



# Buckinghamshire Best Kept Village Competition

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Dear Clare

## Chearsley - Morris Cup

These are the judges' comments on Chearsley:

*St Nicholas' Church was open and showed evidence of support and commitment from the village over many years. The graveyard has been tended with care. The cricket field is in excellent condition. Grassy areas near the pub and shops are immaculately tended and form an attractive centre to the village. Roadside verges are extensively highlighted on the map and it is clear that some have been left unmown to encourage wildlife. The Bell pub has a very attractive and welcoming frontage, as has the shop. A good standard of care was evident in the presentation of bus shelters, the notice board, the pump (its position on the map is slightly misplaced) and particularly the war memorial. We liked the 'insect haven' near the children's playground outside the village hall. This small village shows much evidence of community effort in projects such as raising money for replacing the bells in the church tower and the insect haven.*

A copy of the marking sheet and your map are enclosed.

Chearsley scored a high mark in the competition and has been awarded a certificate of merit in recognition of that achievement.

On behalf of Richard Pushman, Chairman of the competition, I would like to thank the parish council for entering the competition this year and congratulate everyone involved for all their hard work in maintaining such a well-kept village.

Yours sincerely

Ruth Powell  
Competition Administrator

Competition sponsors:



South Bucks  
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**BUCKINGHAMSHIRE  
BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMPETITION  
2014**

*Certificate of Merit awarded to*

*Chearsley*

*for achieving a Highly Commended grade in the Morris Cup*



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## MARKING SCHEDULE

Cup: *Morris*

Village: *Chearsley*

	Possible Marks	Marks Awarded
<b>Category 1: Primary features</b>		
1A. Places of worship with graveyard or cemetery	10	9
1B. Common, green, playing field	20	18
1C. Village hall/community centre, church hall	20	17
1D. Boundary hedges, road verges*, ditches, fences etc., and clearly defined wildlife conservation areas	10	8
<b>Category 2: Secondary features</b>		
2A. Areas surrounding inns, hotels, pubs, shops	10	9
2B. Bus shelters, telephone kiosks, notice board, toilets	10	9
2C. Ancillary features e.g. outdoor war memorial, pond, stream, village pump	10	9
<b>Category 3: Additional marks for overall appearance including lack of litter and evidence of community effort</b> (Marks may be deducted for inadequate maps)		
	10	9
<b>TOTAL</b>	100	88

Judges' signatures: *IG/MW/BG/JM*

Date: *24/6/14*

Notes:

- The whole village will be judged, not solely the specific features identified on the map.
- The community will be assessed as seen by the judges on the inspection day.
- Absent features in categories 1 and 2 will be awarded the same mark as given to the lowest feature within that category.
- \*Judges take into account that cutting of grass verges outside the settlement is usually the principal authority's responsibility.