

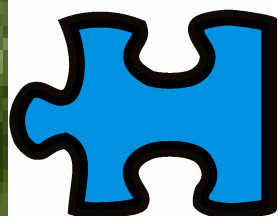
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# **Gwent Best Kept Village Awards 2010**

**Judging 1st to 30th June**  
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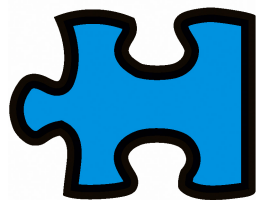


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## ENTRY FORM

NAME OF VILLAGE \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL POPULATION – (including children) of the area to be judged - must be under 5000 \_\_\_\_\_

(PLEASE CIRCLE BELOW AS APPROPRIATE)

HAVE YOU ENTERED IN THE PAST 5 YEARS? YES NO

WHICH CLASS DO YOU FALL UNDER? Hamlet (51-350) (351-1000) (1001-4999)

DOES YOUR VILLAGE HAVE CHURCH/CHURCHYARD? YES NO

DOES YOUR VILLAGE HAVE PUBLIC HOUSE(S)? YES NO

DOES YOUR VILLAGE HAVE A VILLAGE HALL? YES NO

DOES YOUR VILLAGE INCLUDE CONSERVATION AREAS? YES NO

DOES YOUR VILLAGE HAVE A PRIMARY SCHOOL? YES NO

DOES YOUR VILLAGE HAVE A WAR MEMORIAL? YES NO

(It would be helpful to mark/sign these areas for purpose of competition)

Please tell us of any problems beyond your control which our judges should take into account.

(The judges will note such comments recorded in this section and make allowances accordingly).

In the event of the village winning a prize, who should be the recipient?

Name/Address of person to whom all correspondence will be sent:-

Phone No \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ 2010

On behalf of \_\_\_\_\_ HAMLET/VILLAGE

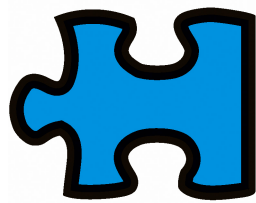
**THIS FORM MUST BE RETURNED BY MONDAY 17th MAY 2010 TO  
GLENDA GENNER, COMPETITION SECRETARY, HOLLY HOUSE,  
LLANCAYO COURT, USK, MONMOUTHSHIRE, NP15 1HY**

***HAVE YOU REMEMBERED TO INCLUDE A MAP OF  
YOUR VILLAGE CLEARLY MARKING THE  
BOUNDARIES OF THE VILLAGE?***



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## **GWENT BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMPETITION**

### **GWENT BEST KEPT VILLAGE PRIMARY SCHOOLS 2010**

#### **ENTRY FORM**

Name of School \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Pupils \_\_\_\_\_

Named member of staff to contact \_\_\_\_\_

The aim of this competition is to encourage the efforts and pride taken by pupils and staff in their schools grounds, gardens, nature areas and environmental projects.

Please describe below any special areas of your school or initiatives taken to involve pupils which would help judges in their task.

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#### **DECLARATION**

Our school wishes to enter the Gwent Best Kept Village Primary Schools Competition 2010

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ 2010

On Behalf of \_\_\_\_\_ School



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**This form must be returned by Monday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2010 to:-  
Glenda Genner, Assistant Director, GAVO, Holly House,  
Llancayo Court, Usk, NP15 1HY**



## **RULES**

### 1. **CLASSES**

The competition will be run in four classes according to population:-

**Hamlets Under 50**

**Villages 51 - 350**

**Villages 351 - 1000**

**Villages 1001 - 4999**

A winning Village will be chosen in each class.

### 2. **PRIZES**

A prize and framed certificate will be awarded to the winning Village in each class. Prizes and framed certificates will also be awarded to the Best Kept Village Hall, Best Kept Churchyard, Best Kept War Memorial Garden where appropriate, Most Improved and Highly Commended in each village category.

### 3. **SCHOOLS**

Primary Schools within the rural villages will be judged separately by the schools judges.

### 4. **PUBLIC HOUSES**

Pubs will be nominated by the Best Kept Village Judges and then separately judged on external appearance only.

