

Best Kept Village Marking Sheet 2019

West Butterwick		Points	
		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	40	39
2	Community Facilities Community centres, village halls, schools, parks, playing fields, churchyards/cemeteries, chapel surrounds, war memorials and public noticeboards	40	38
3	Gardens & Community Areas Gardens, window boxes, hanging baskets, tubs and planters, community planting, public areas, and allotments	50	48
4	Other community features Shops, inns, farmsteads, workshops, business premises, advertisements and signposts	20	20
Total		150	145

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 village with good features and some attractive planting, both by individual residents and the community.

Many residents play their part in making this an attractive village, with colourful planting and floral displays at the front of their properties. Whilst not an exclusive list, there were good examples to be found at: numbers 14, 16, 41, 48, 54 and 56 North Street; numbers 4 and 8 Northfield Close, numbers 1, 12 and 14 South Street, numbers 2, 12, 45, 56, 58, 77, 86 and 99 West Street; number 3 School Lane, number 14 Christopher's Meadow, number 7 Ulyett Lane, numbers 24 and 49 Parklands, number 4 Park View Terrace and number 7 Paddock Lane. There was also some excellent planting at the bungalows on The Croft.

There are some good examples of community planting at the entrances to the village and very effective raised planting beds at the doctor's surgery. There were also some very colourful hanging baskets at the Three Horseshoes pub. Although there are limited opportunities, other sites might be considered for further planting.

There are good noticeboards at various locations around the village and the village signs are very attractive and well-maintained.

There was some litter on Ulyett Lane and around the Memorial Hall, however, the rest of the village was virtually litter-free.

Individual Category Entries:

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.

This village has also entered the following marked categories:

✓	Category	Max	Mark	Comments
✓	Playground Ulyett Lane	50	48	The playground is at the west end of a large, well-maintained playing field. There is also a good-sized MUGA on the north side of the field. There is a good range of fairly new equipment, including a zip-wire. The safety surface below the equipment is effective and tidy. Some repair work was being undertaken to the picnic table, with the site taped off.
✓	Churchyard North Street	50	48	The site is very tidy and well-maintained and the path through the churchyard is clean. The grass is well-cut and bushes have been cleared along the walls surrounding the site. The border along the east side of the church was rather weedy and there were some weeds in a number of graves. Outside the south door there are flower tubs and at the west end of the church there is a trellis with honeysuckle and roses. The newer part of the graveyard was very tidy. The entrance to the churchyard from West Street was lined with very colourful planted tubs.
✓	Community planting scheme	50	47	There is limited but attractive community planting in the village. There are good displays at the entrance to the village, in excellent wooden planters, by the village signs on North Street and West Street. On South Street there is a well-planted stone trough by the village sign. The raised beds at the doctor's surgery were an attractive feature, with clever planting.
✓	War Memorial North Street	50	48	The memorial takes the form of a three stepped base surmounted by a round plinth, a tapered column, a cornice and an urn. Pebbles, with poppies painted on them, had been placed by children on the base of the memorial. There was excellent planting around the memorial. There was some moss on the memorial and the base.