

Best Kept Village Marking Sheet 2023

HIBALDSTOW		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	48
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	67
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

Hibaldstow is an attractive village with many good features.

There is a limited range of good community planting, including some flowers under the village sign on Station Road. There was also a wooden planter with flowers, under the village sign on Redbourne Road. Further planting was found at Pelham View and there was a large planter outside the Village Hall, with shrubs and a limited range of flower. There were also two wooden planters at the junction of Brigg Road and Station Road and more planters at the junction of Station Road and Church Street. The Wheatsheaf on Station Road also had some colourful planters and hanging baskets. Some of the best planting was found at Hopfield where there was a very colourful flower bed.

Residents play their part to enhance the environment with some colourful planting displays at the front of their properties. There were some attractive gardens along Old School Drive, Station Road and Hopfield, especially numbers 16,18 and 20. There were further colourful displays at 12 and 20 East Street.

The cemetery is a very attractive area and is well maintained. The village also benefits from a very large playing field which includes a playground and skate park. The churchyard is well-maintained with very well-trimmed hedges to the south side and a very tidy path through the site.

There were good noticeboards at the Village Hall and outside the Church Hall.

There was a small amount of litter on Church Street but there was no other litter across the village.

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	50		
✓	Cemetery Church Street	50	48	The cemetery has a well-cut hedge on all 4 sides, with a well-maintained path through the site. The grass is mostly well-cut but there is some long grass around the older graves. There is a good provision of benches.
✓	Playground Brigg Road	50	47	The playground is set in a large field and consists of a small range of mostly older equipment. There is also a wooden trim trail and good skateboard ramps, on the south side of the field. There are good safety surfaces and a reasonable number of picnic benches. The grass was well cut and there was no litter on the site.
✓	War Memorial West Street	50	46	The memorial is a part of the wall, by the entrance, of the Hibaldstow Memorial Hall, consisting of two dedicatory stone tablets to WW1 and WW2. Surrounded by poppy wreaths, there was a large planter below the memorial with some pansies and a lot of ivy.
✓	Community planting scheme	50	46	There is a range of community planting across the village. The planting is of variable quality, with the best planting being found on Hopfield with a flower bed having good colour and height.