

How does the village enter?

There are several ways.

1 Entry forms are sent out in January each year to known contacts (Parish Clerks or a village Representative).

2 The entry forms are also available to download from our web site
www.lancashirebestkeptvillage.org.uk

3 You can contact us

If you would like any further information, please look at our website or contact our secretary who will be pleased to help with any enquiries.

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Why your village should enter:

- It brings people together with a common aim – to improve their village
- It promotes pride in the village
- It only costs £20 for small villages & hamlets and £30 for medium & large villages – a small price to pay for the benefits it will bring.

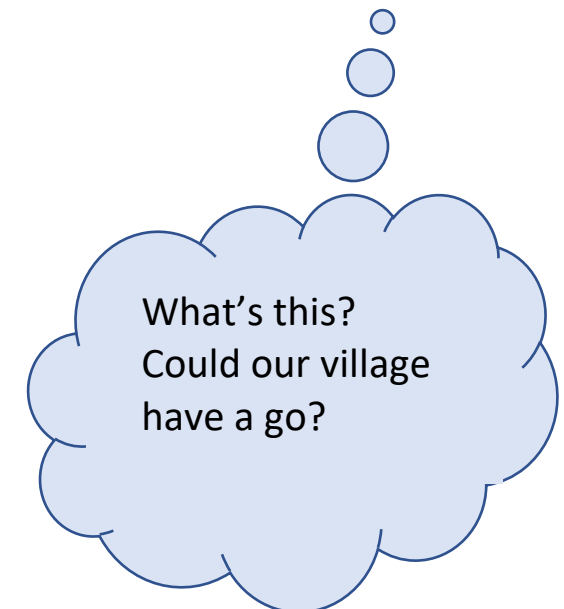
What would the village gain from entering?

It's not just about winning. Every village that enters and makes an effort will improve the village and make life better for those that live there.

There are no big prizes but there is the prestige of having won the competition and it makes sense to think that it may affect property values to live in a tidy well-kept village with a good sense of community.



THE LANCASHIRE BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMPETITION



The Competition, which has been in existence for over 60 years, has always aimed at encouraging community effort and involvement to bring about a high standard of care and maintenance in Lancashire villages and hamlets.

So, it's about: -

Recognising - Villages that have put effort into making their village look its best and

Encouraging People to Take Pride in where they live

But you need community involvement to make it happen. That's what makes the difference for those that win the competition.



How does the competition work?

There are five categories of village – hamlet, small, medium, large and champion.

Two sets of judges (ordinary members of the public) visit each of the villages twice during June and July and award marks for various items.


The villages with the highest marks will receive a further visit from committee members in the second round of judging.

The two villages in each category with the highest marks will go forward to the final judging stage in August.

Certificates are also awarded for outstanding features such as churches, village schools, war memorials, public gardens etc.

What are the judges looking for?

- An absence of weeds and litter, cleanliness of bus shelters and telephone kiosks
- Well cared for private properties, community buildings, places of worship, commercial premises etc.)
- Well maintained open spaces, playing fields and children's play areas.
- A feeling of community & care



All our judges are volunteers who give their time freely. We do it because we want to make Lancashire a better place to live, work and visit.