

BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMPETITION 2020

Low Burnham scoop best small village for second year



Low Burnham residents are celebrating a second win in the small village category. The judges were particularly impressed with the *'commitment of the whole community'* and *'the exceptionally high standard of planting displays in every part of the village'* which was *'quite spell-binding.'*

Amcotts and Elsham were worthy runners-up and maintained the very high standards they set in previous years.



This was one of the many lovely displays in Elsham, found in the grounds of the village hall.

Small Village results

1st – Low Burnham

2nd = Amcotts, Elsham

Highly commended - Appleby, Saxby All Saints

Most Innovative Planting

A new award this year was for the most innovative planting scheme and it was a delight to see some very imaginative and attractive planting displays.



The Fire Station at Waltham

The judges were so impressed with the displays at Waltham and Low Burnham (below) that they awarded them equal first place.

There was clever and imaginative planting in many villages, with some excellent examples at Elsham (see left) and Great Coates (see page 4).



Goxhill shines as Best Kept Large Village



Having been highly commended in last year's competition, Goxhill swept the board in 2020, winning the best large village, best community planting and the best playground.

The judges were highly complimentary about the

village: *'community planting is a strength and together with a lovely cemetery, a splendid playground and playing field and other good facilities, it was a real pleasure to visit this most attractive village'*.

There was very stiff competition in this category, with Barrow (top right) coming a close second.



The village pond, Westwoodside



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The Market Place Barrow upon Humber



Haxey Church (left) was just one of the many attractive features of the village that came joint third with its neighbour Westwoodside.

The excellent efforts of residents in Belton and Scawby were also recognised with both villages gaining a well-deserved 'highly commended' award.

Large Village results

1st Goxhill

2nd Barrow upon Humber

3rd = Haxey, Westwoodside

Highly commended Belton, Scawby



Best Kept Public Building Award



This year, for the first time, CPRE introduced a new category, the best kept public building.

This attracted a large number of entries and the winner was The Ingleby Arms, Amcotts (left) and the runner-up was the Council Offices in Winterton (right).



Worlaby wins Medium Village group



The 'medium village' group was a new one this year and the first winner, Worlaby, was praised for community involvement in making

Medium Village results

1st Worlaby

2nd Barnetby-le-Wold

3rd Wrawby

Highly commended

Great Coates, South Ferriby

this such an attractive village.

Barnetby deservedly won second prize, with many attractive planting displays and Wrawby (see right) was a close third.

One of the new entrants this year, Great Coates, impressed the judges, with many innovative planting displays, and was deservedly 'highly



The Horse Pond, South Ferriby



commended' for a great community effort.

South Ferriby maintained its high standard of community planting, such as the delightful Horse Pond (see left) and they were also highly commended for their efforts.

One of the features of the competition this year was the absence of litter in nearly all the villages that entered.

This is a remarkable achievement and the result of much hard work and sustained effort that is to be commended.

Best Small Town Group

After being 'highly commended' last year, Broughton made a tremendous effort and won the accolade of 'best small town' in 2020. One of the special features of the town was the excellent community planting (one example is shown below).

Broughton also won the 'best-kept cemetery' category (see page 4).



Crowle and Ealand also improved their standing this year. After a third place in 2019 they were second this year, only one point behind the winners. The planting in the town centre around the Market Place, was particularly impressive and the war memorial (see top right) is another attractive feature of the town.

Epworth came third this year, with a striking feature of the town being the lovely display of hanging baskets along the High Street.

Barton-upon-Humber was highly commended and the judges were very complimentary about the most attractive Baysgarth Park, commenting: *'the most impressive part of the park is the lovely memorial garden to commemorate Chad Varah'* (see right).



Small Town results

1st Broughton

2nd Crowle

3rd Epworth

Highly commended - Barton



BEST NEW ENTRANT 2020

Garthorpe and Fockerby won the accolade of Best New Entrant for 2020. It is always good to welcome new entrants to the annual competition and congratulations to Garthorpe for their achievement. Judges were impressed with the church, cemetery and large playing field with very good play and gym equipment which 'are all attractive features of the village.'



Another new entrant, Great Coates, also impressed the judges, especially with the variety of colourful and imaginative planting displays.

The highlight of the community planting was the delightful model train and carriages with highly effective planting (see above).

Best Kept War Memorial - Amcotts



One of the most impressive features of Amcotts is the war memorial, set in a most attractive churchyard.

The memorial is enhanced by the backdrop of a lovely cascade of poppies, at the west end of the church

Best Kept Cemetery – Broughton



The cemetery at Broughton is a very special place and benefits from some most attractive planting.

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