

Points

		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>50</b>	<b>49</b>
<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>50</b>	<b>48</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>Gardens &amp; Community Areas</b> Gardens, window boxes, hanging baskets, tubs and planters, community planting, public areas, and allotments	<b>70</b>	<b>64</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>Other community features</b> Shops, inns, farmsteads, workshops, business premises, advertisements and signposts	<b>30</b>	<b>30</b>
<b>Total</b>		<b>200</b>	<b>191</b>

**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**

Saxby has many attractive features, nestling beneath a wooded hillside, with good views across the Ancholme, the village is part of a designated Conservation Area.

Local residents are to be commended for the care and attention they give their gardens and verges. Particularly good examples of properties with splendid planting and floral displays, include numbers 1, 7, 23, 39 and 59 on Main Street, number 10 and Fountain House on Saxby Hill, number 6 Hall Croft and numbers 4, 8, 16 and 18 North Carr Lane.

There is good community planting, exemplified by the excellent brick planters at the south and north entrances to the village on the B1204, both having an attractive rose bush and begonias. The village also has attractive wooden bus shelters and the shelter at Hallcroft has hanging baskets.

The verges throughout the village were very well-cut and hedges were also well-trimmed.

The Bluebell Wood remains a most attractive wildlife area, situated behind the village hall and the outdoor amphitheatre, which unfortunately has some weeds growing through the artificial turf. The adjacent church has improved access, with a new path and benefits from good planting at the church gates.

There was a commendable absence of litter either within, or on the approaches to, the village.

**Individual Category Entries:**

SAXBY ALL SAINTS has also entered the individual categories ticked below. Mark in addition to the general marking. If there is no tick, then no separate marking is required.

✓	Category	Max	Mark	Comments
	<b>Playground</b>	50		
✓	<b>Churchyard</b> - Church Lane	50	49	The churchyard is a very pleasant area and benefits from very well-cut grass. There is good planting at the gate to the churchyard and there are smart black railings to the side of the steps leading up to the church. There is a new gravel path around the west side of the church and also leading to the south door. There are some brambles growing across the path and steps that need clearing. There is also planting at the south door and a planted urn at the west end of the church, where the weeds are being cleared.
✓	<b>Community planting scheme</b>	50	47	Community planting is found at several locations around the village and there is a good choice of plants which provide additional colour. Good planting is found at the entrances to the village, the Victoria memorial and at the telephone kiosk, which is particularly attractive and imaginative.
✓	<b>Most innovative planting display</b> - Telephone Kiosk, Main Street	50	47	The planting display using the old red telephone kiosk is most imaginative and creative. The geraniums in the baskets look very attractive and this is a real feature of the village. The display is improved further with a planter to the side of the kiosk.
✓	<b>War Memorial</b> -Main Street	50	48	The war memorial forms part of a limestone column erected to commemorate the jubilee of Queen Victoria. The area is very tidy with a well-cut hedge at the rear, a colourful planter and more limited planting on top of the wall. Some of the stone slabs on the site were uneven.
✓	<b>Public Building</b> - Village Hall, Church Lane	50	47	The village hall is a good size and is well-maintained. It has several lovely flowerbeds outside, in raised borders, with a good variety of plants (but a few weeds). There were some weeds in the paving slabs outside the building and the holly to the right of the steps, leading to the door, needs trimming.