

| Condition Sheet: GRASSLAND Habitat Type (low distinctiveness) | | | | | | | | | | |
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| UK Habitat Classification (UKHab) Habitat Type | | | | | | | | | | |
| Grassland - Modified grassland | | | | | | | | | | |
| Habitat Description | | | | | | | | | | |
| Heavily managed area of modified grassland | | | | | | | | | | |
| ukhab – UK Habitat Classification | | | | | | | | | | |
| On-site or off-site, site name and location | | On Site, Twycross Road, Sibson | | Survey date and Surveyor name | | 03/06/2025, Jeff Grant | | | | |
| | | | | Survey reference (if relating to a wider survey) | | UKHAB baseline Survey | | | | |
| Limitations (if applicable) | | N/A | | Habitat parcel reference | | | | | | Notes (such as justification) |
| | | | | 28003489 | | | | | | |
| Condition Assessment Criteria | | | | Grid reference | | | | | | |
| | | | | SK 35570 00777 | | | | | | |
| A | | <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> | | Criterion passed (Yes or No) | | | | | | |
| | | | | No | | | | | | |
| B | | <p>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.</p> | | Yes | | | | | | |
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| C | | <p>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).</p> <p>Note - patches of scrub with continuous (more than 90%) cover should be classified as the relevant scrub habitat type.</p> | | Yes | | | | | | |
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| D | | <p>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.</p> | | No | | | | | | |
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| E | | <p>Cover of bare ground is between 1% and 10%, including localised areas (for example, a concentration of rabbit warrens)².</p> | | No | | | | | | |
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| F | | <p>Cover of bracken <i>Pteridium aquilinum</i> is less than 20%.</p> | | Yes | | | | | | |
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| G | | <p>There is an absence of invasive non-native plant species³ (as listed on Schedule 9 of WCA⁴).</p> | | Yes | | | | | | |
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| Essential criterion achieved (Yes or No) | | | | | | | | | | |
| Number of criteria passed | | | | | | | | | | |
| Condition Assessment Result (out of 7 criteria) | Condition Assessment Score | Score Achieved x/✓ | | | | | | | | |
| 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).