

In 2008 the Warwickshire Rural Community Council introduced a brand new competition, intended to provide a forum in which rural communities can celebrate their achievements. 2009 is the second year that the competition has been run.

There were seven categories to choose from and villages and organisations were encouraged to enter as many of these as they wished:

- Community Projects
- Community Buildings
- Communications
- Environment
- Best Kept Environment
- Business in the Community
- History & Heritage

In the interests of fairness, within each category villages were judged against other villages of a similar size.

The judges looked for well-balanced, pro-active, caring communities, which had made the best of local opportunities to maintain and enhance the quality of life for all inhabitants, irrespective of the size of the village. The judges commented that the entries were of a consistently high standard, which made it difficult to choose winners.

The Warwickshire Rural Community Council wishes to thank:

- Calor for its sponsorship and support ;
- the ten volunteer judges, who know who they are; and
- all entrants for taking part in the competition.

Chairman of the WRCC: Brian Douthwaite
Vice Chairman: Alison Chappell
Chief Officer: Kay Wilson
Competitions Organiser: Ariadne Uslu

Stop Press – New sponsor for our Competition

WRCC is pleased to announce that Galliford Try Specialist Services has generously agreed to sponsor Warwickshire's Best Village Competition. We all hope this is the beginning a long and mutually rewarding partnership.



LIST OF PRIZES AWARDED

**Tuesday 14th July 2009
at Shire Hall, Warwick**



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CERTIFICATES

SILVER (in alphabetical order)

Avon Dassett
Bidford-on-Avon
Clifford Chambers
Cubbington
Fillongley
Grendon
Hampton Lucy
Kineton
Moreton Morrell
Newbold Pacey & Ashorne
Ryton-on-Dunsmore
Tysoe
Ufton

GOLD (in alphabetical order)

Cherington & Stourton
Ettington
Harbury
Henley-in-Arden
Shilton
Shrewley
Ullenhall

PRIZES

Best Kept Environment

1st Harborough Magna
2nd Barton-on-the-Heath
3rd Wolvey

Community Projects

1st Ilmington
2nd Warton
3rd Long Compton

Community Buildings

1st Bubbenhall
2nd Lapworth
3rd Quinton

Communications

1st Austrey
2nd Ladbroke AND
Willoughby
3rd Bubbenhall

Environmental Projects

1st Wolvey
2nd Willoughby
3rd Offchurch

History & Heritage

1st Welford-on-Avon
2nd Wolverton
3rd Henley-in-Arden

Business in the Community

1st Austrey
2nd Lapworth
3rd Easenhall

OVERALL WINNERS

1st AUSTREY
2nd BUBBENHALL
3rd QUINTON