

BUCKINGHAMSHIRE BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMPETITION

2022



2022
celebrating 65 years of the
Best Kept Village
Competition in
Buckinghamshire

MARKING SCHEDULE

Cup: Village/town Stoke Mandeville - Pushman

	Possible Marks	Marks Awarded
Principal features		
1A. Cemetery, graveyard (separate or attached to a place of worship)	20	14
1B. Green, playing field, children's play area, nature conservation area	40	35
1C Floral Displays (hanging baskets, tubs, planters)	10	7
1D. Village hall, community centre, church hall	20	15
1E General environmental features (hedges, verges, ditches, pond, stream, pump)	20	9
Other features		
2A. Areas around shops and pubs	20	18
2B. Bus stops, bus shelters and notice boards	20	16
2C War memorial	20	15
2D Overall appearance, lack of litter and evidence of community effort	30	20
TOTAL	200	149

Judges' signatures:

Date:

Notes:

a) The whole village/town will be judged, not solely, on the specific features identified on the map.

- b) The community will be assessed as seen by the judges on the inspection day.
- c) Absent features will be awarded an average mark taking into account the other features in the category.
- d) Judges take into account that cutting of grass verges outside the settlement is usually the principal authority's responsibility.

STOKE MANDEVILLE – Judges Notes – Pushman Cup 2022

Stoke Mandeville is a satellite village of the much larger Aylesbury and crossed by 2 major roads but manages to maintain a village feeling against the odds. The cemetery has a well-maintained appearance while including provision for a nature conservation area. The playing field and children's play area were excellent and well looked after. The notice board at the playing fields was up to date and well maintained. The area around the First School was a disappointment. It was unmown and was hiding holes which could be a hazard for children playing after leaving school. The noticeboard on this site and map contained looked abandoned and did not enhance the area. There were some well-presented floral displays outside both pubs and both areas were clear of litter. Considering the amount of traffic through the centre of the village there was clear evidence of community effort to maintain tidy litter bins and bus shelters etc