

Wolvey - Winners again!!

Wolvey has entered three competitions in 2009 and once again has been successful in all three!

Warwickshire Village of the Year Competition

In 2008, the Warwickshire Rural Community Council introduced a brand new competition to enable individual groups within rural communities to each make their own separate entry to celebrate their achievements. It is no longer intended simply for parish councils to enter. 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 villages of a similar size.

The judges looked for well-balanced, pro-active, caring communities, which enhance the quality of life for all inhabitants. Judges commented that entries were of a consistently high standard, which made it very difficult to choose winners. Many village entries offer similar facilities and services and in order to be able to distinguish between these, judges are looking for outstanding, interesting and innovative projects. The best entries are inevitably made by individual groups, as they know their own project best.

Wolvey was awarded first prize in the entry in the Environmental Projects section and received £150 prize money. The judges praised the boardwalk project and all the efforts of the volunteers of the environment group.

Wolvey was also placed third in the Best Kept Village category.

Calor Village of the Year Competition

The Calor Village of the Year Competition was started in 1997. There are three rounds of the competition- at county, regional and national level. The WRCC has been organising the county level of the competition since its inception.

All villages with a population of 5,000 or less can enter. In Warwickshire the competition is judged exclusively on written entry forms. Villages must

demonstrate achievements in each of four categories- Community, Sustainability, Communication and Business. Judges look for well-balanced, pro-active, caring village communities which have made the best of local opportunities to maintain and enhance the quality of life for all inhabitants, irrespective of the size of the village.

For the 2009 competition in Warwickshire, Wolvey was awarded first prize for Business in the community and received prize money of £100.

Judges comments were: "The judges were impressed with this entry, but felt the sustainability of the community itself needed to be considered as well as the natural environment"

Rugby in Bloom Competition

Entries for this competition can be made by groups, businesses or individuals in a number of different categories. This year Wolvey entered two categories and was successful in each.

In the Communities section the parish council were awarded a SILVER for the Square.

In the Environment category, the environment group were awarded a GOLD for the Wetland reserve