

JUDGES REPORT 9th July 2008

Entrant WOODHURST

Category Small Village

Award Silver

A very compact village, clear of litter and graffiti. Houses and gardens in good repair give a good impression, the sharp bends round the pond and the planting opposite gives a well cared for look, however the borders near the road may obscure vision and could be of bedding and spring bulbs. The pond in South Street performed perfectly with the appearance of "Ratty". The conservation area is potentially a great asset, enabling regular working parties to bond and show the village what can be done by communal efforts. The plan for the new beds outside the Church Bungalows is encouraging and a tangible effort by "In bloom" in the centre of the village

Section A—Floral Displays:

Standard Silver

The judges were particularly impressed by:

- The hanging baskets, notably near the church.
- Tree seat in Moot way
- Front garden in South Street

Suggestions for future development:

- More of the same.
- Planting opposite the village pond could be a large bed of annuals under planted with bulbs.
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Section B—Permanent planting including shrubs:

Standard Bronze

The judges were particularly impressed by:

- The amount and variety in many of the front gardens.
- The trees opposite the pond.

Suggestions for future development:

- Raise canopy of tree in Moot Way
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Section C—Local agenda 21 and sustainable development

Standard Bronze

The judges were particularly impressed by:

- The work undertaken with the conservation area.
- Plans for the pond on South Street.

Suggestions for future development:

- Information Boards at both the above mentioned sites showing what is there to be conserved
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Section D—Local environmental Quality:

Standard Silver Gilt

The judges were particularly impressed by:

- The lack of litter and consequential cleanliness of the village
- The authorised 'graffiti' in the bus shelter.
- The lack of unauthorised 'graffiti'

Suggestions for future development:

- Keep up the very good work.
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Section E – Public Awareness:

Standard Silver

The judges were particularly impressed by:

- The enthusiastic committee.
- The support of the whole village.
- The scarecrow festival.

Suggestions for future development:

- Try to involve more of the children with planting and work within the village.
- Information boards for 'Ridge and Furrow', Drovers Roads, Buildings, Fauna and Flora.
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