

		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	49
2	Community Facilities Community centres, village halls, schools, parks, playing fields, churchyards/cemeteries, chapel surrounds, war memorials and public noticeboards	50	49
3	Gardens & Community Areas Gardens, window boxes, hanging baskets, tubs and planters, community planting, public areas, and allotments	70	67
4	Other community features Shops, inns, farmsteads, workshops, business premises, advertisements and signposts	30	29
Total		200	194

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

Community planting is a strength and together with a lovely cemetery, a splendid playground and playing field and other good facilities, it was a real pleasure to visit this most attractive village.

Residents have clearly made a real effort to provide attractive floral displays and effective planting in various locations around the village and not least in their own gardens. There were particularly good examples of colourful planting to be found at Bradwall Lodge and Rochester House on Ferry Road and Middle Cottage on King Street. Special mention must also be made of the excellent planting displays outside houses on Howe Lane and St Michael's Court.

There was good community planting at various locations around the village with good examples to be found by the village signs, outside Field Farm Feeds, Providence Cottage and Daffodil Farm on Thornton Road and outside K and G Lowery on Ferry Road. There was further planting on Manor Lane, Willow Lane, Mill Lane, Thorn Lane and at Farrows Pond.

The grass verges and hedges around the village were well-maintained. The village signs are attractive and noticeboards are very good quality containing up to date information.

The grass was also well-cut on the large playing field, which includes the excellent playground and skate park as well as two MUGAs.

The cemetery on Horsegatefield Road is very impressive with very well-cut grass across the whole site.

Individual Category Entries:

GOXHILL 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 - North End, Goxhill	50	50	This is an excellent playground. Set in a large playing field which also includes two MUGAs and a very good skate park, the playground provides a very good range of equipment which is well-used. There is also a good zip wire and a wooden adventure trail. A notable feature is the good number of picnic benches and other seating. There was no litter on the site.
✓	Cemetery - Horsegatefield Road, Goxhill	50	49	Framed by well-trimmed hedges and mature trees, the cemetery occupies a lovely, peaceful site. The grass was immaculate, especially well-cut around the headstones. The memorial gardens are an excellent feature and there was no litter on the site. The only suggestion for improvement is the noticeboard at the entrance which might benefit from some attention.
✓	Community planting scheme	50	49	There was excellent community planting at a number of locations around the village. Plants were well chosen for height and colour and the bath planter on Thornton Road and the blue bug on North End were special and very attractive features.
✓	Most innovative planting display - Bath planter by Goxhill sign, Thornton Road	50	48	The white bath on decorative legs is a lovely feature at the entrance to the village on Thornton Road. Very colourful and effective planting.
	North End near Chapel House	50	48	The blue bug on the verge is a creative and highly imaginative feature with very clever planting in the two side troughs.
✓	War Memorial - Horsegatefield Road, Goxhill	50	48	The propeller blade mounted on a stone plinth is a suitable memorial to the American airmen who operated from Goxhill airfield. The site benefits from a good information board, 2 benches and a litter bin. One of the benches needs a little paint in one corner.
✓	Public Building - Village Hall, Chapel Street	50	46	This is an excellent and well-maintained facility for the village. There were two wall planters at the front and a neatly trimmed hedge. The grass to the side of the hall was also well-cut. There is a war memorial on the wall at the front of the building. More planting would have made this score even higher.