



Campaign to Protect
Rural England
GLOUCESTERSHIRE

BLEDISLOE CUP COMPETITION MARKING SHEET 2007

Name Of Village: SOUTH CERNEY

Large
Round: 2

Feature	Comment (<i>if further space is required, please use the back of page 3</i>)	Grade
Village Hall	The picturesque village hall has little by way of surroundings, but what there is was tidy and well maintained.	B
Churchyards	The surrounds of the parish church very well looked after. The grass had been cut recently, and the walls are maintained to a high standard.	B+
Village Green		
Village Shop(s)/Post Office	The small shopping area located close to the Churn bridge is clean and tidy and the Broadway Lane shop is also kept litter-free	B
Pubs and Commercial Premises	Both the Old George and Elliott Arms in the village's commercial centre are tidy and their car parks free from litter and well looked after.	B
War Memorial	Standing at a busy road junction, the restored memorial continues to be well maintained and includes some attractive planting.	B-
Streets, Verges, Pavements	These are of a consistently high standard throughout the village. A liberal sprinkling of litter bins has resulted in no litter in the streets.	A
Public Rights of Way or Other Footpaths	These show a high standard of maintenance, many firmly surfaced to mitigate muddy conditions. They are well integrated to suit the needs of the people who use them.	B+
Playing Field/ Recreation Ground / Sports Ground/ Children's Play Area	All the recreation areas are maintained to a high standard. The main area at Upper Up includes special provision for mountain bike enthusiasts which is rough and ready but undoubtedly fit for purpose. There was a small amount of litter about, and the old South Cerney AFC hut has seen better days	C

School Surroundings	In common with the rest of the village the school grounds are a picture, combining trimmed grass and attractive trees and shrubs. The approach road to the school, once a trifle scruffy, has been tidied up.	B+
Allotments	The plots beside the church, and those off School Lane, evidence consistent good husbandry. With the exception of one or two unlet examples all were bursting with fruitfulness.	B
Pond/Stream/River	The Churn, swollen by the floods, remains an attractive feature for the village. It is approaching a time when it would benefit with some trimming work. The lake beyond the Upper Up playing field was not accessible because of pipe-laying, but from a distance it appears well appointed.	B-
Other Wildlife Area		
Notice Boards	These are generally sound, with notices displayed tidily and kept up to date, but one is beginning to look just a little drab and the parish council is planning a refurbishment.	C
Litter Bins	There is a profusion of bins throughout the village and we did not see one that was over-full. It is rare to see a litter-free village of this size	B+
Public Car Park		
Recycling Area	The plastic re-cycling bin is sited tidily on the Upper Up site along with a clothing bank. A litter bin is located not far away.	B
Bus Shelter	This elderly edifice has just had a repaint and remains in excellent condition.	B
Public Lavatories		
Telephone Box	In good condition, bearing in mind its age, and no litter to be found inside.	C
Agricultural and Industrial Premises	The estate situated in Broadway Lane is developing quite well	C
Private Gardens	These range from the functional to the spectacular and the standard generally in excellent.	B+
Other		

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Report	Read In conjunction with the map, the report gives a brief picture of the village and its challenges, but just a little more background information would have been helpful.	C
Map	Contained nearly all the information needed for a thorough judging	C
Environmental Activities	Apart from the environmental group at the village school there is a plastics recycling bin and a clothing bank in the playing field car park. There is also the lake project.	B-
Overall Community Effort	South Cerney has a mixed population profile and appears to have a thriving community spirit. There is little evidence of vandalism and litter and one gets the feeling any such behaviour would be jumped on quickly.	B+
RECOMMENDED OVERALL GRADE		B+

GENERAL REMARKS

South Cerney is a mixed community that appears to "gel" very well. It is led by an active parish council that is evidently not content to sit on its hands. Routine work is attended to well and at the same time new projects are coming forward thick and fast. This is an excellent entry.

The Village was visited by: (Judges' names and addresses)

Name: Martin Harwood

Name: Patricia Harwood

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on the following date: July 27 and 29, 2007.

Please see "Briefing for Judges" for further guidance on completing this form

Schedule of Grades:

A: Outstanding

D: Slightly below standard

B: Very Good

E: Below standard

C: Of acceptable standard

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WINNERS:

Small Villages:

Winner: Awre
Runner up: Miserden
Highly commended: Cold Aston
Bourton on the Hill
Staunton (Coleford)

Medium Villages:

Winner: Leonard Stanley
Runner up: Blakeney
Highly commended: St Briavels
Bledington
Littledean

Large Villages:

Winner: Chipping Campden
Runner up: Lechlade
Highly commended: South Cerney
Bourton on the Water
Mitcheldean

New Entrants:

Winner: Saul
Runner Up: Northwood Green

Plate:

Winner: Down Ampney
Runner Up: Blaisdon

TIMETABLE FOR 3rd NOVEMBER

10.00 am: Awre

11.30 am: Saul

12.30 pm: Leonard Stanley

2.45 pm: Down Ampney

4.00 pm: Chipping Campden