

## BUCKINGHAMSHIRE BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMPETITION 2022

Edlesborough Certificate of Merit

THIS YEAR'S COMPETITION WAS KINDLY SPONSORED BY THE BUCKINGHAMSHIRE COUNCIL, MILTON KEYNES COUNCIL, RT MACHINERY (WINCHENDON), CLOUDY IT (BUCKINGHAM), THE BUCKINGHAM DESIGNER AND MOTTS TRAVEL

## Village: Edlesborough – Judges Comments and Marks

	Features	Notes	Possible Marks	Marks Awarded
	Principal features			
1A	Cemetery, graveyard (separate or attached to a place of worship)	Parish Church - no litter or dog mess, limited floral colour and interest, locally low levels of maintenance beneficial to wildlife; Methodist Church – needs grounds maintenance on frontage; Baptist Church – OK (small side garden). Parish Church noticeboards OK – Churches Conservation Trust	20	16
1B	Green, playing field, children's play area, nature conservation area	Green/playing fields – tidy, minimal litter, car park edges need tidy up, lots of benches; play area – poor ground surfaces/unevenness, fence and equipment satisfactory. No nature conservation area. NB new public open space with play equipment provided by developers is very recent and accordingly has not been judged – noted lack of maintenance of planting with many failures and moribund plants – to be included in judging in future years !!	40	38
1C	Floral Displays (hanging baskets, tubs, planters)	Some sponsored tubs – OK, weed free, some extra plants would be beneficial to strengthen effects; planted area around tall colourful village sign within playing fields.	10	10
1D	Village hall, community centre, <del>church hall</del>	Village Hall – untidy external areas, building needs clean and tlc; Recent sports pavilion is impressive addition – sweep up of accumulated vegetable litter needed. Car park to pavilion is not wheelchair/pushchair friendly. Defibrillator at village hall, also at Baptist Church.	20	15
1E	General environmental features (hedges, verges, ditches, pond, stream, pump)	Tidy overall.	20	20

	Other features			
2A	Areas around shops and pubs	Shops – good very tidy.	20	20
2B	Bus stops, bus shelters and notice boards	Bus stops and shelters – ok; Community noticeboards at 'Janes' - good; Parish noticeboards at 'Good Intent' in poor condition, appearance and content, also at Village Hall. Parish Paths Partnership noticeboard at Village Hall faded nearly illegible – needs replacing. No publicity seen for BBKV. Tall colourful pictorial village sign – which carried 4No BBKV plaques.	20	15
2C	War memorial	Satisfactory – just needs a good brush around.	20	20
2D	Overall appearance, lack of litter and evidence of community effort	Bins ok, litter and dog mess free. Defibrillator at village hall; Edelfest 10-11 June at Parish Church; good feel around café – external seating etc; limited evidence of local community effort/events	30	27
		TOTAL	200	181

Tidy feel with minimal detractors, quiet and tranquil.

Map: The supplied map very detailed with features well marked