WORLABY

Best Kept Village Marking Sheet 2020

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 Community centres, village halls, schools, parks, playing fields, churchyards/cemeteries, chapel surrounds, war memorials and public noticeboards	50	48
3	Gardens & Community Areas Gardens, window boxes, hanging baskets, tubs and planters, community planting, public areas, and allotments	70	67
4	Other community features Shops, inns, farmsteads, workshops, business premises, advertisements and signposts	30	30
	Total	200	194

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

Worlaby is a very attractive village, with good community involvement in making this a very pleasant place to live and visit.

This is exemplified by the excellent community planting, which is supported by many residents who spend time tending their gardens. There were many examples of effective planting and colourful floral displays across the village, including at 6, 53, Pleasant View, The Spinney and Hillfoot Farm on Top Road, 8 and 19 New Road, 29 Low Road and 12 Hurds Farm.

Good community planting is found at many places around the village, with very good examples found on Low Road, especially on the verge outside number 37 and on the bank below the school fence in the same location. There was further good planting at the village signs, at the junction of Top Road and Elsham Road and on Top Road at the bottom of the churchyard. There were also three lovely flowerbeds at the junction of Carr Lane and Low Road which further demonstrated the excellent choice of plants in the community planting.

The Woodlands Glade and Hollows remain an attractive feature of the village.

Noticeboards in the village are well-positioned and of a high quality.

Signposts are generally very good and clear but the one on The Hill would benefit from cleaning.

WORLABY 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
~	Playground - Pleasure ground, Top Road	50	48	The site was very tidy with leaves cleared. There is a good wooden fence surrounding the area and a picnic bench and a further bench. The play equipment was clean and well-maintained.
•	Playground - Playingfield, Grangefield	50	48	The playground is a very tidy area with a limited range of relatively new equipment. There are good safety surfaces below each piece of equipment. A good fence surrounds the site which is adjacent to a MUGA. There was a small amount of litter on the site.
*	Churchyard - Top Road	50	49	In a delightful setting, this very tidy churchyard had very well-cut grass, especially around the gravestones. The hedges around the site and the yew bushes were well-trimmed and there was some very good planting at the south entrance to the church.
•	Community planting scheme	50	49	Community planting is a strength and there were some lovely displays, particularly at various locations along Low Road. The most attractive planting is found on Low Road near the junction with Grangefield, where the lovely display has some very well-chosen plants.
•	War Memorial - Top Road	50	48	The memorial takes the form of a pillar topped by a draped urn on a three stepped plinth surrounded by a black fence. The area at the base was clear and tidy. There was no planting on the site.
~	Public Building - Village Hall, Grangefield	50	48	This is a large, well-appointed village hall with attractive shrubs at the entrance. Understandably there was no further planting in the pots in front. There is good space for parking on the site.
•	Innovative Planting - Low Road	50	47	There was some excellent community planting at various sites across the village but the best example was on Low Road near its junction with Grangefield. The large flowerbed with the village name and a variety of different and well-chosen plants was highly effective, especially the clever use of colour and height.