

BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMMUNITY – COMPETITION 2022

REPORT ON *F U L F O R D*

Overall this was a very encouraging result for Fulford, which has maintained a good overall BKVC result for many years, although not having the backing of the Parish Council. The village hall and children's play area were first class in both May and June, and the noticeboards were in good condition and included a wide range of material and information. There was a complete absence of litter and dog fouling on both visits, which demonstrates the efficient operation of the Village Group who oversees the BKVC entry, and the village as a whole. The laminated map was clear, and it was easy for the judges to locate all elements to be judged.

The following are aspects that would benefit from some attention:-

- 1 The surrounds of the "Shoulder of Mutton" need some attention, as when judged it fell somewhat below the standards of the rest of the village, although well-patronised.
- 2 The children's posters, although impressive, were for the Platinum Jubilee and not BKVC. It is hoped that the 2023 posters will include BKVC, whatever other activities are included.
- 3 It is hoped that the well-maintained, but redundant telephone kiosk, can be brought back into use in 2023.
- 4 It is hoped that the substantial pile of rubble and other detritus observed when judges walked to the church, can be removed, if it has not already been dealt with.

Community Spirit

The village entered the Community Spirit competition this year, and demonstrated the very wide range of activities that are available for residents of all ages. The very substantial supportive evidence submitted demonstrated that residents of the village have numerous opportunities to enjoy themselves, and benefit the community, in what is available. The £100 annual bursary for a pupil 8 – 18 was a unique initiative; it would be useful if details of some recent recipients were provided in the 2023 entry.