

Best Kept Village Marking Sheet 2023

BROUGHTON

Points

| | | Max | Mark |
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| 1 | General Tidiness & Appearance Litter, fly tipping, graffiti, including at bus stops & telephone boxes. General maintenance of hedges, trees, verges, fences, walls, paths and seats | 50 | 49 |
| 2 | Community Facilities and features Community centres, village halls, schools, parks, playing fields, churchyards/cemeteries, chapel surrounds, war memorials, public noticeboards, shops, inns, farmsteads, workshops, business premises, advertisements and signposts | 80 | 78 |
| 3 | Gardens & Community Areas Gardens, window boxes, hanging baskets, tubs and planters, community planting, public areas, and allotments | 70 | 68 |
| Total | | 200 | 195 |

Notes

(a) Absence of a feature listed in the marking sheet will not entail a loss of marks

(b) Natural and architectural beauty will not be taken into account

General comments

Broughton has excellent facilities and many good features, enhanced by first class community planting. There is an impressive lack of litter throughout the town.

Community planting is a strength, with some good examples at various locations across the town. There is good planting at the Village Hall with planters, hanging baskets and a most attractive well with a display of flowers. There are two excellent tiered planters at the bus stop on High Street and on Brigg Road there is a well-planted telephone kiosk and adjacent planter. Further along Brigg Road at the junction with Greyfriars Road there is an excellent array of planting with flower beds, planters and a decorated bike. More planting was found at Mill Lane, George Street, Milson Close, Green Lane, outside the Dog and Rat on High Street and at the entrances to the town on Ermine Street and Appleby Lane.

A number of residents play their part to create a pleasant environment, with colourful displays at the front of their properties. Good examples were found at 25 Estate Avenue and 9 Brooklands Avenue. The Red Lion also had an excellent display of colourful flowers in planters, wall and hanging baskets and good planting outside Amber House on Scawby Road. There were some hanging baskets outside the Working Men's Club on High Street and a lovely display at Wells Court.

The town enjoys an excellent playing field and Sports Centre as well as a first-class children's playground on Scawby Road.

Individual Category Entries

This village has also entered the individual categories ticked below. Mark in addition to the general marking. If there is no tick, then no separate marking is required.

| ✓ | Category | Max | Mark | Comments |
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| ✓ | Churchyard High Street and Church Lane (two areas) | 50 | 47 | Both areas of the churchyard had neat grass, especially around the headstones in the Church Lane area. There were two colourful planted pots by the south door of the church but some litter was found by the Lychgate. The path to the church was partly obstructed by overhanging trees. |
| ✓ | Cemetery Appleby Lane | 50 | 49 | A splendid site surrounded by mature trees and hedges, the cemetery is significantly enhanced by some excellent planters, at and just inside the entrance. There are good paths through the site and well-placed benches. |
| ✓ | Playground War Memorial Recreation Ground, Scawby Road | 50 | 50 | This compact playground has a very good range of well-maintained equipment and attractive flower beds. The benches and picnic tables are well-placed in the middle of the playground. There is a good skatepark adjacent to the playground. There is an excellent provision of litter bins and no litter on the site, which is surrounded by a well-painted fence. |
| ✓ | War Memorial Junction of High Street and Scawby Road | 50 | 47 | This well-sited memorial, has a centrepiece of a figure of a seated serviceman. The rough stone wall at the back of the site has a variety of plants and flowers on top. The memorial would benefit from some cleaning, as would the two planted pots on either side. |
| ✓ | Community planting scheme | 50 | 49 | A great deal of thought has been given to the highly effective community planting. Set in excellent wooden planters, there is a good range of colourful plants providing height and impact. An impressive effort! |