

Best Kept Village Marking Sheet 2019

Haxey		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	39
3	Gardens & Community Areas Gardens, window boxes, hanging baskets, tubs and planters, community planting, public areas, and allotments	50	49
4	Other community features Shops, inns, farmsteads, workshops, business premises, advertisements and signposts	20	20
Total		150	147

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 are many attractive features in this village, especially the church and churchyard and the community planting. The village also has good outdoor sports facilities, with a large playing field, a bowls club and a tennis club.

The community planting mainly takes the form of flowerbeds at various locations, including: at the junction of Haxey Lane and Low Street, the junction of Lowcroft Avenue and Low Street, on Blackmoor Road and at the north and south ends of Vinehall Road. There are also good planters at the entrance to the village by the smart village signs. The Pinfold is an attractive feature with two colourful wall baskets and there were two lovely hanging baskets at the Methodist Chapel on Low Street. Further planting can be found at the Memorial Hall where there are well-trimmed bushes and good wall baskets. There is also a colourful planter and representation of two bikes on the public toilet wall.

Many residents contribute to enhancing the environment, with attractive planting and floral displays at the front of their properties. Good examples were found at: 14 and 69 Haxey Lane, The Birches on East Lound Road, numbers 10, 14, 15, 19 and Sentosa on Hopgarth; 11 Chatsworth Way, 39 Low Street, 6 Haxey Grange, 1 and 3 Lowcroft Avenue, 28, 44 and 67 High Street, 2 Marlborough Avenue, 20B, 20C and 20D Blackmoor Road and 5, 7, 9, 15, 18, 21 and Danefield on The Nooking, 6 and 18 Hunter's Croft, 5 and Charlie's Lodge on Church Street, Steldene and Oak Tree Lodge on Epworth Road, 15 and 19 Eastmoor Villas and 24 Hallcroft Road. There were also many gardens with excellent planting along Ash Tree Drive.

Bushes are obstructing the footpath at the north end of Haxey Lane and need trimming but generally hedges are well-cut.

This is a tidy village with hardly any litter.

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 Haxey Lane	50	48	There were weeds and nettles at the entrance from Haxey Lane. There is a good range of equipment in the main play area with good safety surfaces. The small play area needs some updating. There are picnic tables on the site and 3 litter bins. However, the grass was rather long and there was litter strewn around the site. There were also fallen branches that needed clearing.
✓	Churchyard Church Street	50	49	The churchyard occupies an attractive site with many mature trees. The paths are clean and the grass is generally neat and tidy. The area under the trees has been cleared and looks much tidier, although there are still some brambles and ivy to clear. There is an extremely attractive planted border along the south wall of the church.
✓	Community planting scheme	50	48	There is good community planting at strategic points around the village. There are good planters below the village signs and some delightful flower borders at a number of locations. The Memorial Hall has some attractive wall baskets and The Pinfold has two colourful wall baskets. Dr Dyson's Garden is a pleasant area with good planting.
✓	War Memorial Junc. Epworth Road and Graizelound Field	50	48	The memorial occupies a prominent site and is very well-maintained. The WW1 soldier on top of the plinth is very clean, as are the railings around the site. There were poppy wreaths around the base of the monument. There were baskets with plants of vividly contrasting colours attached to the fencing. The site was free of weeds and litter.