

# Buckinghamshire Best Kept Village Competition 2025 – DeFraine Cup

VILLAGE/TOWN: HANSLOPE			Score	Possible Marks
1	Cemetery/graveyard (separate or attached to a place of worship)	Part mown and part overgrown but questionable whether unattended areas qualify as wildlife areas. Improved on last year – has a new volunteer been found?	17	20
2	Green, playing field, children's play area, outdoor recreation facilities, designated nature conservation area	Good equipment in play area, but fence around play area is collapsing on one side and gate needs attention. Adult gym equipment good. Could perhaps benefit from a bit more seating!	34	35
3	Floral displays, hanging baskets, tubs, planters, flower beds etc	Flowers at village entry sign. Wall display on Village Hall. Various other floral displays including hanging baskets throughout the village.	15	15
4	Community facilities (Village Hall, Community Centre, Church Hall)	The damaged pier has been rebuilt. Flower troughs need attention. Attractive woodland "classroom" to the side with delightful community orchard. Car park tidy except for a few weeds.	18	20
5	General environmental features (hedges, verges, ditches, pond, stream, pump etc.)	The pond has become rather overgrown – would benefit from some management. Broken tree support left laying around on the ground near the seat.	19	20
6	Shops and Pubs	Shops all attractive with planters and sociable seating outside. Both pubs have excellent flower planting outside, the Cock Inn has attractive seating area.	20	20
7	Bus stops, bus shelters, public seating, dog bins, notice boards, information signs	Good information boards for "walking tour" around the village. Seat under the oak tree on the small green near the pond is looking very shabby. Bus shelter in The Square is attractive, clean and tidy.	19	20
8	War memorial (Please include a photograph if the memorial is inside a locked building)	War memorial window and altar in the church is well cared for. Remembrance Tree on the Green by the pond is thriving.	20	20
9	Quality of Competition entry - up to date and detailed map with features highlighted	Map supplied very good and comprehensive with all features clearly marked.	10	10

10	Evidence of community engagement (eg website, newsletter, magazine, posters and general community involvement in the Competition)	PC website good but no mention could be found of BKV 2025. Hanslope Herald appears to be quarterly but latest found Winter 2024. Local Facebook page (not publicly accessible). Church foodbank, clubs including football, cricket, Hornets, gardening club, allotment committee etc. all accessible.	<b>18</b>	20
	Additional Notes		<b>190</b>	200