

# Suffolk Village of the Year

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### Who can enter in 2010

The 2010 Village of Year Competition is open to villages with 501 to 3000 local government electors. Judges will be looking at community spirit, care taken of the village, (this does not mean it has to be a chocolate box image!), its attitude to caring for the natural environment, the parish council and any special activities that attract up to 10 discretionary points.

The winners of the District Round will be entered for the Semi-Final Round. Districts with 7 or more entries will qualify for 2 finalists and 9 or more for 3 places.

Three villages will go forward to the county final.

### The judging

Judges will be looking closely at plans for the future of the village as well as its recent achievements. They want to see that all residents are listened to and catered for, from the youngest to the oldest.

Splendid new halls and transport initiatives will be applauded but so will simple low cost ideas such as a rota for collecting prescriptions, the care of those who are housebound or people with cars offering rides to town for those with no transport. A variety of clubs for all ages and a high proportion of residents joining in is just as impressive.

A rich mix of community life exists in villages so enter your village and win one of the generous prizes. Judges will be most attracted to the villages which are obviously alive with good community spirit.

### Parish Council of the Year

A Gavel will be awarded to the winner of the parish council category. A policy of training councillors and clerk, involving parishioners in decision making through newsletters and public meetings, encouraging candidates to seek election and forward planning are all pointers to excellent local government.

### MARKING WILL BE BASED ON: -

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| Community Spirit                  | 30 points |
| General appearance of the village | 20 points |
| The parish council                | 20 points |
| The natural environment           | 20 points |
| Special activities that impress   | 10 points |

### How do we enter?

The District Councils are playing their part in the partnership by sending out entry forms and information to every eligible parish. When you have completed your entry form send it back to your District Council representative: -

**Mrs Karina Coghlin**

**Babergh District Council**

**IF YOU DON'T ENTER YOU WON'T WIN!**

**DEADLINE FOR ENTRY: 14<sup>th</sup> May 2010**

## Prizes

**ROUND ONE** BABERGH DISTRICT COUNCIL WILL GIVE TO THE WINNING VILLAGE A CHEQUE FOR £500 AND THE COSFORD TROPHY COMPRISING A BRASS PLAQUE AND CERTIFICATE. CHEQUES FOR £200 AND £100 TOGETHER WITH CERTIFICATES WILL BE GIVEN RESPECTIVELY TO THE 2ND AND 3<sup>RD</sup> PLACED VILLAGES.

### FINAL ROUND

#### 1ST PRIZE

PLAQUE AND CERTIFICATE, CHEQUE FOR £1,000 £50 NATIONAL GARDEN GIFT VOUCHERS, SPONSORED BY SALC

#### 2ND PRIZE

CHEQUE FOR £450 AND CERTIFICATE

#### 3RD PRIZE

CHEQUE FOR £250 AND CERTIFICATE

SUFFOLK ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS: GAVEL, MADE BY A SUFFOLK CRAFTSMAN IN LOCAL WOOD FOR PARISH COUNCIL OF THE YEAR. SUFFOLK COUNTY COUNCIL: PRIZE FOR BEST PUBLIC SPACE

SUFFOLK WILDLIFE TRUST: PRIZE AND CERTIFICATE FOR WILDLIFE CONSERVATION

## SPONSORSHIP

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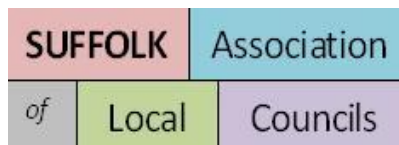
Adnams provide beer for the awards ceremony.

BBC Radio Suffolk  
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