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**TO ALL COMPETITION ENTRANTS**

Thank you for entering the 2016 Community Pride Competition and I now enclose the final results.

I also enclose the mark and comment sheets. The judges commended all the entries and in each section, from top to bottom, the marks were extremely close. They feel that standards are improving every year.

Thank you also for supporting the other Community Pride Competitions.

The Little Gem Award continues to be popular.

I hope you will enter the competition again next year and do remember that the Council can always hand the actual work of the competition to other interested groups in the area, who can oversee your entry.

It is most helpful if the Council can take the decision to enter in advance, so that when the entry forms come out in January they can be processed promptly.

The competition is an ideal way to encourage communities to work together and provides an incentive for them to help to improve their local environment and quality of life in their village or town.

The success of the competition relies on your support and we do hope you will continue to enter the competition next year.

Yours faithfully,

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## 2016 COMMUNITY PRIDE COMPETITION

### FINAL PLACINGS

#### 10,001 – 30,000

- 1 Sandbach
- 2 Congleton
- 3 Knutsford

#### 5,001 – 10,000

- 1 Grappenhall & Thelwall
- 2= Neston & Little Neston  
Upton by Chester
- 4 Irby
- 5 Frodsham
- 6= Weaverham  
Wistaston

#### 2,501 – 5,000

- 1 Willaston (Nantwich)
- 2 Sutton (Macclesfield)
- 3 Disley
- 4 Tarporley
- 5 Kelsall
- 6 Parkgate
- 7 Mobberley
- 8 Helsby
- 9 Davenham

#### 1,001 – 2,500

- 1 Christleton
- 2= Rainow  
Wybunbury
- 4= Audlem  
Hough & Chorlton
- 6 Malpas
- 7= Chelford  
Tattenhall
- 9 Gawsworth
- 10= Moulton
- 10 Norley

#### Community Spirit Award up to 5,000

Winner CHURCH MINSHULL

Runners Up  
Tattenhall

Highly Commended  
Hatton  
Rushton

Best Newcomer  
Elton

#### 601 - 1,000

- 1 Tilston
- 2 Peover Superior
- 3 Comberbach
- 4= Acton Bridge  
Antrobus  
Pickmere
- 7 Plumley, Toft & Bexton

#### 401 - 600

- 1 Crowton
- 2 Rushton with Eaton Village
- 3 Sutton Weaver
- 4 Lower Peover
- 5 Alvanley
- 6 Moore
- 7 Lower Withington

#### Under 400

- 1 Hatton (Warrington)
- 2 Hankelow
- 3 Bulkeley & Ridley
- 4 Marbury cum Quoisley
- 5= Marton  
Rostherne
- 7 Siddington

#### Most Improved Award:

Willaston (Nantwich)

#### CHAMPIONSHIP AWARD

CROWTON

#### Village Community Safety Award :

Winner

ROSTHERNE

Runner Up

Weaverham

**BEST COMMUNITY WEB SITE**

Winner  
Hatton

Joint Runners Up  
Bollington  
Tarvin

**BEST COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER**

Winner  
Wincham

Runner Up  
Rainow

Highly Commended  
Bollington  
Helsby

**JUDGES' PHOTOGRAPHIC AWARD**

Hazel Bayley

**COMMUNITY INITIATIVE**

Winner  
Frodsham Stroke Club

Highly Commended  
Holmes Chapel 'What We Want for Holmes Chapel' Project  
Sandbach Allotments Society

**WORK WITH YOUNG PEOPLE**

Winner  
Rushton Eaton Play Zone – Finn & Max O'Shea

**COMMUNITY CHAMPION**

Winner  
Joe Robinson - Pickmere

**RURAL WOMEN'S AWARD**

Winner  
Bobbie Lee

## LITTLE GEMS 2016

ACTON BRIDGE  
AUDLEM  
CHRISTLETON  
CONGLETON  
DISLEY  
/ IRBY  
KNUTSFORD  
LOWER PEOVER  
LOWER WITHINGTON  
MARTON  
MOBBERLEY  
MOULTON  
NESTON & LITTLE NESTON  
PARKGATE  
PEOVER SUPERIOR  
PICKMERE  
PLUMLEY, TOFT & BEXTON  
RAINOW  
ROSTHERNE  
RUSHTON & EATON  
SANDBACH  
SUTTON  
SUTTON WEAVER  
TATTENHALL  
TILSTON

