

Best Kept Village Marking Sheet 2023

BARROW UPON HUMBER

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	50	48
2	Community Facilities and features Community centres, village halls, schools, parks, playing fields, churchyards/cemeteries, chapel surrounds, war memorials, public noticeboards, shops, inns, farmsteads, workshops, business premises, advertisements and signposts	80	78
3	Gardens & Community Areas Gardens, window boxes, hanging baskets, tubs and planters, community planting, public areas, and allotments	70	67
Total		200	193

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 in Barrow and good community planting.

There is a good range of attractive community planting at various locations across the village. At the junction of Palmer Lane and Hallam Close there is a lovely wooden well with flowers, and beneath the attractive village sign on College Road there is a colourful planter. On Beck Lane there is a bench with pots next to it and the Beck Pump is an attractive area, including a flower bed. There was another flowerbed at the junction of Beck Lane and Thorngarth Lane and two planters on Silver Street.

Some of the best planting was in the Market Place with a good variety of planting, including the 'compass bed'. There was also good quality planting in flowerbeds and planters at the Ferry Road and A1077 roundabout and further colourful planting at the Ferry Road and Barton Lane roundabout.

There were a number of attractive gardens around the village, with residents providing colourful planting displays. There were good examples at 48 Palmer Lane, 2, 8, 12 and 30 Barrick Close, Rose Cottage Westoby Lane and Cariona and number 6 Cherry Lane. There was also good planting at St Chad, Gooseman's Yard and on the bank at the junction of North Street and Cherry Lane, and some lovely gardens on Barton Lane.

The village was generally tidy but there was litter on High Street, Glanford Road, Cherry Lane and at the playground.

Individual Category Entries. - Map attached

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

✓	Category	Max	Mark	Comments
	Churchyard	50		
	Cemetery	50		
✓	Playground Mill Lane	50	48	Set in a large playing field, the playground has a good range of well spaced-out equipment. There was a new wooden climbing frame and slide and adult exercise equipment. The grass was reasonably well-cut and there was good provision of benches. There was some litter at the entrance and the area might benefit from a few more litter bins.
✓	War Memorial Holy Trinity Church, High Street	50	48	The grey, granite Celtic cross memorial was clean and the area was well-swept. There were flowers around the base and a chain-link fence surrounding, which would benefit from painting. The site also includes an attractive commemorative bench with a soldier figure.
✓	Community planting scheme St Chad - end of Martin's Close bungalows	50	47	There is a good amount and variety of community planting at various locations across the village. Some of the best planting was in well-stocked planters, with a good choice of colourful plants but some was less effective, lacking height and impact. Nevertheless, a lot of effort has been made to make this an attractive village.