

The results for the Buckinghamshire Best Kept Village Competitions are in!

Edlesborough scored 179 points in the DeFraine Cup. The cup was won by Steeple Claydon with 188 points.

Dagnall scored 179 points in the Morris Cup. The cup was won by Whitchurch with 197 points.

Council thanks everyone who worked and continues to work hard to look after all three villages in the parish.

The score sheets can be viewed below

EDLESBOROUGH - DeFraine Cup 2026			Score	Possible Marks
1	Quality of Competition Entry- to include up to date and detailed map with features highlighted plus any additional useful information	The map is clear and judges liked the legend alongside the map, making for easy identification, but the reference number were not aligned with the 2026 marking schedule.	17	20
2	Evidence of community engagement and involvement in the Competition (eg social media, website, newsletter, magazine, posters etc)	The Edlesborough Parish Councill website is very informative on community activities in the village. The Best Kept Village Competition is promoted, showing the A4 flyer and Marking Schedule. The village Facebook page has similar information. The BKV flyer is displayed at many points throughout the village.	18	20

		The Focus magazine has many references to community involvement.		
3	Cemetery, graveyard ,war memorial, (separate or attached to a place of worship)	The church is now permanently closed and access to the churchyard made difficult. A view of the graveyard from the mound beside the road showed it to be tidy and well maintained. The War Memorial was tidy with no evidence of weeds around the base.	23	25
4	Green, playing field, children's play area, outdoor recreation facilities, designated conservation area (appropriately signed)	Well laid out and maintained playing ground with several facilities and a sports hub under construction or renovation. The children's play area is secure but the grass around the play positions is rather untidy. The tennis courts are excellent. There was a small amount of litter in the playing field but we saw no evidence of dog fouling.	31	35
5	Floral displays (hanging baskets, tubs, planters, flower beds etc)	We noticed three planters; that outside the church is particularly well presented. Good planters on the corners of Cow Lane and Good Intent.	17	20
6	Community facilities (Village Hall, Community Centre, Church Hall, Shops, Pubs)	The sports hub will be a great asset. Village Hall area well maintained and tidy.	26	30
7	General environmental features (hedges, verges, ditches, pond, stream pump etc)	Overall tidy and maintained to a good standard.	22	25
8	Bus stops, bus shelters, public seating, dog bins,	The bus stops are clean.	23	25

	notice boards, information signs, absence of litter and dog fouling	Notices on boards are current. There are four good notice boards in the recreation ground. The notice board by Good Intent could be cleaner. Many examples of public seating throughout the village. We saw no evidence of dog fouling and only small amounts of litter		
	Additional Notes	The judges were particularly impressed with the evidence of community engagement as demonstrated on the Parish Council and village Facebook pages and the Focus magazine.	177	200

DAGNALL – Morris Cup			Score	Possible Marks
1	Quality of Competition Entry- to include up to date and detailed map with features highlighted plus any additional useful information	Map provided good and contains helpful additional information, however, references on map itself a little confusing (possible cross-referencing to previous marking schedule). We have a new revised marking schedule for this years competition. Sorry marks deducted for this error.	17	20
2	Evidence of community engagement and involvement in the Competition (eg social media, website, newsletter, magazine, posters etc)	Not much information available specifically for Dagnall village but plenty on the Edlesborough Paris Council website.	18	20

3	Cemetery, graveyard, war memorial, (separate or attached to a place of worship)	Attractive Church building but site needs attention/smartening up. War memorial outside Baptist Church appears very neglected.	20	25
4	Green, playing field, children's play area, outdoor recreation facilities, designated conservation area (appropriately signed)	Lovely playing field very well maintained and with good range of play and gym equipment all in good order. Some picnic benches would benefit from some attention. Shelter has had recent repairs although showing its age. Some graffiti evident and minor litter behind. Wild flower bank looks interesting and a lovely feature.	32	35
5	Floral displays (hanging baskets, tubs, planters, flower beds etc)	Lovely floral displays/hanging baskets at Red Lion pub and good planters at entrance to village.	20	20
6	Community facilities (Village Hall, Community Centre, Church Hall, Shops, Pubs)	Village Hall clean and tidy with good planting. Area around Red Lion very tidy and welcoming.	29	30
7	General environmental features (hedges, verges, ditches, pond, stream pump etc)	Verges and other green spaces good but could do with better tending.	20	25
8	Bus stops, bus shelters. Public seating, dog bins, notice boards, information signs, absence of litter and dog fouling	Notice boards well presented. No evidence of dog fouling. Only litter - two items on playing field.	23	25
	Additional Notes	A little disappointing but with plenty of opportunity for improvement before next year.	179	200