## **5. CELEBRATION AND PRESENTATION EVENING**

All prizes will be presented at the Celebration and Presentation Evening which will be arranged by the Committee and held in the Chepstow Garden Centre on 10th September 2010.

Representatives of all competing villages and schools will be invited to attend. Representation limited to 2 from each organisation, schools 6 staff/pupils. Prize-winners will be informed that they have won a prize only on the night.

## **6. HOW TO ENTER**

Entry forms may be obtained from GAVO Usk (phone 01291 672352) or on its website ([www.gavowales.org](http://www.gavowales.org)) or collected from the Chepstow Garden Centre. Entries may be submitted by a representative of the Village or any organisation on behalf of the Village on the appropriate Entry Form.

The closing date for entries will be Monday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2010.

## **7. BOUNDARY OF VILLAGE**

**Each entrant will be requested to mark the road boundary of the village on a map provided by the entrant. This map must then be returned to the Secretary for use by the judges.**

## **8. JUDGING AND MARKING**

- (a) A panel of judges will inspect the Villages during the period 1st June 2010 and 30th June 2010.
- (b) The decision of the judges is final.
- (c) The judges will be asked to submit to the Committee a report on their work, and photographs.

- (d) The judges will take into consideration the extent to which the entry has been effectively supported by the community. Posters Advertising partition by a Village will be available.
- (e) The judges will be asked to inspect the following:-
- (i) Condition of churchyards and/or cemeteries (not interior of churches).
  - (ii) Condition and surround of halls, schools and War Memorials (where applicable).
  - (iii) Condition of bus stops/shelters and telephone kiosks.
  - (iv) Condition of village greens, playing fields and open spaces.
  - (v) Condition of hedges, fences and walls.
  - (vi) External appearance of Inns, Shops, Garages/Petrol Stations and Public Houses.
  - (vii) External appearance of outhouses, sheds and garages.
  - (viii) Cleanliness of verges, ponds and streams and any conservation areas.
  - (ix) Tidiness of flower and vegetable gardens and allotments as seen from the highway.
  - (x) Absence of litter and unsightly refuse dumps.
  - (xi) Orderliness of any advertisements and notice boards.
  - (xii) The general appearance of the Village.

(xiii) The overall community effort.

The lack of any of the features listed will not penalise a village but any such features in an ill-kept condition will cause loss of marks. Any recognised conservation areas in your village will be taken into consideration and are likely to gain marks for environmental awareness should be marked onto the map.

Allowance will be made for condemned or uninhabited properties and for other factors which are technically beyond the control of villagers themselves. Bonus marks will be gained by villagers that have endeavoured to get those responsible for such eyesores to take remedial action, or failing this have done what is possible to improve or screen such eyesores. The architectural merit of buildings, old and new will not count for marks.

Any conservation areas in your village will be taken into consideration and are likely to gain marks for environmental awareness.

### **FOR YOUR GENERAL USE**

The following points may be of interest:-

#### **(a) Local Committee**

Village entrants are advised that to ensure success a small working committee is essential. It need only meet once in the beginning to stimulate interest and again a little nearer the date of judging so that they can check upon the preparation by the villagers. It is recommended that you involve your Community/association and as many local voluntary organisations as possible.

(b) Children and Young People

We hope that villagers entering the competition will try and enlist the support and interest of the children and young peoples groups in the locality. This, it is thought, will be one way of "sowing the seed" for the future care and pride in our countryside and Villages, as well as enlisting useful labour.

(c) Various Eyesores

It is appreciated that many Villages are handicapped by having eyesores of one kind or another, which may be technically overcome by enlisting the support of those responsible, either individuals or public bodies. We recommend Villages to approach their Community Council, Borough Council, Town Council or County Council to find out if they can get eyesores removed or improved. This may be an ideal opportunity for local effort to show what can be done.

(d) Constructive Improvements

Even though a village may not be untidy or have particular eyesores, the overall appearance can often be much improved by fairly simple measures such as planting of flowers and trees, painting the notice boards, bus shelters and improving areas of waste land.

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