

Best Kept Village Marking Sheet 2022

North Thoresby

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	47
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	75
3	Gardens & Community Areas Gardens, window boxes, hanging baskets, tubs and planters, community planting, public areas, and allotments	70	65
Total		200	187

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

It was a pleasure to visit this attractive village which has good facilities and is commendably free of litter.

Residents clearly work hard to keep their village tidy, with attractive gardens and well-maintained hedges. Many properties have good floral displays at the front, with a particularly good example being the splendid colourful flower baskets attached to the fence in the garden of The Cottage on Church Lane. There was an equally impressive display, including a Jubilee train at Station House on Station Road. Another attractive building was The New Inn on Station Road with a colourful range of hanging baskets and planters.

There are also good examples of community planting around the village, especially in The Square, where there is a most attractive and well-maintained wooded Memorial Garden, with trade mosaics along the path leading to a circular mosaic memorial. The garden has well-trimmed hedges, two pots of flowers and very attractive wrought iron work at the entrances.

Near the well-maintained and attractive playground are the allotments, which are well-used and productive, with well-trimmed hedges surrounding the site.

There are noticeboards outside the Village Hall, however the notices could benefit from tidying and the noticeboards needed cleaning. The bus shelter in The Square was very tidy and the pictures of local scenes on the back wall was a nice touch.

Individual Category Entries

North Thoresby 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
✓	Playground Mapletoft Playing Field, The Square	50	46	<p>A colourful sign welcomes visitors to the playground. Set in a large field, with well-cut grass and surrounded by trees and hedges, the playground has a wooden trim trail and a limited range of play equipment, that is well-maintained. The football goals, with nets provide additional play opportunities.</p> <p>There are attractive litter bins and no litter on the site. There is good provision of picnic benches.</p>
✓	Churchyard St Helen's, Church Lane	50	46	<p>The churchyard occupies an attractive site, with a well-cut hedge to the west and south. The delightful aspect is enhanced by mature trees.</p> <p>The grass and graves are reasonably well-maintained and there are a few metal benches within the churchyard.</p> <p>There were a few weeds on the path leading to the south door of the church.</p>
	Cemetery	50		
✓	Community planting scheme Various locations	50	45	<p>Good community planting is found at various locations around the village. There are good wooden planters on High Street and further planters in the Memorial Garden, in the Square.</p> <p>There is a good range of planting in wooden planters and wall baskets outside the Village Hall which have clearly benefitted from regular watering.</p>