

SUFFOLK RURAL COMMUNITY COUNCIL

WALTER HORNE TROPHY COMPETITION 1955

The Walter Horne Trophy which is in the form of a wrought iron sign will again be awarded to the "Best Kept Village" in the County. The name of the Village will be inscribed on the Trophy, which will then be displayed in a suitable position, selected by the Parish Council or meeting, for one year.

CONDITIONS:

Entries close on 11th June, 1955  
The decision of the Judges will be final  
The Judges will inspect entrant Villages during the month of July 1955 without giving previous notice.

Marks will be awarded according to the following Schedule:-

Judging Points	Maximum Points	Marks
1. The appearance and condition of the Village Centre, the Village Green, Ponds, the Village Playing Field, the Churchyard and/or Cemetery, and the 'Bus Shelter; the surrounds to the Village Hall, the War Memorial, Inns and the Village School.	45	
2. Condition of hedges, fences and walls adjacent to and surrounding buildings and gardens; the cleanliness of verges and streams.	10	
3. Suitability and orderliness of Advertisements and Notices.	10	
4. Tidiness of flower and vegetable gardens, allotments and neat appearance of out-houses and sheds.	20	
5. Bonus marks for the general appearance of the Village (noting absence of litter and unsightly refuse dumps).	15	
TOTAL		

The fact that a village has only some of the itemised features mentioned above, does not mean that the judges will not be prejudiced in their markings.

The Schedule of Marks has been compiled so that it applies to every type of Village, be it of architectural fame, or the more recent housing scheme, or the combination of both. The architectural beauty of the buildings or any modern planning will NOT be taken into consideration.

Where there is more than one Village administered by a Parish Council, a separate entry form is required for each Village.

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Tel: Ipswich 51398

County Hall,  
Ipswich.

14th February, 1955

Dear Sir/Madam,

Suffolk's "BEST KEPT VILLAGE" Competition

I have pleasure in submitting an entry form and copy of conditions relating to the above for the attention of your Parish Council or Meeting.

The Committee charged with the organization of this Competition is confident that your Parish will again welcome the opportunity of taking part in what it is hoped will result in a tidier Suffolk countryside. Each entrant village will be inspected during the month of July and the winners of each section will go forward through semi-final and final rounds, the latter being adjudicated by an independent judge from outside the county.

The presentation of the trophy to the "Best Kept Village" will be arranged in consultation with the Parish Council or Meeting concerned, and undertaken by The Lord Lieutenant of Suffolk, Commander The Earl of Stradbroke, R.N. if possible at a suitable village function.

There is no entry fee the only cost being a supreme effort on the part of every member of your community to make your village the "tidiest in the County".

I should be grateful if this matter may be placed on the agenda for the annual parish meeting.

Yours faithfully,

B. J. REID

Secretary

P.S. Please complete and return the entry form as early as possible, but not later than 11th June, 1955.



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"BEST KEPT VILLAGE" ENTRY FORM

WALTER HORNE TROPHY COMPETITION, 1955

Name of Village ..... Parish .....

Name and address of correspondent .....

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Date ..... 1955

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To be completed and returned to the Secretary, Suffolk Rural Community

Council, County Hall, Ipswich not later than 11th June, 1955.