MAYPOLE INN  
ENTRANCE TO CEMETERY  
METHODIST CHURCH PORCH AREA  
WAR MEMORIAL  
WELL DRESSING  
ENTRANCE TO LOCAL NURSERY  
DECORATIVE TRAFFIC ISLAND  
COUNTRY STORE  
ST. PETER'S CHURCH & GARDEN  
VILLAGE PLANTERS  
WORLD WAR I SCULPTURE  
WAR MEMORIAL  
PRIMARY SCHOOL PANELS  
ST. THOMAS' CHURCH SEATING AREA  
SQUIRREL CARVING  
CARVED BENCH  
LOCAL NURSERY  
MILLENNIUM SEAT  
VILLAGE COTTAGE  
VILLAGE PLAY ZONE  
COMMUNITY HERB GARDEN  
VILLAGE SIGN  
VILLAGE AREA  
ST. ALBAN'S CHURCH PORCH  
DISPLAY MAP & PLANTER



## Community Pride 2016 – Best Website Competition

The winner for this year is **Hatton**, followed by Bollington and Tarvin in joint second place.

We have had an extra 3 entries this year with 18 entrants overall. Our top three stood out in terms of their broad appeal to all sectors of their communities, covering both town/parish council and wider community issues. Whilst the standard of all websites this year was generally high, it was slightly disappointing again to see that several entries focused on a single topic or dealt primarily with town/parish council concerns. This year, we gave scores on the ease of use/appearance, quality of content/whether it was up to date, community involvement and anything special. In terms of best practice for a community website, we feel that the following elements are important:

- Easy to use, read and navigate;
- Lively and engaging;
- Up to date;
- Mix of both parish council and community news;
- Pictures of people and local events;
- Information on community groups and local business;
- All links working;
- Search facility;
- Twitter feeds and links to a village/town Facebook page;
- Sections on history of the area and information for visitors/people new to the area; and
- Something a little out of the ordinary - e.g. Hatton's 'residents' recommendations'

Our winner, Hatton, must easily be the best website in Cheshire for a village of its very small size. Whilst it has a very simple structure, it looks professional, it is easy to navigate and is kept up-to-date with new posts on a regular basis. It provides useful information for those new to the village as well as being an invaluable source of local news and community information for local residents. The website provides a perfect balance between parish council and wider community issues. It includes both Twitter feeds and links to the Facebook page – something which many larger villages have yet to include on their websites. We particularly liked the overall 'look' of the website with the right balance between pictures and text, and we thought there was a nice level of information on each page. Well done to the team involved!

Although Bollington's website is hosted by the Town Council, there is a good mix of community-related information on the site including a business directory, a 'what's on' section and a list of visitor attractions in the town. We liked the interesting layout of the pages and the website looks both lively and engaging (although the grey text can be a little difficult to read in places). This is a modern and attractive website which is easy to navigate and is packed with information about the town and the town council. As this is a best 'community' website competition, we felt that there could be more general information such as photos of recent local events and it was disappointing that the last community newsletter link was from Autumn 2015.

Tarvin's website is a great example of a generic community website, and we really liked the eye catching front page. The site looks good with lots of community photographs and it is easy to navigate. We particularly liked the interactive map, daily weather forecast and various community directories. It has links to Facebook and Twitter and everything was easy to find. The site is generally a little sparse overall and could include a little more information about the town, its history, local newsletters etc.

We've really enjoyed judging this year's entries and look forward to seeing further improvements, and hopefully some new entrants, next year.

## **Community Pride 2016 – Best Newsletter Competition**

Winner: **Wincham**  
Second Place: **Rainow**

Highly Commended: Bollington and Helsby

We have had another very competitive year with 18 entrants overall. The standard continues to be increasingly high with many newsletters now being produced in colour and having a glossy finish.

