

Airds Moss Walkover survey prompts - for each Survey Area e.g. A, B, C... make general descriptive notes on:

Habitat e.g. NVC type and description of vegetation
Flowering/vigour of key species
Moss cover - sphagnum and other moss
Main plant species cover - whole site (DAFOR) - D=51-100%, A=31-50%, F=16-30%, O=6-15%, R=1-5%
Non-native species – target note small areas and Sch 9/ estimate % cover of survey Area if widespread;
Tree/ shrub colonisation – species and % cover across Area
Animals seen/heard, signs of grazing e.g. dung
Grazing levels on key plants (dwarf shrubs or grasses) - estimate % last year's growth with signs of browsing.
Describe active erosion, drainage features (grips), bare peat etc.

Notably absent things e.g. bare peat, grips, grazing, etc.

Detail on success of restoration measures (grip blocking and stock exclusion) implemented e.g:

Are grip blocks holding back water? Depth of water? (Peat and plastic dams, approx every 5m.)

Have any grip blocks obviously failed e.g. overtopped, collapsed, led to erosion round sides etc.

Are grip blocks vegetated e.g. have turves been successful?

Is vegetation recolonising within grips? Describe.

Is vegetation colonising reprofiled hags? Description of success e.g. presence of bare peat/ active erosion. Are un-reprofiled hags still present?

Is any apparent damage caused during restoration works revegetating appropriately? Describe

Damage to Sphagnum and other impacts of grazing apparent e.g. sheep tracks causing erosion? See above for grazing levels on vegetation.

Other notes