

# LANCASHIRE BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMPETITION

## 2021 Press Briefing



The Lancashire Best Kept Village Competition held its 62nd Annual Awards Ceremony at the Eaves Hall, West Bradford on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> October.

After missing the competition last year due to the Covid Pandemic, the competition bounced back, and the organising committee, welcomed the 120 guests, which included 9 mayors representing many towns and villages from all over Lancashire.

The Vice Chair Kelly Wood thanked the judges and villages for all the hard work through a difficult year, and hoped that moving forward we could build up the number of entrants to the competition. The finals Judge was The Hon Ralph Christopher Assheton, who in 2020 was High Sherriff of Lancashire, and he joined us on Monday to present the awards. All the results are a closely guarded secret until revealed during the award ceremony.

This year the winner of the Champion Village Class was **Blacko**. They received a commemorative plaque, along with a trophy, a framed certificate and an oil painting of the Recreation Ground in Blacko commissioned by Lancashire Life Magazine. The artist chosen by Lancashire Life was the winner of their Artist of the Year Competition, Ken Roberts who lives in Lytham.

The other major Whole Village awards went to **Halsall** in the Large Village Class, **Barton** in the Medium Village Class, **Whitechaple** in the Small Village Class and **Barley** in the Hamlets Class.

There were also 15 Outstanding Features Awards for features nominated by the villages themselves which they think are the Best in Lancashire. The highest number of entrants were for the best kept War Memorial Award, which goes to show that Lancashire still remembers and honours the men and women who never returned to their villages the winner was **Blacko** War Memorial.

The second highest for the number of entries was for the Public House award, the winner was the Moor Hall at **Town Green**.

The third highest number of entries was for Schools, and the winner was Ashbridge School in **Hutton** and the Award was collected by one of their Students.

A full list of all the winners can be found on the competition's website, which also includes more details and information about the competition.

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