

BUCKS BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMPETITION 2019

FINAL RESULTS - IVER HEATH

Background: Many volunteers, including TIVAW (The Ivers – Volunteers at Work) continue in regular efforts to improve and maintain the appearance of Iver Heath, for the benefit of residents and also to present a better image to the many visitors to the area.

We face many challenges in this area, big infrastructure projects on our doorstep, heavy traffic, HGV's, pollution, fly tipping, crime and so on. On the flip side we are in a beautiful part of Buckinghamshire with flagship parks, a very dynamic creative industry right in the heart of our village and one of the world greatest cities close by. We also have many who continue to take a great sense of pride in where they are from and live.



Entering the Bucks Best Kept Village Competition was an opportunity to showcase Iver Heath Village and for it to be judged against other entrants. By highlighting many of the existing volunteer & community activities, the aim was also to encourage others to participate and get involved, however big or small their efforts. We also wanted to increase awareness of the good work being undertaken by IHRA (Iver Heath Residents Association). TIVAW entered the competition in April 2019 with the full support of IHRA. We had already undertaken many volunteer improvements projects in and around the Ivers in the lead up to competition entry, using social media to keep residents informed. Many will have seen the before & after images posted on Facebook where feedback comments continue to be consistently positive and motivating.

2019 COMPETITION RESULTS

In the "Pushman Cup" category, **IVER HEATH awarded 72/100**. Well done Burnham who won with 88, closely followed by Chalfont St Peter, the Runner-Up with 87

Iver Heath Features – judges marks	Marks Awarded	Possible Marks
Green, playing field, children's play area, nature conservation area	15 (75%)	20
Overall appearance, lack of litter and evidence of community effort	10 (66%)	15
Cemetery, graveyard (separate or attached to a place of worship)	7 (70%)	10
Village hall, community centre, church hall	7 (70%)	10
General environmental features (hedges, verges, ditches, pond, stream, pump)	6 (60%)	10
Areas around shops and pubs	8 (80%)	10
Bus stops, bus shelters and notice boards	7 (70%)	10
War memorial	8 (80%)	10
Floral Displays (hanging baskets, tubs, planters)	4 (80%)	5
IVER HEATH TOTAL	72 (72%)	100

Judges' comments

This community suffers from the heavy traffic travelling between Denham and Slough, the road cutting between the Iver Heath Community. The village itself has a hard to find centre and the Village Hall cum Community Centre, together with a selection of shops, was the nearest to the community's centre that we could find. The well presented map of the village identified the features required by the competition but they were situated well apart and sometimes difficult to identify. The Church and War Memorial are away from the village centre and on the very busy roadside. There were several attractive hanging baskets but overall there was a lack of a cohesive plan.