Our winner, Wincham, may not be as professionally finished as some of the other publications, but it has a lovely balance of stories from the community, parish council news, details about upcoming events and local information such as bus timetables and library opening times. It contains lots of interesting and engaging stories about people in the community, has a friendly tone throughout and it's clearly presented and easy to read. Whilst it is a parish council document, there is a wide mix of contributors including the local churches and community centre. We particularly liked the range of competitions in the newsletter such as the front cover photograph competition which is a great way of the engaging the community in the publication. We also liked the fact that a newcomer to the area would find out lots of useful information in there about Wincham and its surroundings.

In second place, Rainow, continues to produce a really impressive newsletter, the Raven. We feel it's a very informative and interesting document with lots of contributors from the local community and a lovely mix of text and photographs.

This year, we gave scores on the range of contributors and 'sense of people', the quality of content, the format/readability and creativity/innovation.

We always like to see a good balance of articles from as many sectors of the community as possible, including local schools, churches, community groups, village halls etc.

Whilst some newsletters were good in terms of quality, they received lower scores by focusing only on one element of their parish such as the parish council or a specific interest.

By sense of people, we were looking at how involved and enthusiastic residents are in their local area (e.g. reports about community events, future events, photographs of people enjoying activities, local good news stories).

In terms of creativity and innovation, we look for anything inspirational or unusual which really gives the newsletter a unique feel and the community a sense of place. Some examples this year included the pages written by local school children in Bollington Live, Rainow's quirky landlord reports from the Lamp and Candle pub and Hatton's local delivery team, the 'Hoofers'.

The format of the newsletter is also really important, with clear title headings, short paragraphs and a mix of pictures/text/adverts/information tables. Colour isn't strictly important, but the document should look enticing and interesting to the eye.

We've really enjoyed reading this year's entries and look forward to seeing further improvements, and hopefully some more first-time entrants, next year.



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Sect. N <sup>o</sup>	Item											
		Very Poor	Poor	Acceptable	Good	V. Good	Excellent	N/A				
		0-5	6-10	11-15	16-20	21-25	26-30					
1	General appearance of Shops, Farm Shops, inc. Window displays .							N/A				
	Condition of paved areas (including parking areas)					22						
								Marks section 1.				
2	Railway Station							N/A				
	Bus Shelters - Telephone Kiosks (In use)				16							
	Exterior of schools and visible playgrounds/playing fields							N/A				
	Public Toilets							N/A				
	Public Car Parks							N/A				
								Marks section 2.				
3	Public houses and surroundings						25					
	Commercial premises - Garden Centres -						25					
	Exterior of: Village halls - Other meeting places						24					
								Marks section 3.				
4	Sports and Social clubs							N/A				
	War Memorials							N/A				
	Other memorials and Historical Artefacts (stocks - water pumps etc.)						25					
	Chapel, Churchyards and surroundings, Cemeteries				17							
	Parks - Gardens - Allotments						22					
	Children's play areas						21					
								Marks section 4.				
								85				
								215				
								Total marks page 1.				

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Sect. N°	Item							
		Very Poor	Poor	Acceptable	Good	V.Good	Excellent	N/A
		0-5	6-10	11-15	16-20	21-25	26-30	
5	Tidiness of: Verges - Private Hedges - Traffic Islands					22		
	Floral displays in: Hanging baskets - Pots							N/A
	Ponds - Streams - Canals and surrounding areas						30	
Marks section 5.								
52								
6	Litterbins: Adequacy - Condition				16			
	Absence of litter					25		x
	Absence of graffiti					25		x
	Absence of dog fouling						27	x
	Absence of weeds							x
	Absence of chewing gum residue				20		30	x
Marks section 6.								
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Total marks page 1.

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## COMMUNITY PRIDE COMPETITION 2016

### PICKMERE

#### Section 1.

Parking areas neat and tidy, however limited spaces.

#### Section 2

Notice Boards were fair, however the welcome board at the lake is in need of cleaning.

#### Section 3

In general the Pubs were very good with their surroundings obviously being looked after.

The Caravan Park is extremely well cared for.

#### Section 4

The Pavilion was cared for very inviting. The carved bench overlooking the lake is beautiful though some benches were in need of some extra care and not very inviting.

The Chapel surrounds were average with weeds in various places.

The Play Area was in very good condition.

#### Section 5

Verges neat and tidy and the Lakeside Area was very attractive.

#### Section 6

Generally a very tidy village though on last village the litter bins needed tidying.