

Condition Sheet: POND Habitat Type			
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Lakes - Ponds (priority habitat) Lakes - Ponds (non-priority habitat) Lakes - Temporary lakes ponds and pools (H3170) [Use this condition sheet for Temporary ponds and pools, use Lake condition sheet for Temporary lakes] Lakes - Ornamental lake or pond [Use this condition sheet for Ornamental ponds, use Lake condition sheet for Ornamental lakes]			
Habitat Description			
Pond - non-priority habitat			
ukhab – UK Habitat Classification			
On-site or off-site, site name and location	On-site Church of St John, Hedge End	Survey date and Surveyor name	C.Hill 15/05/2024
Limitations (if applicable)		Survey reference (if relating to a wider survey)	
Grid reference	SU 48640 12401	Habitat parcel reference	
Condition Assessment Criteria		Criterion passed (Yes or No)	Notes (such as justification)
Core Criteria - applicable to all ponds (woodland ¹ and non-woodland):			
A	The pond is of good water quality, with clear water (low turbidity) indicating no obvious signs of pollution. Turbidity is acceptable if the pond is grazed by livestock.	No	
B	There is semi-natural habitat (moderate distinctiveness or above) completely surrounding the pond, for at least 10 m from the pond edge for its entire perimeter.	Yes	
C	Less than 10% of the water surface is covered with duckweed <i>Lemna</i> spp. or filamentous algae.	No	
D	The pond is not artificially connected to other waterbodies, such as agricultural ditches or artificial pipework.	Yes	
E	Pond water levels can fluctuate naturally throughout the year. No obvious artificial dams ² , pumps or pipework.	Yes	
F	There is an absence of listed non-native plant and animal species ³ .	No	
G	The pond is not artificially stocked with fish. If the pond naturally contains fish, it is a native fish assemblage at low densities.	Yes	
Additional Criteria - must be assessed for all non-woodland ponds:			
H	Emergent, submerged or floating plants (excluding duckweed) ⁴ cover at least 50% of the pond area which is less than 3 m deep.	No	

I	The pond surface is no more than 50% shaded by adjacent trees and scrub.	No	
Number of criteria passed		4	
Condition Assessment Result	Condition Assessment Score	Score Achieved x/✓	
Results for woodland ponds which require assessment of 7 core criteria			
Passes 7 criteria	Good (3)		
Passes 5 or 6 criteria	Moderate (2)		
Passes 4 or fewer criteria	Poor (1)		
Results for non-woodland ponds which require assessment of 9 criteria			
Passes 9 criteria	Good (3)		
Passes 6 to 8 criteria	Moderate (2)		
Passes 5 or fewer criteria	Poor (1)	x	
Suggested enhancement interventions to improve condition score			
The pond is currently in poor condition due to a leak which means that it is dry for much of the year. The fundamental enhancement would be to repair the leak so that the pond can hold water. Following this, enhancement measures should be to remove non-native species, reduce shading and improve diversity of aquatic plant species. The pond should not be stocked with fish.			
Footnote 1 - A woodland pond will be surrounded on all sides by woodland habitat.			
Footnote 2 – This excludes natural dams such as those created by Eurasian beaver <i>Castor fiber</i>.			
Footnote 3 - Any species included on the Water Framework Directive (WFD) UKTAG GB High Impact Species List should be absent: WFD UKTAG (2021) <i>Classification of aquatic alien species according to their level of impact</i>[online]. Available from:			