

		Max	Mark
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	50	49
2	Community Facilities Community centres, village halls, schools, parks, playing fields, churchyards/cemeteries, chapel surrounds, war memorials and public noticeboards	50	49
3	Gardens & Community Areas Gardens, window boxes, hanging baskets, tubs and planters, community planting, public areas, and allotments	70	66
4	Other community features Shops, inns, farmsteads, workshops, business premises, advertisements and signposts	30	30
Total		200	194

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

This is a lovely village with many attractive features and some very good community planting.

There are many lovely gardens in the village and residents are to be commended for the efforts they make to improve their environment. There were some good examples of excellent planting and floral displays, at 4 and 5 Paul Lane, 22, 26 and Byways on School Lane, Bamford Oaks on Vicarage Park, Chapel House on Rigby Road and Ye Olde Post Office and The Cottage on Ermine Street.

Many areas of the village benefit from some very good community planting. At the north entrance to the village on Ermine Street, there is a planted wooden trough and at the south entrance there is planting on both sides of the road. Other good planting can be found on the grass outside the bungalows on Paul Lane with a further planter at the junction with Beck Lane, on Churchside, at the junction of Church Lane and Hayton's Lane and by the bus stop and under the street sign on Hayton's Lane. Further planting is found on School Lane where there is a grassed area with a bench and three colourful planters.

The village signs are most attractive and other signs around the village are clear and well-maintained.

There was a commendable absence of litter throughout the village.

Individual Category Entries:

APPLEBY has also entered the individual categories 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 - off Beck Lane	50	48	The playground is set in the corner of a large playing field and has a reasonable range of equipment that is well-maintained. A fence surrounds the site which has well-cut grass. The playground also has a picnic table and a further bench. There is adult gym equipment and a MUGA on the site.
✓	Churchyard - Church Lane	50	48	There is a smart noticeboard at the entrance and the whole area is tidy and well-maintained. The grass across the churchyard is well-cut. This pleasant area is surrounded by a low stone wall and mature trees on the north and west side.
	Community planting scheme	50		
	Most innovative planting display	50		
✓	War Memorial - Ermine Street junction of Beck Lane	50	48	This granite stone memorial is framed by an oak tree. To the right of the memorial is an excellent wooden planter, however, the smaller stone planter to the right has only limited planting. The site is tidy and clear of litter, with only a few weeds in the paved area.
✓	Public Building - Village Hall	50	47	This is a good-sized hall with good planting outside. There are four attractive wall baskets on the south side of the building and a planter at the front of the hall. The grass was well-cut. There is a good noticeboard with a gap in the chain fence to allow easy access. The bench outside the hall needs painting.