

CPRE Hertfordshire Village of the Year Competition 2012

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ENTRY FORM

Name of your village			
Website (if applicable)			
Organiser name			
Address			Postcode
Telephone no		Email	
Parish Council Clerk/Chair Signature		Date	
Parish Council/ Parish Meeting email		Population of village	

NB It is not necessary for the competition organiser to be the Parish Council (members of village organisations should be encouraged to lead/contribute), but authorisation should be obtained from the Parish Council to avoid any risk of duplication.

Please return your completed form, no later than 3 May 2012 to:

Jo Simson, CPRE Hertfordshire, 31a Church Street, Welwyn, Herts AL6 9LW

Or email: jo@cpreherts.org.uk; For help/further information call Jo on 01438 717587

INFORMATION FOR ENTRANTS

The entry form is in two parts

- **Part A: Categories: Environment and Community tick lists and brief questions**
- **Part B: 'What Makes My Village Special'.**
A statement in your own words (max. 500) about your village.

All entering villages will also be visited once during the period 28 May - 1 June 2012.

Please Include an A4 map, marking any of the numbered features listed in question 2 of the Environment Category which you have in your village.

The judges are looking for a pro-active caring, community. **SIZE IS IMMATERIAL (providing the total population does not exceed 6,000)** : what counts most is quality of life.

PRIZES

- **East Herts North Herts and West Herts Winners - £250** plus commemorative plaque and village trophy (*One of these will be selected as Hertfordshire Village of the Year 2012*)
- **Overall Hertfordshire Village of the Year 2012: £250** plus commemorative plaque
- **Small Village of the Year** (*awarded to an outstanding village with a population of no more than 1,000*) **£200** plus commemorative plaque and Hertfordshire Mercury Rosebowl
- **Environment winner: £150** plus commemorative plaque and Nazeing Glass Rosebowl
- **Community winner: £150** plus commemorative plaque
- **Peterkin Award for an individual making an outstanding contribution to village life: £50** plus Rosebowl (*see attached nomination form*)
- **Dorothy Abel Smith Award for a young person making an outstanding contribution to village life: £50** plus Pewter Dish (*see attached nomination form*)
- **Judges' Commendations:** framed certificates awarded at the judges' discretion

(Village of the Year East, North and West Trophies, Rosebowls, Peterkin and Dorothy Abel Smith Awards are held for one year)

TIMETABLE

- **3 May:** deadline for entries
- **28 May - 1 June:** all entering villages visited once (*details of visit sent out week commencing 9 May*). **Maximum visit duration 1½ hours**
- **June 28:** Awards Evening at County Hall, Hertford
- **July 21:** Presentation Ceremonies in Villages of the Year East, North and West

THANK YOU FOR ENTERING. GOOD LUCK!
(Acceptance of entries is at the judges' discretion)

PART ONE: Environment and Community Categories
ENVIRONMENT

1. Please tick the organisations/ activities from the following list which you have in your village. Where relevant, list organisations on a separate sheet of paper.

Environment / conservation groups	
Horticultural/ gardening/ allotment societies	
Membership of the Parish Paths Partnership	
Any steps taken to encourage re-cycling	
Environmental projects undertaken or planned	
Carbon footprint reduction/green initiatives	
Environmental action days/work parties	
Footpath group or other form of organized/guided walks	
Involvement of children in any of the above	
Maps/leaflets/guides to support any of the above	

2. Please tick the items from the following list which you have in your village. Mark them, using the relevant item numbers, on a map of the village.

1	Village green / common		10	Notice boards	
2	Conservation area /nature reserve		11	Village Sign	
3	Playing/sports field		12	Seats / benches	
4	Church / chapel / cemetery / war memorial?		13	Business premises (office, workshop, garage etc.)	
5	Children's playground		14	Re-cycling points	
6	Village Hall		15	Allotments	
7	School		16	Footpaths	
8	Village store / farm shop		17	Streams /ponds	
9	Public house		18	Other (<i>please list</i>)	

3. If you have any visual “problem areas”, please describe them and steps taken to improve them.

4. If there are any local business activities which cause environmental or other difficulties, how are these dealt with?

COMMUNITY

1. Please tick the services/activities from the following list which your village has. You may give the judges more information about them when they visit.

Crèche / Toddler group / Play group	
Nursery School/Primary school	
Pre/After school club	
Youth club/Teenager group	
Brownies / Cubs / Guides / Scouts	
Any scheme whereby young people are involved in village decisions	
Any of the above (1 to 6) which are run by parents or volunteers	
Sports clubs/teams	
Village events : fêtes / carnivals / fairs / bonfire parties	
Arts, history or heritage groups	
Affordable housing (to help people stay in the community)	
Neighbourhood Watch or other community safety scheme	
Health center/surgery/other medical facilities	
Shoppers' bus / car pool / other transport scheme	
Support for the elderly: meals on wheels / practical help	
Lunch club / drop in centre	
Sheltered housing scheme	
Hobby clubs : e.g. film / craft / amateur dramatics / music society / choir	
Library - static or mobile	
Share activities with neighbouring villages	
Arrangements to welcome new-comers to the village	
Any others? <i>Please list</i>	

2. Are there any of the following commercial activities in the village (*include home-working where known*). Tick as appropriate

Agriculture / Horticulture	
Industrial : manufacture/assembly/storage	
Information technology (system design or support)	
Petrol station / garage	
Post office	
Shops	
Pubs / restaurants	
Trades / crafts	
Any other businesses or professions	

3. Please indicate how local businesses integrate with the community. Tick as appropriate:

They have local employees and/or volunteers	
Villagers use their goods and services	
They support each other	
They support village organisations and activities	
They are environmentally friendly	

4. How do the Village / Parish Council encourage and promote local business?

5. If you have a village web site, how frequently is it updated?

6. Please tick any of the items in the following list which your village has

Village Newsletter		Parish Council Newsletter	
Welcome pack		Parish Council Web Site	
Village Directory		Village e-mail groups	
Parish Plan		Village IT / Internet training	
Village Map		Public Internet terminal	
Village Design Statement		Access to photocopying	

PART TWO:

'What Makes My Village Special'
(500 words max)

THE PETERKIN AWARD NOMINATION:

The Peterkin Award is a Rosebowl donated by a former Village of the Year Judge, Margaret Peterkin, and held for a year. The award is given, at the Judges' discretion, to an individual making an outstanding contribution to village life. If you wish to make a nomination this year, please complete the section below.

NB: It would also be most helpful if your nominee is able to be present when the Judges make their visit to the village.

Nominee:

Nominee tel: Email:

Nominee address:

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Nominated by:

Nominator's tel: Email:

Reason(s) for nomination:

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THE DOROTHY ABEL SMITH AWARD NOMINATION:

The Dorothy Abel Smith Award is a Pewter dish donated by one of our Village of the Year Judges, Dorothy Abel Smith, MBE, and held for a year. The award is given, at the Judges' discretion, to a young person aged up to 18 who is making an outstanding contribution to village life. If you wish to make a nomination this year, please complete the section below.

NB: It would also be most helpful if your nominee is able to be present when the Judges make their visit to the village.

Nominee:

Nominee tel: Email:

Nominee address:

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Nominated by:

Nominator's tel: Email:

Reason(s) for nomination:

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