

CPRE – WILTSHIRE'S BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMPETITION 2022 DILTON MARSH

We came 2nd!

Cllr Gibbs entered our village into the CPRE's Best Kept Village Competition. We have previously entered under another councillor in 2019 as a newcomer and came 3rd in the newcomer category.

Cllr Gibbs provided them with a detailed keyed map of the village along with a written report with photos of aspects of the village and entry form.

The map was used by judges to navigate as well as point out the key parts of the village that were judged along with the overall condition and tidiness, absence of litter, as well as any areas of conservation and wildlife within the village.

Here is the table of results for West Wiltshire – First district round

WEST WILTSHIRE	
LARGE VILLAGES	
Hilperton	89 1 st
Dilton Marsh	79 2 nd
Southwick	75 3 rd
MEDIUM VILLAGES	
Heytesbury	79 1 st
Sutton Veny	78 2 nd
SMALL VILLAGES	
Tytherington	91 1 st
Bishopstrow	85 2 nd
Knook	81 3 rd
Bulkington	79 4 th

Here is the written report from the judges

"DILTON MARSH BEST KEPT VILLAGE REPORT 2022"

We visited over half term just pre the Platinum Jubilee celebrations and it was lovely to see Union Jacks widely displayed. Despite the layout of the village which is quite spread out and straddles quite a busy road it has a real heart to it and good community spirit. There are lots of active clubs and things happening and so good to hear that the school and nursery are well supported. A great attraction for young families to the area.

Fairfield Community College was certainly well supported and offers amenities for all ages with good parking, a shop, café, play area and small animal enclosure. A nice meeting place.

Business premises were all tidy and the village was generally tidy, litter free and the noticeboards were up to date and in excellent condition. Good to see the Hub kiosk in full use with again lots of information and books.

The village has several places of worship all well maintained and appear well supported.

We felt a strong sense of environmental awareness both in the churchyard and The Firs woodland area with its inviting network of paths. Conservation is clearly a priority here. Holy Trinity Church and its Eco project, the Baptist chapel and the Providence church are all active and their grounds well maintained.

We saw very little litter and plenty of bins and verges and hedges were tidy.

The recreation ground is a large area and well used space and has a good playground, timber trail and playing fields – all maintained to a good standard.

Recently restored noticeboards looked great.

The War Memorial seemed a little neglected and its paving in need of general weeding – a mark was lost here.

The Primary School was closed for half term but all neat and tidy.

Well done with your entry and thank you for participating yet again – we are well aware that considerable effort goes into submitting an entry and we were impressed to see notices up informing residents of the competition and its importance." [end of report]

I hope you are as pleased as we are with this result, you should be proud of the village you live in, keep up the good work.

Thank you
Councillor Gibbs



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