Best Kept Village Marking Sheet 2018

APPLEBY

		Points		
		Max	**Mark**	**Judges' Comments**
1	**General Tidiness & Appearance** Litter, fly tipping, graffiti, including at bus stops & telephone boxes. General maintenance of hedges, trees, verges, fences, walls, paths and seats	**40**	38	This is a most attractive village with no evidence of any litter. However, there were some minor issues to note. The street sign on School Lane opposite the Village Hall was obscured by bushes., whilst there were weeds and brambles under the Church Lane street sign. Plants were overgrowing the pavement outside Cross Cottage on Ermine Street. There was ivy growing inside the bus shelter opposite the church. Hedges in most areas of the village are well-maintained although some on Beck Lane needed attention.
2	**Community Facilities** Community centres, village halls, schools, parks, playing fields, churchyards/cemeteries, chapel surrounds, war memorials and public noticeboards	**40**	39	There are good facilities in the village including a playground area set in a good-sized playing field. The Village Hall is also well-located and well-used. There are an impressive number of well-located and informative noticeboards around the village, although the noticeboard outside the Village Hall is not very accessible and the church noticeboard had limited information. The churchyard occupies a quiet and attractive site. The war memorial is well-maintained in a prominent site on Ermine Street.
3	**Gardens & Community Areas** Gardens, window boxes, hanging baskets, tubs and planters, community planting, public areas, and allotments	**50**	49	The village has some most attractive properties with colourful floral displays and effective planting e.g. number 29 and The Old Post Office on Ermine Street; Chapel House on Risby Road. There is good community planting at various locations around the village, e.g. on Haytons Lane, Church Lane and School Lane.
4	**Other community features** Shops, inns, farmsteads, workshops, business premises, advertisements and signposts	**20**	20	The village signs are very smart and well-maintained.
	Total	**150**	146	

Notes
(a) Absence of a feature listed in the marking sheet will not entail a loss of marks
(b) Natural and architectural beauty will not be taken into account

General comments
A lovely place to live, this is a village with many attractive features and residents are to be commended for some lovely gardens and impressive community planting.

Individual Category Entries: APPLEBY

This village has also entered the individual category/ies ticked below. Mark in addition to the general marking. If there is no tick, then no separate marking is required.

✔	Category	Max	Mark	Comments
✔	**Playground** School Lane opposite Village Hall	50	47	There is a reasonable range of equipment, a basketball court and good exercise equipment. The site is free of litter but there were a number of weeds under some of the equipment. The hedge on the north side of the playground needs trimming near the benches.
✔	**Churchyard** St Bartholomews Church, Church Lane	50	48	The churchyard is attractively sited, bordered by mature trees. Some of the graves needed attention with saplings starting to grow between them in places. There were also some tall weeds by the wall at the edge of the churchyard. The newer part of the churchyard was well-maintained.
✔	**Community planting scheme**	50	49	Good planting is a feature of the village with attractive wooden planters in many locations. There were attractive wall baskets and planters in front of the Village Hall. The entrances to the village are enhanced with effective wooden planters. There is also colourful planting at the junction of Beck Lane and Paul Lane.
✔	**War Memorial** Paul Lane/Ermine Street, Appleby	50	48	The well-positioned war memorial has a large oak tree shading the whole site. Unfortunately, some of the lower branches restrict access and need trimming. There is sensible planting in a trough to the left of the simple but effective stone memorial. The whole site has a tidy gravel bed with well-maintained railings to the rear.