



AIMS OF THE COMPETITION

ENTRY IS FREE FOR ALL SECTIONS
THIS MAY BE MADE BY ANY VILLAGE ORGANISATION / COMMUNITY GROUP
ON THE OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM

SECTION 1 - BEST KEPT

- To encourage community effort and endeavour in maintaining and improving the village environment
- To stimulate pride in appearance and upkeep of all public areas and buildings

CLASSES AND PRIZES

Large Villages:	Less than 3,000 population Prizes - Winner and Runner-Up
Small Villages:	Below 500 population Prizes - Winner and Runner-Up
Previous Winners' Category:	Winner and runner-up, plus Dorset Echo Award to the winner of both large and small class
Hamlets:	Winner and runner-up plus Dorset Magazine Plaque
First Time Entry: (Or not entered for past Ten Years)	Prize for new village with the Judges' highest percentage mark sponsored by Blackmore Vale Media

WHAT WILL BE JUDGED - Features 1 - 6 on Judging Sheet. Villages judged on a percentage mark based on the total features present in that village

ENTRY FORMS MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY A SKETCH MAP INDICATING POSITION OF ALL FEATURES TO BE JUDGED

SECTION 2 - PEOPLES' PROJECT AWARD:

Prizes to Winner and Runner-Up - What makes your community special? Sing the praises of an initiative which has improved your village and is worthy of recognition and communication, village website, lunch club, neighbourhood car scheme, village archive / history etc

SECTION 3 - ENVIRONMENTAL CHAMPIONS AWARD: (Sponsored by Dorset Waste Partnership)

Prizes to Winner and Runner-Up - Tell us about an environmental activity which deserves recognition – no matter how big or small – we are looking for innovative projects ie green initiatives, tree or wild flower meadows, pond upkeep, care of woodlands etc

SECTION 4 - BEST VILLAGE SHOP AWARD: (Sponsored by Dorset Campaign to Protect Rural England)

Prizes to Winner and Runner-Up - What makes your Village / Neighbouring Village Shop (community or privately run) special? Sing its praises, tell us how important it is to your village and therefore deserves recognition.

SECTION 5 - COMMUNITY HERITAGE AWARD: (Sponsored by Dorset Archaeological Committee)

Prizes to Winner and Runner-Up - An award celebrating conventional archaeological or historic building surveys, good restorations of historic buildings or structures, new building work that is sensitive to a Conservation Area, hedge laying, local craftsmen such as masons or thatchers, community planning exercises, or just recognition of a group or individual active in community heritage.

JUDGING - Judging with reference to Section 1 Best Kept – will take place from 20th May until 31st July

CLOSING DATE FOR ENTRIES:

SECTION 1 – Best Kept - **By 5.00 PM ON MONDAY 29TH APRIL 2019**
SECTIONS 2 – 5 - **By 5.00 PM ON MONDAY 24TH JUNE 2019**