

BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMPETITION 2022

Joint winners as best small village

Elsham and Low Burnham shared the honours as joint winners of the small village category. Both villages were a delight to visit and provided a visual feast of colourful planting displays.

Low Burnham maintained its consistently high standard as shown below and right (Methodist Chapel, and Burnham Farm with a Jubilee celebration).

Elsham improved further since last year, with very impressive community planting, such as the display at the telephone kiosk (shown right). The judges were very complimentary about the 'stunning and well-maintained planting'. Elsham also has a most



attractive churchyard and deservedly won the Best Kept Churchyard Award.

Both villages can be proud of the quality of their community planting and the contribution of local residents in making their villages such attractive places to live and visit.

Other villages in this category maintained a very high standard and that was particularly true of Amcotts, which came a close third and Redbourne which was highly commended. Well done to all!



Small village results

1st = Elsham

1st = Low Burnham

3rd Amcotts

Highly commended Redbourne



Shown left is a family display at Amcotts, that is one of many similar planters found at the Ingleby Arms, which was surrounded by lovely planting.

Barrow on Humber wins award as Best Kept Large Village

Barrow deservedly won the award as the best kept large village for 2022. One of the many attractive features of the village is the Market Place (shown below). The judges were also complimentary about the excellent community planting in many locations around the village.



Belton also had many colourful planting displays (see below), which were a prominent feature of the second placed village. This was also the case with Haxey and Westwoodside, who came joint third in this category.

Planting was certainly a challenge this year given the long, hot, dry spell of weather and there was an impressive amount of care, attention and watering undertaken to preserve the floral displays in such a good condition.



Large village results

- 1st Barrow on Humber
- 2nd Belton
- 3rd Haxey, Westwoodside
- Highly commended, Scawby*



Best Community Planting

Good Community planting is an important feature of the Best Kept Village competition and there were some very imaginative and colourful floral displays this year.

The four worthy winners shown right, had some fabulous displays.

There was also some splendid planting in Amcotts, Barnetby, Barton, Belton, Barrow, Broughton Crowle and Ealand, Elsham, Epworth, Redbourne, Ulceby and Westwoodside.



Low Burnham



Immingham



Haxey



South Ferriby

Best Community Planting Results

- Small village – Low Burnham
- Medium village – South Ferriby
- Large village – Haxey
- Small town - Immingham

South Ferriby wins medium village award

After coming second last year, South Ferriby beat off the competition to take the top slot in the Medium Village category. The high quality of the community planting was praised, especially along High Street and at the unique Horse Pond (see below).

In a closely contested category, Barnetby came second (far right),



with the judges impressed with the continuous improvement that has been made in recent years, especially the excellent community planting.



After being highly commended last year, Wrawby (left) earned its third place, with many attractive features and a marked absence of litter. This was a feature of all the villages in this category and so good to see.

Worlabby was highly commended and it was pleasing to see Ulceby deservedly recognised as the most improved village.



Medium village results

- 1st South Ferriby
- 2nd Barnetby-le-Wold
- 3rd Wrawby
- Highly commended* Worlabby

Broughton is Best Small Town

Broughton again bagged the top spot in the small town category (over 4,000 population). The town maintained its high standard of planting (below).

This was a feature of all the towns who entered the competition this year.

Visitors to second-placed



Epworth were impressed with the fabulous display of hanging baskets (see below) throughout the town.

The most impressive area of Barton-upon-Humber, the third placed town, was Baysgarth Park and the planting displays outside the Museum (see right). Immingham, equal third, deservedly won the best community planting in this category (see page 2).



The strength of the competition was recognised in the two highly commended awards to Brigg and Crowle and Ealand. Both towns had some excellent planting and contributed to the excellent standard found in village and towns across Northern Lincolnshire.

Small town results

- 1st Broughton
- 2nd Epworth
- 3rd= Barton-upon Humber
- 3rd= Immingham
- Highly commended*, Brigg, Crowle



Best Kept Playground

In the most hotly contested category, Owston Ferry were proud winners of the Best Kept Playground Award for 2022.

The playground on High Street is located in a large playing field and there is an excellent range of equipment for all ages. The well-cut grassed area has very good safety surfaces under the equipment, and impressed the judges, who also liked the layout of the playground, including the siting of a large number of picnic benches and other seating.

Northern Lincolnshire is fortunate to have many very good playgrounds and

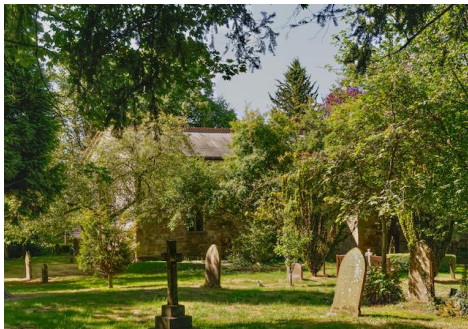


the judges were also very complimentary about the playgrounds at Amcotts, Brigg, Broughton, Elsham, Epworth, Goxhill, Redbourne, Scawby, Ulceby and West Butterwick. The competition will certainly be close in 2023.

Best Kept Cemetery and Churchyard

Elsham won the Best Kept Churchyard, part of which is shown in the picture below.

The churchyard is very attractive area of the village; very well-maintained and with excellent planting.



The winner of the best kept cemetery for 2022 was Goxhill (above), beating off strong competition from Broughton, Hibaldstow, Immingham and Scawby.

The Goxhill cemetery was a delightful area with excellent maintenance and good planting.

LITTER

One of the great success stories of recent years is the hard work of individuals and groups in clearing our towns and villages of litter.

Many areas have been transformed, thanks to some wonderful volunteers and CPRE recognised the work of some of the groups



with special 'Litter Champion Awards' at our Presentation Evening last year. We will keep the focus on litter, with more groups and individuals recognised this year.

The novelty bin, shown above, is one of several appearing in North Lincolnshire and comes with a litter picker attached!

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