

BKV (Best Kept Village) Competition 2016

At the time of writing this article we still have the threat of more snow! However, in two months' time we are entering into the season of making our village look neat and tidy for the Best Kept Village Competition when judging takes place in May, June, July.

Unfortunately Hilderstone has one disadvantage compared to some villages as the Conservation Appraisal pointed out. We are a linear village i.e. strung out over a large distance not like some villages that have a specific centre or Village Green. The shape of the village does provide some disadvantages in that it is difficult to galvanize a team to improve the standing of the **whole** village.

This year I am suggesting that key areas of the village form their own Teams and work to improve their own area to the benefit of the whole village. These key areas are;

- Eastholme including the Bus Shelter
- Roebuck Corner including Dingle Lane and the Children's Play area
- Village Hall grounds and surrounding area.
- The area referred to as the Village Green, the Information Kiosk and the bus shelter
- Christchurch - church yard.
- The whole of The Meadows, including Severn Trent corner.

The areas we are judged on are from the three Village Gates as we approach the village.

In conjunction with this article please visit our Village website and read the judge's comments from last year.

Our sister village of Fulford came 1st last year so let's see if we can win it this year for Hilderstone! The competition is down to the whole village taking part – unfortunately the Parish Council cannot be seen to be organising it. The spirit of BKV is to have PRIDE in the place where we live.

Congratulation to the new owners of one of the Horseshoe Cottages who already have hanging baskets and pots of flowers on display which have made such a difference!

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