

Judges Comment Sheet 2019

Village – Tattenhall – Runner up

Section 1 – Appearance of shops, farm shops, inc shop window displays. Condition of paved areas and parking areas

This is a vibrant village centre and all shops and shop window displays were interesting and varied. Many contained the squirrel theme initiated by the Parish Council with the aim of raising money for the NW Air Ambulance. We saw no sign of litter, graffiti or dog fouling in the main paved village area.

Section 2 – Railway station, bus shelters, Telephone kiosks, public toilets, notice boards, public car parks, exterior of schools

Bus shelters were clean and well maintained. The Community notice boards could be tidier but the PC one was in good order with the BKV poster displayed. All car parks were well used and in good order. The exterior of the school was in good order as was the education centre.

Section 3 – Public Houses and surroundings, Commercial premises and Garden Centres, Village Halls, other meeting places and their surroundings

The exterior of the pubs varied from very good to acceptable. Commercial premises, particularly those round Barber Square, were neat, tidy and litter free. The Barber Institute was of an adequate standard. Other meeting places were very good.

Section 4 – Sports and social clubs, War Memorials, other historical artefacts, churchyards, chapels, cemeteries, parks and allotments, garden centres, children's play areas.

The Memorial Club was very neat and tidy with a few weeds. There were some lovely hanging baskets and Flora the squirrel looked lovely. The tennis courts and the cricket pitch were immaculate. The club car park did however require some attention to weeds around the periphery.

The War Memorial was very well kept with no weeds. The Millfield at the rear of the war memorial was untidy with lots of long grass and nettles and was generally uninviting. This area contained the sculpture of the horse which deserved better surroundings.

The surroundings of the Church were excellent as was the graveyard. The children's play area was of a high standard and well used. It was neat and tidy with no weeds or litter and we have nominated it for the Les George Award.

The Man with the Dog at the Flacca Fields was surrounded by dead weeds.

Section 5 – Tidiness of verges, hedges, traffic islands. Floral displays etc. Ponds, Streams and Canal

Mostly private hedges, traffic islands and verges were very good, however a visit to the Rookery Surgery area revealed lots of weeds in the roadside gutters and pavement edges. There were more weeds outside the boundary wall of Tattenhall Hall.

Floral displays were all of a very high standard and were a credit to the village. The Millennium Mile walk was a little disappointing as it could do with tidying (e.g. broken fence) and there was some dog fouling apparent. It is a shame not everyone takes advantage of the free dog poo bags hanging on the poo bins.

All litter bins were of excellent condition and emptied.

Section 6 – Litterbins and litter, graffiti, dog fouling, weeds.

Litter bins were all emptied and we did not see any litter or graffiti anywhere.