge.

Management... Trim lightly and allow to develop into an A shaped hedge which is wide at the base.

Aims... In time this hedge will need coppicing to improve its structure.

HEDGE 5

Tall, species rich hedge, very good for wildlife. Also of value for Partridge shoot?

Management...Needs occasional re shaping with either circular saw or flail to control growth perhaps alternate sides every 4-5 years.

Aims...Manage as a high hedge for the foreseeable future. Ultimately will need to be coppiced

HEDGE 6

Similar to hedge 4. Mixed species with good wildlife potential. Yellowhammer and Goldfinch seen on it during survey. Good field margin habitat.

Management..... Trim to A shaped hedge with wide base. Allow height to slowly increase.

Aims.... tall, dense hedge being trimmed lightly

HEDGE 7

Woodland edge... No hedge management required.

