

## Points

		Max	Mark	Judges' Comments
1	<b>General Tidiness &amp; Appearance</b> Litter, fly tipping, graffiti, including at bus stops & telephone boxes. General maintenance of hedges, trees, verges, fences, walls, paths and seats	40	39	Apart from a little litter in the car park opposite the Red Lion the village was free of litter. The general maintenance of hedges and verges is of a high standard and adds to the impression of a village that is very well cared for. The bus stops and rustic shelters are a very attractive feature of the village. Paths and a number of benches around the village are well maintained and there is a lovely seated area at The Falconers.
2	<b>Community Facilities</b> Community centres, village halls, schools, parks, playing fields, churchyards/cemeteries, chapel surrounds, war memorials and public noticeboards	40	38	This is a small village with limited facilities. Although there was a small amount of litter, the playground is a tidy and pleasant area of the village with a reasonable range of equipment. The churchyard is a peaceful and attractive area with some additional planting by the north gate. There is an interesting Aviation Heritage information board at one end of the car park. The noticeboard is tidy and up-to-date.
3	<b>Gardens &amp; Community Areas</b> Gardens, window boxes, hanging baskets, tubs and planters, community planting, public areas, and allotments	50	50	Residents are to be commended for maintaining the exceptionally high standards of planting and floral displays. It is a real pleasure to view the many splendid gardens and planting throughout the village. The quality and variety of the planting remains exceptional and the amount of attention must be very time-consuming but well worth the effort as it is a delight to visit this highly attractive village. Whilst it might be invidious to identify individual properties, special mention must be made of the lovely gardens and floral displays in Carr Lane, St Andrew's Close, Empringham Cottage and no 2 Park Cottage.
4	<b>Other community features</b> Shops, inns, farmsteads, workshops, business premises, advertisements and signposts	20	20	Lovely planting by the village signs welcome visitors to Redbourne. Every opportunity is made to enhance the street name signs with individual and varied planting. The Red Lion Inn is also to be commended for an excellent display of hanging baskets. The community noticeboard was neat and contained up-to-date information.
<b>Total</b>		<b>150</b>	<b>147</b>	

## Notes

- (a) Absence of a feature listed in the marking sheet will not entail a loss of marks  
(b) Natural and architectural beauty will not be taken into account

**General comments**

The community planting is a real strength of the village. The thoughtfulness of the planting and the range of plants used is quite exceptional and it is a real delight to walk around the village. Residents are also to be commended for the many splendid gardens that are also a feature of the village.

**REDBOURNE****Individual Category Entries:**

This village has also entered the individual category/ies ticked below. Mark in addition to the general marking. If there is no tick, then no separate marking is required.

✓	Category	Max	Mark	Comments
✓	<b>Playground</b> Off Vicarage Lane	50	45	Despite a small amount of litter this is a generally tidy area in a pleasant wooded setting. The playground has some basic equipment which is limited in range but does have good seating and a picnic bench. The grass was roughly cut in some areas and could benefit from some work. The rubber matting beneath the equipment did have some weeds growing through.
✓	<b>Churchyard</b> School Lane/ Vicarage Lane	50	47	The churchyard has a very tranquil and attractive setting and benefits from some sympathetic planting of ferns and tree stumps by the gate on School Lane. The grass was well cut and the graves were well-maintained. The churchyard has a number of mature trees which contributes to the peaceful atmosphere.
✓	<b>Community planting scheme</b>	50	50	This is a major strength of the village and it creates an environment that residents can feel really proud of. The exceptional planting is the result of a great of hard work and thoughtful planning. The village green is a most attractive area with mature trees, well cut grass and a considerable amount of planting in numerous beds at strategic spots. Mention must also be given to the street signs which are enhanced wherever possible by individual planting.
	<b>War Memorial</b>	50		