



NORTHAMPTONSHIRE BEST VILLAGE ENTRY FORM 2014

1. VILLAGE LIFE		
1.	Please list the type and frequency of regular activities; including special interests or action groups, that go on in the village hall or any other village meeting place.	
2.	What events or activities do the Church / Religious Groups put on for the village? Please give details	
3.	Does your village put on any of these events or take part in any nearby villages? Fete <input type="checkbox"/> Carnival <input type="checkbox"/> Bonfire night <input type="checkbox"/> Street Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Beer festival <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/> Please give details: -	





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4.	Does your village put on any Arts or History/Heritage activities or do you take part in these activities in nearby villages? If yes, please give details.	
5.	What do you do to welcome ALL new residents into village life? E.g. a welcome pack/newsletter?	
6.	What do you do to welcome visitors to your village? In terms of information, facilities, events etc.	

2. COMMUNITY FACILITIES

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1.	Is there a Community Newsletter/Parish Magazine? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> If Yes, please give details on frequency and circulation	
2.	Are there Public or Parish Notice Boards? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> If Yes, please say where and how often they are updated	





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3.	Does your village have, or have access in any other villages to any sports and leisure facilities? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> If yes, please give details.	
4.	Does your village have access to any kind of community transport or voluntary car scheme? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> If yes, please give details	
5.	Are there any village charities that provide support to the local community? If so, please give brief details, including how they are publicized. Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> If yes, please give details	
6a.	Please tick whether your community has carried out in the last 5 years or is planning to carry out any of the following (Do not send in copies of these documents at this stage) Village Design Statement <input type="checkbox"/> Housing Needs Survey <input type="checkbox"/> Parish Plan <input type="checkbox"/>	
6b.	Has your village identified any infrastructure or housing needs for the community? If so have any of these been actioned?	





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7.	<p>Has your Parish Council used its powers to introduce crime prevention measures? E.g. Village Special Constable, CCTV, Neighbourhood Watch.</p> <p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> If yes, please list measures introduced</p>	
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3. BUSINESS

1.	<p>About how many businesses do you have in your village and surrounding area? <input style="width: 50px; height: 15px;" type="text"/></p> <p>List below the types of businesses</p> <p>E.g. Shops, Working Farms, Garages, Pubs, Hotels, Cafes, Window Cleaners, Sale of Plants, Hairdressers, Bed & Breakfast, Self employed working from home, Pick your Own, etc</p>	
2.	<p>How do local businesses support community life, beyond offering employment? E.g. sponsorship of local events or village activities.</p>	





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3.	Describe briefly, what employment opportunities are available for <u>local people</u> in the area? E.g. part-time work, job-sharing, apprenticeships or training.	
4.	Are villagers involved in running any of the village services? E.g. Shop, Café, etc. Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> If yes, please give details	

4. YOUNG PEOPLE		
1a.	Does the village have, or have access to, any Crèches, Playgroups or Toddler_ groups or clubs aimed at pre-school children? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> If yes, please give details	





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1b.	Are these groups helped or financed by community fund raising? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> If yes, please give details	
2a.	Does the village have any immediately after school clubs/groups for children and young people in the local area? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> If yes, please give details	
2b.	Are these clubs/groups helped or financed by community fund raising? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> If yes, please give details	
3.	Do you have any youth groups/clubs in the village, or access to them in nearby villages? E.g. Scouts, Guides, Church, Sports Clubs, etc. Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> If yes, please list.	





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5. OLDER PEOPLE	
1.	How are older people involved in village life? E.g. reading in schools, oral history projects, parish council. Please give details.
2.	Are there any village schemes to help older people? E.g. transport, housing etc. Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> If yes, please give details
3.	Are there any informal support services for older people in the village? E.g. Neighbourhood schemes. Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> If yes, please give details

6. ENVIRONMENT & SUSTAINABILITY (10 Marks)	
1.	What environmental / conservation activities goes on in your village? Include any measures to improve the appearance of your village. For example: - <input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife conservation area <input type="checkbox"/> Allotments <input type="checkbox"/> Pocket Parks <input type="checkbox"/> Tree or flower planting <input type="checkbox"/> Churchyard Conservation Please give details.





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2.	Have you produced any leaflets or maps, guides to support any of these activities? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> If yes, please give details.	
3.	Does the village have 'tidy up days' or regular litter pick? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Please give details of how this is organized.	
4.	Are there any community projects introduced by the village to reduce its 'carbon footprint'? E.g. recycling, energy efficiency or solar energy, or local food schemes.	

7. INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

1.	What are your main websites for publicising village information and activities? Please give the addresses. The IT judges will particularly look to see how easy the site is to find, ease of use, comprehensiveness and how up to date the site is kept.	
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2.	<p>How does the Parish Council or other community groups use social media (websites, email, blogs, facebook, twitter etc) for communicating information? Please give examples.</p>	

8. YOUR VILLAGE

FINALLY & IMPORTANTLY: Tell us what makes your village a special place for residents and visitors.





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