

BUCKINGHAMSHIRE BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMPETITION 2019

2019
celebrating 62 years of
the Best Kept Village
Competition in
Buckinghamshire

RULES OF ENTRY

PLEASE READ THIS INFORMATION SHEET CAREFULLY

CUPS

Villages/towns should enter for the cup relevant to their population.

Gurney Cup (population up to 500)

Morris Cup (population 501 – 1501)

DeFraine Cup (population 1501 – 3000)

Michaelis Cup (towns, population over 3000)

Pushman Cup (rural population over 3000)

Tindall Cup (2018 winners' Cup)

Cup winners in the 2018 competition may only enter for the Tindall Cup. They may re-enter the main competition in 2020.

The Dashwood Trophy is awarded to the runner-up with the highest mark who has not won a cup during the last 5 years. Entrants for the Dashwood Trophy will be automatic if the village or town qualifies.

The Sword of Excellence is awarded to the winner with the highest marks.

A 'Vibrant **Community Award**' will be awarded at the judges' discretion.

POPULATION

This should be based on the last census or any later information published by the County or District Councils. Where a parish comprises two or more distinct villages/communities, any one or more of those villages/communities may enter the competition separately. In this case it is the population of that village/community which is relevant.

FEATURES – REQUIREMENTS FOR ENTRY

Definition of Village/Town – Features that should be present in all applications.....

- Place of Worship
- Village Green, playing field or recreational field with open access
- Community Centre, village hall, church hall or other suitable place for assembly i.e. pavilion

The features must be clearly marked on a map (a scale of 1:10,000 which is approximately 6 inches to the mile would be appropriate in most cases). The features should be identified on the map using the same number and letter as they are given on the marking schedule i.e. 1A, 2E etc. Do not add features which are not listed on the marking sheet. The judges will, however, assess the overall appearance of your village/town. Marks may be deducted for inadequate maps.

If you feel that the judges may need some help in identifying the boundaries of the village/town entered, please also mark these on the map. If the boundaries are deemed to have been drawn too tightly, the entry will not be accepted. Judges have agreed to try not to visit villages on market days if contestants make clear which are these days. Also please indicate which authority is responsible for your grass cutting.

JUDGING

Judging will take place between 1st June and 7th July. A short report incorporating the judges' comments will be sent to every entrant.

TROPHIES

A cup and wrought iron Best Kept Village sign will be presented to each winning village/town to be retained until required for the next year's competition.

ENTRY

A **£25** fee is charged for each entry.

The entry form, fee and map should be returned to reach the Administrator, Buckinghamshire Best Kept Village Competition, 9 The Hedgerows, Furzton, Milton Keynes MK4 1BD **NOT LATER THAN 30th APRIL 2019**

THE DECISION OF THE JUDGES IS FINAL



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