

Best Kept Village Marking Sheet 2019

		Points	
Hibaldstow		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	38
2	Community Facilities Community centres, village halls, schools, parks, playing fields, churchyards/cemeteries, chapel surrounds, war memorials and public noticeboards	40	39
3	Gardens & Community Areas Gardens, window boxes, hanging baskets, tubs and planters, community planting, public areas, and allotments	50	47
4	Other community features Shops, inns, farmsteads, workshops, business premises, advertisements and signposts	20	20
Total		150	144

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 village and some good community planting. The village signs are smart and the site of community planting that is also found at other locations around the village. The most effective planting can be found at the village hall and there were other colourful displays at the junction of Station Road and Church Street, on Hopfield and Hunt's Lane, and at the junction of Manton Lane and Station Road.

Commercial premises also contribute by providing some colourful hanging baskets, including at the Post Office, the Co-op, Zen Hair Design and Church Street Stores.

Residents play their part in making this an attractive village with colourful planting and floral displays at the front of their properties. Good examples of this could be found at 41 and Homestead on West Street, 4, 18 and 20 Hopfield, 11 and 13 Kent Drive, 24 and 33 Greenfield Drive, 10 Beck Side, 3, 12, 18, 27 and 31 Wood's Meadow and 109, 111, and 113 Station Road. There were also many very attractive gardens on Barley Close with particularly colourful displays at numbers 1, 12 and 14.

The churchyard is a very attractive site, surrounded by mature trees, and generally well-maintained. There is a large playing field which also contains a good-sized village hall and a playground and skateboard park.

Verges and hedges throughout the village were generally tidy and well-maintained. Apart from the playground area there was very little litter seen throughout the village.

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 Station Road	50	48	There is a reasonable range of equipment including an adventure trail and two skateboard ramps. The equipment is in good condition and there is a good provision of picnic benches. The grass was well cut but unfortunately there was a lot of litter across the site.
✓	Greenfield Drive	50	40	There is a small football pitch adjacent to a play area that has a very small range of equipment. There were benches and a litter bin. Unfortunately, the swings were missing from the frame.
✓	Churchyard East Street/Church Street	50	48	The churchyard occupies a lovely site with mature trees and a tidy hedge on the south side of the site. The grass was generally well cut although there was long grass around some graves, which would benefit from strimming. The path was tidy but there was some litter on the site.
✓	Community planting scheme	50	46	The green spaces in the village are well used for appropriate community planting. A good example is the attractive flower borders at the junction of Station Road and Pelham Road. There are also a number of planters at different locations including e.g. on Pelham View. Some of the best planting is to be found outside the village hall.
✓	War Memorial West Street	50	48	The memorial is on the exterior wall of the War Memorial Club. There is an attractive stone planter, with good planting, below the memorial, which was surrounded by wreaths. The memorial is neat and well-presented.