

Best Kept Village Marking Sheet 2019

Kirmington and Croxton		Points	
		Max	Mark
1	General Tidiness & Appearance Litter, fly tipping, graffiti, including at bus stops & telephone boxes. General maintenance of hedges, trees, verges, fences, walls, paths and seats	40	38
2	Community Facilities Community centres, village halls, schools, parks, playing fields, churchyards/cemeteries, chapel surrounds, war memorials and public noticeboards	40	38
3	Gardens & Community Areas Gardens, window boxes, hanging baskets, tubs and planters, community planting, public areas, and allotments	50	46
4	Other community features Shops, inns, farmsteads, workshops, business premises, advertisements and signposts	20	19
Total		150	141

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:

There are many attractive features of both villages, not least the two churchyards and the Memorial Garden, and there is a commendable absence of litter throughout.

There are many attractive gardens exemplified by the floral displays and excellent planting at the following properties: 11, 31 and 32 East End, 2 Ransom Court, 23 Limber Road, 16 Gravel Pit Lane, 8 and 9 High Street and The Firs on Post Office Lane. Special mention should also be made of the attractive hanging baskets and planters around the Marrowbone and Cleaver.

There is some community planting which adds to the pleasant environment of the two villages. There is attractive planting in Croxton on the site of the water pump although there were some weeds in the stone trough.

In Kirmington a special feature is the Memorial Garden which is very well-maintained with excellent planting.

Both villages have attractive churchyards which are both extremely well-maintained.

Within the villages the hedges are generally well trimmed and the verges on the approaches to both villages have commendably been left for wild flowers and wildlife to thrive.

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.

This village has also entered the following marked categories:

✓	Category	Max	Mark	Comments
✓	Playground Off High Street	50	47	The playground is set in a large playing field. There is a good range of equipment that is well-maintained. There is also three pieces of exercise equipment for adults. The grass is generally reasonably well-cut but there was some long grass that needed attention. The site benefits from two picnic benches.
✓	Churchyard St Helen's Church Kirmington	50	48	The churchyard has a lovely open aspect with attractive trees and bushes and a very well-maintained hedge on the north side of the site. The grass throughout the churchyard was very well cut. The graves were generally tidy but some had weeds around them.
✓	St John's Church Croxtan	50	48	The churchyard is very well-maintained, although the fence on the eastern perimeter will soon need some attention. The area benefits from a number of attractive, mature trees and the graves are tidy and neat.
✓	Community planting scheme	50	45	There was limited community planting with good examples being found at the junction of Croxtan Road and East End, a planter on High Street and at the end of Ransom Court. There were a number of sites that would lend themselves to further community planting.
✓	War Memorial St Helen's Church Kirmington	50	46	The war memorial is well-sited in a prominent position at the northern edge of the churchyard. The stone cross has a number of poppy wreaths at its base although the poppy flowers had been left to seed there were some weeds in the flower bed. Parts of the stone cross may benefit from cleaning in the near future.