

Best Kept Village Marking Sheet 2019

Low Burnham		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	50
4	Other community features Shops, inns, farmsteads, workshops, business premises, advertisements and signposts	20	20
Total		150	148

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

This is a most attractive small village with no litter and some very impressive community planting and by individual residents outside their properties.

The involvement of the residents in creating a wonderful display of delightful planting is highly commendable and must have taken a great deal of hard work and commitment. The village is awash with colour, in an imaginative and creative display of planting, that is evident at nearly every property.

Entering the village on the A161 from the north, there is smart new village sign with an attractive wooden planter and a very well-cut grass verge. Along the main Epworth Road there are regularly spaced planters on the grass verge which add to the excellent floral displays outside the properties, with particularly good examples at Smithfield House and Mulberry Lodge. There were also excellent hanging baskets and an abundant display of lavender at the Methodist Chapel together with a planter. The only improvement that could be made is to trim the overhanging hedge on the pavement along Epworth Road.

Within the village there were many splendid displays, not least at The Shop which was adorned with hanging baskets and a dingy completely full with flowers with wall baskets behind. Another highlight was the second boat (pea green) further along the road on a small grassed area, with an owl and a pussycat and lots of flowers with bunting. On the same grassed bank was a lovely planted wheelbarrow and a planted tub with sunflowers behind. The Pinfold was very attractive, with well-cut grass, a metal sheep and a splendid display of fuchsias in tubs. Just below the Pinfold was a bridge over the stream, which had extremely attractive flower baskets on the railings.

One notable feature of the planting was the clever use of different containers for planting, with a variety of pots, tubs and planters, wheelbarrows and boats. Equally impressive is the range of plants used, with excellent colour coordination. A great deal of thought, time and effort has gone in to creating a very

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		
	Cemetery	50		
✓	Community planting scheme	50	49	After entering the village from the north on the A161, where there is an attractive wooden planter, to leaving the village past Laburnham Farm, where there was good planting, the standard of the community planting is very high. Floral displays can be found in every location and the variety of planters that have been used is impressive. The highlight of the displays are the attractively planted boats. A wonderful community effort!
	War Memorial	50		