

## Best Kept Village Marking Sheet 2019

		Points	
<b>Saxby all Saints</b>		Max	Mark
<b>1</b>	<b>General Tidiness &amp; Appearance</b> Litter, fly tipping, graffiti, including at bus stops & telephone boxes. General maintenance of hedges, trees, verges, fences, walls, paths and seats	<b>40</b>	39
<b>2</b>	<b>Community Facilities</b> Community centres, village halls, schools, parks, playing fields, churchyards/cemeteries, chapel surrounds, war memorials and public noticeboards	<b>40</b>	38
<b>3</b>	<b>Gardens &amp; Community Areas</b> Gardens, window boxes, hanging baskets, tubs and planters, community planting, public areas, and allotments	<b>50</b>	47
<b>4</b>	<b>Other community features</b> Shops, inns, farmsteads, workshops, business premises, advertisements and signposts	<b>20</b>	20
<b>Total</b>		<b>150</b>	144

### 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

This a very attractive village which is neat and tidy with no litter.

The hedges and grass verges were well-maintained and it was pleasing to see that the verges on approaching the village were left a reasonable length to encourage wild flowers and wildlife.

Community planting can be found at various locations around the village, including at the entrances to the village, on Church Lane and at Fairy's Field. The bus shelter also had a hanging basket.

Local residents clearly take pride in their environment and there were many attractive gardens and good floral displays with good examples found at numbers 7, 12 and 42 Main Street and numbers 6, 8, 16, and 18 North Carr Lane.

The Bluebell Wood is an attractive wildlife area. The village hall had tidy flower borders outside and an outdoor amphitheatre behind.

The noticeboard on Main Street was tidy and up-to-date. Signs were clean but the village sign at the north entrance to the village is partly obscured by bushes.

**Individual Category Entries:**

This village has also entered the individual category/ies ticked below. Mark in addition to the general marking. If there is no tick, then no separate marking is required.

This village has also entered the following marked categories:

✓	Category	Max	Mark	Comments
	<b>Playground</b>	50		
✓	<b>Churchyard</b> Church Lane	50	48	The churchyard is well-situated with trees surrounding the east, north and west of the site. The grass throughout the site is well-trimmed. Although a few graves have weeds and ivy, most were very tidy and neat. There were two planters at the gate to the churchyard and there was a small flower border near the south door and a large bush. The new graveyard is very neat and tidy.
✓	<b>Community planting scheme</b>	50	47	There is limited community planting, notably at the entrance to the village by the village signs. From the north there is a brick planter with begonias and roses and from the south the planting was less successful with roses that needed attention and some weeds. The telephone kiosk is very inventive and attractive with flowers in every window and a planter to one side.
✓	<b>War Memorial</b> Main Street	50	48	The war memorial is attached to the Queen Victoria monument, which has a low semicircular wall in front and a well-trimmed hedge behind. The site benefits from a circular stone planter with a rose in the centre surrounded by flowers. There is also a wooden bench on the site. The area is well-maintained and there was no litter.