

LANCASHIRE BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMPETITION

JUDGES REPORT

VILLAGE: West Bradford

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Date of first visit: 27 Jun 19

Date of second visit: 20 Jul 19

The Village Map

Very helpful, thank you.

Overall Impressions

West Bradford is a pleasure to visit and judge. It is clear that the occupants are justifiably proud of this lovely little village and are actively seeking to keep it at its best.

Outstanding Features

3 Millstones Pub – Car Park immaculate, no weeds or litter. Spaces clearly marked. A good number of full colourful hanging baskets, well-watered. Building clean and well presented. Outdoor seating area well-kept with lovely Rattan chairs and tables which are also well maintained. Pub sign on the car park side, clear and looks like new, menu displayed at entrance with immaculate new guest accommodation building to the rear.

Eaves Hall – A hugely impressive building with stunning grounds. Well signposted with an abundance and variety of flora and fauna. Grounds clean, clear and full of flowers. Beds well weeded and no litter. Building exterior clean and well painted. Hanging baskets full with outdoor seating area and beautifully maintained furniture. A superb venue.

Village Hall - Clearly signposted from both directions. All areas free from weeds and litter. Several flower displays. Building exterior freshly painted and maintained. Notice board up to date, clean with relevant information. Benches immaculate and in very good order. Children's play equipment in very good order.

Community Notice Board – Clean and well-presented, freshly painted with up to date, relevant information (including notification of entering the BKV and encouragement to keep standards up). Exactly what any village requires.

War Memorial – We do not have enough superlatives for this Outstanding feature, Wow! Stunning, superb, a labour of love and we're sure the pride of the village. Litter free, immaculately clean, freshly painted wood enabling seating on stone to the rear. The most beautiful complimentary selection of shrubs and flowers with beds freshly hoed. Outstanding; a credit to those who maintain it and an extremely fitting tribute to those it serves to 'thank, remember.'

Areas for Improvement

Attention required to the side wall of the 3 Millstones Pub lettering as one letter is missing and others appear to be coming loose.

The village was very tidy and litter free. It demonstrated a great community effort, and a sense of pride.

We particularly liked the war memorial and the gardens.

We were puzzled why the village did not enter St Catherine's Church as an outstanding feature. We thought the Church and its surrounds were very well looked after, and showed a real community effort, which we would have marked very highly.

By contrast, and although we have scored Eaves Hall Hotel highly, we assume that the Hotel employs gardeners and/or contractors to keep it pristine. We do not think that this in any way is a demonstration of local community effort.

We found the map very useful.

N.B. We did score the school but we were under the impression that it is in Waddington.