

**BUCKINGHAMSHIRE ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS
BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMPETITION 2015**

Little Missenden Parish Council

**Little Missenden Village
(Gurney Cup)**

Date of Inspection: 27 June 2015

JUDGES COMMENTS

The graveyard around the church was very well maintained and tidy with lots of notices in the porch; the church was being decorated for a wedding later that day. The cemetery opposite the church was also well maintained. There is a nicely carved sign post for the Chiltern heritage trail at the junction of Taylors lane. The river Misbourne flows just to the north of the village and looked in a healthy condition and the area by the old mill very attractive. The Red Lion and Crown were attractive and busy during the time we were judging. The small recreation ground was well maintained and litter free and some of the children's play equipment was under refurbishment with signs indicating this. Some of the safety surfacing had become overgrown with grass. The village hall was tidy with a party in full swing and is used by various organisations. The bus shelter had an excellent map of Little Missenden which would be helpful to visitors to the village. There was a charming notice on the phone box by one of the pupils of the school about their summer fete - community spirit at a young age. The village had a welcoming feel and was litter free.

MARKING SCHEDULE – ALL VILLAGES

NEW MARKING FORMAT for 2015	Possible Marks	Marks Awarded			
		Hyde Heath	Little Missenden	Holmer Green	Little Kingshill
Principle features					
1A. Cemetery, graveyard (separate or attached place of worship)	10	7	8	5	6
1B. Common, green, playing field	10	10	8	7	7
1C. Children's play area	5	4	4	4	3
1D. Nature conservation areas	5	3	4	3	3
1E. Village hall, community centre, church hall	10	9	8	7	8
1F. General environmental features (hedges, verges, ditches, pond, stream, pump)	15	10	14	11	10
Other features					
2A. Areas around shops	5	5	(4)	3	4
2B. Areas around pubs	5	3	4	3	4
2C. Bus shelters	5	3	5	3	3
2D. Notice boards	5	2	4	3	3
2E. War memorial	5	3	(4)	3	2
2F. Community activity / organisations	10	8	8	6	8
2G. Overall appearance (lack of litter, litter bins etc.)	10	8	9	7	8
TOTAL 2015 (2014)	100	75 (84)	84 (84)	65 (82)	69 (75)

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 will be awarded an average mark taking into account the other features in the category
- Judges take into account that cutting of grass verges outside the settlement is usually the principal authority's responsibility