

LANCASHIRE BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMPETITION

2022 - Press Briefing

The Lancashire Best Kept Village Competition held its 63rd Annual Awards Ceremony at the Eaves Hall, West Bradford on Monday 17th October 2022.



The organising Committee welcomed the 120 guests, which included 10 mayors representing many towns and villages from all over Lancashire.

The Chair, Kelly Wood, thanked the judges and villages for all the hard work throughout the year and hoped that moving forward we could build up the number of entrants to the competition. The committee are to trial a pilot scheme this next year to try and incorporate “wards” of some of our towns into the competition to encourage the community spirit that shows you love where you live.

The finals Judge was Guy Topping, Managing Director of Barton Grange, and he joined us on Monday to present the awards. All the results are a closely guarded secret until revealed during the award ceremony.

This year the winner of the Champion Village Class was **Bretherton**. They received a commemorative plaque, along with a trophy, and a framed certificate.

The other major Whole Village awards went to **Lower Adlington** in the Large Village Class, **Chipping** in the Medium Village Class, **Belmont** in the Small Village Class and **Little Eccleston** in the Hamlets Class.

There were also 16 Outstanding Features Awards for features nominated by the villages themselves which they think are the Best in Lancashire. The highest number of entrants were for the best kept Place of Worship & Grounds – the winner was **St Bartholomew's in Chipping**.

The second highest for the number of entries was for the Public House award – the winner was the **Eagle in Weeton**.

The third highest number of entries was for Schools – the winner was **St Michael's School in Weeton**.

A full list of all the winners can be found on the competition's website, which also includes more details and information about the competition. www.lancashirebestkeptvillage.org.uk

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Village Class	Champion	Large	Medium	Small	Hamlets
Winner	Bretherton	Lower Adlington	Chipping	Belmont	Little Eccleston
Runner-up	West Bradford	Higher Adlington	Weeton	Roughlee	Great Plumpton