



Suffolk Village of the Year 2010
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Name of village _____	
Number on electoral roll _____	
Sponsor _____	
Contact Name _____	
Address _____	
_____	Post Code _____
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Notes

1. This form may be filled in by hand or electronically (please ring 01473 833713 or adminsalc@btconnect.com for an electronic copy).
2. Villages with between 501 and 3000 local government electors are eligible to enter Village of Year in 2010
3. A separate entry should be made for each village even if administered by the same parish council
4. **Any organisation within your community may enter a village for the awards**
5. Please use additional sheets if necessary.
6. Completed forms should be sent back (by post) to your District Organiser by Friday 14th May 2010

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The district competitions will be judged in June and the winners will go through to the semi-final in July. The final round will be judged early August

Marks will be awarded under the following categories:

Community Spirit	30
The Parish Council	20
Natural Environment	20
General appearance of the village	20
Special achievements that impress judges	<u>10</u>
	<u>100</u>

Please enclose with this form:-

- A copy of any information circulated to every home in the village (e.g. parish council newsletter, welcome pack or parish magazine)
- A diagram of the village showing any special initiatives (completed, current or proposed) plus a clear map of the village showing specific places of interest.
- Any information produced to welcome newcomers
- A sample copy of the parish council agenda and minutes

Judging for the awards

The judges will appreciate being met in the village hall or somewhere else where they can talk to village representatives about their village and community life. This is the opportunity to make sure that all the good things about living in the community are highlighted to the judges.

Don't forget, you won't get marks for even the most marvellous facility or event if the judges are not told about it!

COMMUNITY SPIRIT (30 marks)

How you tell us about you community is up to you but here are some suggestions to help you.

General

- How do you keep people informed about what is happening
- How are newcomers welcomed
- How do you try to ensure **everyone** can be involved in village activities
- Are there any IT facilities for general use?

Remember to tell us about your village hall, the relationship with businesses in the village and whether you get together with other villages.

Don't forget to tell us about special initiatives for children, youth and older people.

PARISH COUNCIL (20 marks)

- Does your parish council have a newsletter?
- Do your councillors and clerk receive training?
- How do you encourage people to become councillors?
- Has your council undertaken a Parish Plan or other appraisal?
- Does your parish council have Quality Parish Status or is it working towards this?

NATURAL ENVIRONMENT (20 marks)

Suffolk villages and their surroundings often contain areas that are important for wildlife, such as village greens, ponds, hedges, churchyards, woods or green lanes. These areas may also be valuable as educational, recreational or amenity resource for the local community. Please refer to Suffolk Wildlife guidelines for more help.

- i) Are there any areas within the parish boundary that are valuable for wildlife? Who looks after them and how are they managed?
- ii) During the past year have you undertaken any projects to enhance your local environment?
- iii) How do people become involved in conservation initiatives?
- iv) Are you planning any conservation projects for this year or the future?

GENERAL APPEARANCE OF THE VILLAGE (20 marks)

This does not mean you have to be a naturally pretty village; judges are looking at how you care for it.

- Who looks after your public buildings and spaces? (Church and churchyard, village green and other spaces, recreational areas etc.)
- Do you have work parties/special initiatives/tidy up days?
- Do you have any problem areas?
- How do you care for footpaths in the parish?

SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENTS (10 marks)

Tell us about any special initiatives/events being planned or held recently which are special to your village

PLEASE USE THE SPACE OVERLEAF TO ADD ANYTHING ELSE THAT YOU THINK WILL CONVINCE THE JUDGES YOUR VILLAGE SHOULD BE A WINNER

REMEMBER YOU MUST COMPLETE AND RETURN THIS FORM TO THE DISTRICT COUNCIL ORGANISOR BY Friday 14th May 2010- Mrs Karina Coghlin, Tourism and Arts Manager, Community Development Division at Babergh District Council.

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