

Best Kept Village Marking Sheet 2019

East Lound		Points	
		Max	Mark
1	General Tidiness & Appearance Litter, fly tipping, graffiti, including at bus stops & telephone boxes. General maintenance of hedges, trees, verges, fences, walls, paths and seats	40	39
2	Community Facilities Community centres, village halls, schools, parks, playing fields, churchyards/cemeteries, chapel surrounds, war memorials and public noticeboards	40	40
3	Gardens & Community Areas Gardens, window boxes, hanging baskets, tubs and planters, community planting, public areas, and allotments	50	47
4	Other community features Shops, inns, farmsteads, workshops, business premises, advertisements and signposts	20	20
Total		150	146

Notes

- (a) Absence of a feature listed in the marking sheet will not entail a loss of marks
- (b) Natural and architectural beauty will not be taken into account

General comments

There has been an excellent community effort to enhance the environment of this small and attractive village, with some excellent planting and floral displays.

On approaching the village there are attractive village signs with good planting below. On Brackenhill Road, at the 30 mph signs, there is further planting and at the other end of the village, at the junction of Fields Lane and East Lound Road, there is a good planter and colourful pots around it. There is also a planter on Carr Lane at the entrance to the village. The best community planting is at the Pinfold, part of the Haxey Heritage Trail. This is very attractive area with delightful planting, including wall baskets, hanging baskets and pots along the wall. There were also two planters either side of a bench opposite Stonecrop Nurseries.

Many properties have excellent planting and it is the variety of planting that is striking. The following list is not exhaustive but gives a flavour of the type of planting to be seen in the village. There were lots of flowerpots along the grass verge outside Wakefield Farm, three hanging flower pouches and many colourful pots at Point Eight, a lovely display of hanging baskets at Ber-Wyn House, a row of sunflowers at 1, Brackenhill Villas, wall baskets, a colourful display of pots on the gate, wall baskets and pots on the gravel drive at Lavenham House and two picnic hampers filled with flowers on the gateposts of Barnside. There were many other properties with delightful and colourful displays of planting and residents are to be congratulated for their efforts.

The verges on entry, and within the village, are all extremely well cut, as were the hedges throughout the village. The new noticeboard in the Pinfold is very smart and tidy.

There was only a small amount of litter in the village.

Individual Category Entries:

This village has also entered the individual category/ies ticked below. Mark in addition to the general marking. If there is no tick, then no separate marking is required.

This village has also entered the following marked categories:

✓	Category	Max	Mark	Comments
	Playground	50		
	Churchyard	50 50		
✓	Community planting scheme	50	48	There is a good variety of community planting throughout the village. There are very attractive baskets attached to the village signs at the entrances to the village. There is also good use of hanging flower pouches at various locations throughout the village, including on the Carr Lane street sign and on the bridleway fingerpost off Brackenhill Road. The Pinfold also benefits from some excellent planting.
	War Memorial	50		