

FULFORD – BKV JUDGES' COMMENTS 2010

There was excellent BKV awareness through a variety of measures – (newsletters, newspaper articles, quizzes, village walks, Christmas Fair and cards) – Well done! There were some BKV posters, but there is probably scope for more at strategic places within the village and at the village “entrances”.

There was an excellent display of children’s posters on both sides of the notice board.

The notice boards were in excellent condition (but the May judges felt that elderly people and wheelchair users might find it difficult to get access to the board at the village hall).

There was an excellent range of local information on display (including up to date parish council information). However, there was so much on the parish council board that notices overlapped, were very difficult to read and not all were weatherproof.

Recycling awareness was good; and there were good notices for dog fouling awareness, and bins were provided.

Judges felt that there had been a “brave attempt” to maintain the large churchyard. The May judges felt that it needed tidying; but in June the judges praised the attempt being made to deal with the large areas of grass, and strimming was in progress at the time of their visit.

The surrounds to the village hall were very good and the car park neat and tidy (in June the judges described it as “immaculate”).

The large car park at The Shoulder of Mutton was clean and weed-free, but the judges felt that it might benefit from some colourful planting areas.

In May the telephone box was “super”, with a directory and bowl of flowers inside. Sadly, in June the judges said that it was “dusty and unused”.

The bus shelter was clean and well maintained, with an up-to-date timetable.

Seat and benches were well maintained with tidy surrounds; the one by the bus shelter drew special praise from the judges.

Village signs were good.

The very simple war memorial was clean and well-maintained. The judges in both rounds felt that it would be improved by some planting to add colour and interest.

Public open spaces were well maintained with neat grass and no litter.

Private gardens were somewhat variable; some were very good indeed, whilst others were “neglected”.

There was no litter or dog mess; and clear signs of developing community effort.

The children’s play equipment was imaginative and well maintained; but judges wondered if it could/should be more clearly signposted. The safety surfaces were excellent.

The map was quite good with a very good base. It could be improved by more variation in the colours used (so that features are easily differentiated) and a bit more precision between the features shown on the key and on the map itself to tie in with BKV features to be judged.

Fulford is a good village with signs of emerging community spirit and involvement. BKV awareness was very good, the surrounds of the village hall and the public house earned praise, there was no litter or dog mess, and the children's play area was excellent. The village has built on last year's efforts, responded to the judges' comments and done well to achieve another Highly Commended. Congratulations and good luck in the 2011 competition!

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