



Campaign to Protect
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NORTH HERTFORDSHIRE
DISTRICT COUNCIL



Hertfordshire Village of the Year Competition 2010

Organised by CPRE Hertfordshire

Sponsored by Hertfordshire Community Foundation,
in association with Hertfordshire County Council,
North Hertfordshire District Council and the Hertfordshire Mercury.

ENTRY FORM

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| Name of village | | | |
| 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 29 April 2010 to:

Jo Simson, CPRE – The Hertfordshire Society
31a Church Street, Welwyn, Herts AL6 9LW
Or email: jo@cpreherts.org.uk

INFORMATION FOR ENTRANTS

We are always trying to improve the Competition. **This year there are important changes to the conditions/guidelines, so please take a little time to read this page.**

There are four categories in the competition:

- **Environment**
- **Business**
- **People**
- **Communications**

The competition is in two parts.

- **Part A: Categories.** We hope villages will enter all categories, but this is not essential. You may enter as many or as few as you wish, using the forms provided. However, only villages which enter all categories are eligible for the Village of the Year East, North and West awards. **It is not necessary for the same person to complete all categories.**
- **Part B: 'What Makes My Village Special'.** All entering villages must include this. It consists of a statement in your own words (max. 500) about your village.

When looking for the Village of the Year the judges seek a well-balanced, pro-active caring, community. **SIZE IS IMMATERIAL providing the total population does not exceed 6,000 (nb: note changed upper limit): what counts most is the quality of life.** All entering villages will be visited once during the period 7-18 June, 2009. Information on the visit, including timings, will be sent to all entrants.

Please Include an A4 map with your entry, **indicating the village boundary**

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 2010)**
- Overall winner: commemorative framed certificate
- Environment winner: **£100 plus commemorative plaque and Nazeing Glass Rosebowl**
- People, Business and Communications Category winners: **£100 plus commemorative plaque**
- Small Village of the Year Winner (*awarded to an outstanding village with a population of up to 1,000 (nb: note changed population limit)*) **£100 plus commemorative plaque and Hertfordshire Mercury Rosebowl**
- Peterkin Award for an individual making an outstanding contribution to village life: **Rosebowl** (*see attached nomination form*)
- Dorothy Abel Smith Award for a young person making an outstanding contribution to village life: **Pewter Dish** (*see attached nomination form*)

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

TIMETABLE

- **April 29:** deadline for entries
- **June 7-18:** all entering villages visited once (*details of visit sent out week commencing 11 May*). **The length of time for the judges' visit will depend on the number of categories entered: maximum 1½ hours**
- **July 1:** Awards Evening at County Hall, Hertford
- **July 24:** Presentation Ceremonies in Villages of the Year East, North and West

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

PART ONE: CATEGORIES

Category 1. ENVIRONMENT

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| 1. Do you have an environment conservation group? (if yes, please name) | YES | NO |
| 2. Do you have any horticultural/Gardening/Allotment societies? If yes, please list | YES | NO |
| 3. Does your village school or any other organisations have active involvement in conservation activities? If yes, please list: | YES | NO |
| 4. Have you joined the County's Parish Paths partnership scheme? | YES | NO |
| 5. Are steps taken to encourage villagers to recycle? | YES | NO |
| 6. Are there any environmental projects planned or undertaken in the village? If yes, please list: | YES | NO |
| 7. Do you have any leaflets/maps/guides to support any of your initiatives? If yes, please list: | YES | NO |
| 8. Do you have Environmental Action Days? If yes, how are these organised? | YES | NO |
| 9. Do you have visual 'problem areas' within the village If yes, mention briefly any steps are taken to tackle them? | YES | NO |
| 10. Is the village involved in any carbon footprint reduction/green initiatives? If 'yes', please give brief details | YES | NO |

Category 2: Business

1. Do you have any of the following in your village (don't forget to include mobile services/people working from home; please indicate how many as appropriate)

- Agri/Horticulture
- Commercial/Industrial
- Information Communication Technology
- Petrol station/Garage
- Post Office
- Pubs/Restaurants
- Shops
- Trades/Crafts people
- Other, please list**

| YES | Number | NO |
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2. How do local businesses support/how are they supported by the village (tick as appropriate)?

- They have local employees
- They have equipment for hire/use in the community
- They are environmentally friendly
- They have volunteer help or are community run
- They help to support each other
- They offer a local delivery service
- They support local organisations
- Other, please list**

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The Village/ Parish Council attracts/encourages new businesses
(give brief details below)

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3. Do any of the businesses cause environmental or other difficulties? YES NO
If yes, please state briefly how these are dealt with:

Category 4. Communications

1. **Is there a village newsletter?** YES NO
Do all residents receive it? YES NO
Is it free? YES NO

2. **How are new people welcomed into the village? (Please tick as appropriate)**

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| Welcome pack | | |
| Free copy of village/Parish Council newsletter | | |
| Visit | | |
| Newcomers event, e.g. coffee morning | | |
| Other, please list | | |

3. **How does the Parish Council communicate with residents (please tick as appropriate)**

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| Forums | |
| Noticeboard (s) | |
| Parish Council Newsletter delivered to every household | |
| Village Newsletter | |
| Village website | |
| Parish Council website | |
| Email groups | |
| Other, please list | |

4. **Is there a village directory? If 'yes', is it (please tick as appropriate):** YES NO

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| Regularly updated | |
| Delivered to all households | |
| Accessible in a central outlet | |

5. **Do you have a village website?** YES NO
If yes, please give website address (judges will be visiting it)

6. **Does your village have a public Internet terminal?** YES NO
If yes, Location:.....

7. **Do you have any ICT/Internet training within the community?** YES NO
If yes, please give brief details

8. **Do any of the local businesses offer a photocopying service?** YES NO

PART TWO:

'What Makes My Village Special'
(please, no more than 500 words)

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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