

Best Kept Village Marking Sheet 2023

GOXHILL

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	50	49
2	Community Facilities and features Community centres, village halls, schools, parks, playing fields, churchyards/cemeteries, chapel surrounds, war memorials, public noticeboards, shops, inns, farmsteads, workshops, business premises, advertisements and signposts	80	78
3	Gardens & Community Areas Gardens, window boxes, hanging baskets, tubs and planters, community planting, public areas, and allotments	70	66
Total		200	193

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

There are many attractive features in this tidy and well-cared for village, which enjoys good community planting.

At Thornton Road there was a well-stocked planter and on the same road, under the village sign, was a bath, filled with a range of flowers of varying heights. Further planters were found on Thornton Road, but they varied in impact. There were 2-barrel planters outside Field Farm Feeds and 2 good wooden planters at the junction of Thornton Road and Gatehouse Road. Another 2 colourful planters were on display at the junction of Thornton Road and Barrow Road, and there was a flowerbed at North End. On Howe Lane there was a wooden planter with a 'Tommy' next to it. A number of street signs had attractive planters beneath, with good examples found at Elm Lane and Mill Lane.

There were a number of attractive gardens in the village, with residents enhancing the environment with colourful floral displays at the front of their properties. Particularly good examples were found at 2 Huntsman Close, Kings Well Howe Lane, Ashlea Thornton Road, Horsegate Farm and Sunny Bank on North End and Bramble Cottage off Mill Lane. There were also some lovely gardens on Howe Lane and at St Michael's Court, especially numbers 11,20 and 28.

There were good noticeboards at a number of locations around the village and the hedges and verges were generally well-cut. Contributing to making this such a neat and tidy village was a commendable absence of litter.

Individual Category Entries

This village 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
✓	Churchyard Kings Street, DN197HZ	50	47	Well-trimmed yew trees line the path to the north door. The grass is reasonably well-cut and neat around headstones. Clearance was underway in the south east corner of the churchyard, which will enhance the generally tidy appearance of the whole site.
✓	Cemetery Horsegatefield Road, DN19 7NN	50	50	Superbly maintained, it is a real pleasure to visit this very well set out cemetery. The paths are very clean and tidy, the hedges well-trimmed and the grass well-cut, especially around the headstones. The extension to the rear has a lovely shrub and flower border along the west edge.
✓	Playground North End, (adj. Primary school), DN19 7JR	50	49	This well-maintained playground occupies a large grassed area, with a good range of equipment that is well spaced out. The area is fenced and includes a good number of benches and picnic tables. There was no litter on the site. The large playing field also contains a skate park and 2 MUGAs.
✓	War Memorial Horsegatefield Road, DN19 7NN (just past the cemetery)	50	48	Set in a very well-maintained and tidy area, the memorial is a propeller blade from a P38 lightning aircraft, mounted on a rough-hewn stone plinth, surrounded by a low curving stone wall. The site includes 2 benches and 4 flower planters and an informative Aviation Heritage Board.
✓	Community planting scheme	50	48	There is good community planting at various locations around the village. Most planters and flower beds were well stocked but some needed attention. What was impressive was the amount of planting, which must involve a great deal of planning and commitment.

	Score	Position	Specific category
Small Village Group (pop. below 500)			
East Lound	198	1 st =	
Low Burnham	198	1 st =	Best Community Planting
Elsham	196	3 rd	
Garthorpe and Fockerby	195	Highly commended	
Redbourne	195	Highly commended	
Amcotts	194		Best Kept Churchyard
Worlaby	193		
Althorpe	191		
Kirmington and Croxton	191		
Medium Village Group (pop. 500 to 2000)			
Barnetby-le-Wold	195	1 st	Best Community Planting
Wrawby	194	2 nd	
South Ferriby	193	3 rd	
Ulceby	192	Highly commended	
Owston Ferry	192	Highly commended	
West Butterwick	191		
New Holland	190		
Large Village Group (pop. 2000 to 4,000)			
Westwoodside	196	1 st	Best Community Planting
Haxey	195	2 nd	
Belton	194	3 rd =	
Scawby	194	3 rd =	
Barrow on Humber	193	Highly commended	
Goxhill	193	Highly commended	Best Kept Cemetery =
Hibaldstow	193	Highly commended	
Kirton in Lindsey	193	Highly commended	Best Kept War Memorial
Messingham	190		
Holton-le-Clay	182		

Small Town Group (pop. over 4,000)			
Crowle and Ealand	196	1 st	Best Community Planting
Broughton	195	2 nd	Best Kept Playground
Barton upon Humber	194	3 rd	
Epworth	193	Highly commended	Best Kept Cemetery =
Winterton	192		Most Improved Small Town

