

# Best Kept Village Marking Sheet 2017

## WORLABY

### Points

		Max	Mark	Judges' Comments
1	<b>General Tidiness &amp; Appearance</b> Litter, fly tipping, graffiti, including at bus stops & telephone boxes. General maintenance of hedges, trees, verges, fences, walls, paths and seats	40	39	There was a commendable absence of litter throughout the village. The verges and hedges were generally very well-maintained and footpaths were good and not overgrown. There were a number of well-positioned benches around the village.
2	<b>Community Facilities</b> Community centres, village halls, schools, parks, playing fields, churchyards/cemeteries, chapel surrounds, war memorials and public noticeboards	40	38	The new playground is a very useful resource for the village although the range of equipment is rather limited. Nevertheless, there is also an excellent MUGA set within a large playing field area which is also the site of the large village hall. The churchyard is very attractively sited and is very well-maintained. The war memorial would benefit from some attention. Noticeboards are very smart and well-sited throughout the village.
3	<b>Gardens &amp; Community Areas</b> Gardens, window boxes, hanging baskets, tubs and planters, community planting, public areas, and allotments	50	47	The village hall has beds of mature shrubs in front and there are attractive flower beds in front and behind the hedge at the entrance to the hall and playing fields. Residents are to be commended for some lovely floral displays exemplified by the magnificent planting on Grange Field, as well as The Barn on New Road and number 6 and the Wishing Well on Top Road. The flower bed beneath the village sign on The Hill needs some attention. The Woodlands Glade and Hollows nature trail is an excellent resource and very attractive part of the village.
4	<b>Other community features</b> Shops, inns, farmsteads, workshops, business premises, advertisements and signposts	20	19	Apart from the village sign on entry from the north being partially obscured, most other signs were clear and well-maintained.
<b>Total</b>		<b>150</b>	<b>143</b>	

### 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 very pleasant and well-cared for village with good facilities and many attractive features. The churchyard is a delight to visit and it was good to see the church open for visitors and welcoming refreshments provided for visitors.

**Individual Category Entries: WORLABY**

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
✓	<b>Playground</b> Recreation Ground, Grange Field	50	47	The playground has new equipment for younger children and although limited in scope there is plenty of room to add additional pieces of equipment. There was excellent fencing around the site. The safety matting was a good feature and the Multi-Use Games Area is an excellent resource. There was some litter on the site.
✓	<b>Churchyard</b> Top Road	50	49	The chalk board at the entrance to the church was most effective. The path to the church benefits from attractive lighting and well-trimmed yew trees. As visitors to the church approach the entrance they are treated to colourful and effective planting displays which are continued along the south wall of the church. The beds also include a bird bath. The grass throughout the churchyard is well-cut and the graves well-tended. There are also very well-trimmed hedges.
✓	<b>Community planting scheme</b>	50	47	There is good community planting at a number of locations around the village. At the junction of Main Street and Top Road there is a grassy triangle that has a planted bed and a well-positioned bench beneath the tree. There were also good displays on Top Road, Carr Lane, Fountain Corner and a lovely border of colourful plants along the bank to the north of the school.
✓	<b>War Memorial</b> Top Road	50	46	The war memorial benefits from some planting with two wall baskets and two planters behind the smart railings. There is an excellent flower bed edged with bricks below the memorial. However, the two planters at the base of the memorial need attention and the debris and weeds around the base needs clearing.