

		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	50	50
2	Community Facilities Community centres, village halls, schools, parks, playing fields, churchyards/cemeteries, chapel surrounds, war memorials and public noticeboards	50	50
3	Gardens & Community Areas Gardens, window boxes, hanging baskets, tubs and planters, community planting, public areas, and allotments	70	69
4	Other community features Shops, inns, farmsteads, workshops, business premises, advertisements and signposts	30	30
Total		200	199

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

The exceptionally high standard of planting displays in every part of the village is quite spell-binding. What is particularly impressive is the commitment of the whole community, in making this such an attractive place to live and visit.

Colour abounds, with some truly lovely floral displays and what makes this village stand out is the quality of the planting, with careful thought given to colour and height in each display. It is also particularly noteworthy that such a variety of planters been used, from mower boxes to milk churns and old agricultural equipment.

It seems invidious to highlight any particular display or individual property, as the overall effect is so stunning. However, the horse and cart at Burnham Farm on Main Street is both very clever and a most attractive display. What is almost as impressive, is the range of planting in the farmyard behind the horse and cart, where there are wall baskets and lovely floral displays including planting in an old chimney pot.

Further along Main Street on the grassed area was another fabulous display with a cut-out windmill, bunting and imaginative planting using an old sack barrow and wheelbarrow. It was good to see some sweetcorn, beans and tomatoes as well as a lovely display of flowers.

The very attractive angled, semi-circular planter at the end of Hallgarth Lane, together with the smart black planters along the main Epworth Road, are very colourful and are supplemented by some great planting at nearly every house along the road, with some exceptional planting at Cherry Fell. The quality of planting continues through the village with some high-quality planting outside most houses.

At the stream there were baskets on both sides of the bridge and tubs by the millstone. In the Pinfold there were wire sheep and planters with some great floral displays in the tubs along the wall. The imaginative planting continues with flowers in old farm machinery outside Hall Croft House and a decorated cycle outside Hainstock Cottage.

The variety of plants used is hugely impressive and contribute significantly to the overall effect of this feast of colour. It is a wonderful achievement to maintain flowers in this superb condition and must be the result of many hours of hard work. Many congratulations!

Individual Category Entries:

LOW BURNHAM has also entered the individual categories ticked below. Mark in addition to the general marking. If there is no tick, then no separate marking is required.

✓	Category	Max	Mark	Comments
	Playground	50		
	Churchyard/Cemetery	50		
✓	Community planting scheme	50	50	The community planting is exceptional. It is difficult to exaggerate the impact of the flowers displays in every corner of the village. The variety of plants and planters is very clever and highly effective. A great deal of thought and time has resulted in wonderful display of community planting.
✓	Most innovative planting display - Main Street, Burnham Farm	50	50	The wire framed horse and cart is both highly imaginative and a visual delight. With a colourful display of flowers planted in the cart, an old milk churn and mower box, this display is a triumph and a great attraction on the side of the road through the village.
	War Memorial	50		
✓	Public Building - The Low Burnham Village Centre, Methodist Chapel on A161	50	49	This old building has been greatly enhanced by some attractive planting. With two large and well-planted hanging baskets on either side of the door, there are also impressive lavender bushes along the path at the front of the building. There was also a lovely planter on the gate.