

# Buckinghamshire Best Kept Village Competition 2024 – DeFraine Cup

| VILLAGE/TOWN: STOKE MANDEVILLE |  |  | Score      | Possible Marks |
|--------------------------------|--|--|------------|----------------|
| 1                              | <b>Cemetery/graveyard (separate or attached to a place of worship)</b>   | A lot of work has been done to improve the Churchyard which is now well tended. Wildlife area is perhaps a bit overdone, but generally a big improvement on previous visits.   | 15         | 20             |
| 2                              | <b>Green, playing field, children's play area, outdoor recreation facilities, designated nature conservation area</b>                    | Excellent playing field, although not clear why there is a barrier across the field. Play equipment appears relatively new and adventurous for children. Generally, very good equipment for a variety of age groups, including adult exercise equipment. | 35         | 35             |
| 3                              | <b>Floral displays, hanging baskets, tubs, planters, flower beds etc</b>   | Planter on Green very attractive. Colourful planting elsewhere in village.   | 12         | 15             |
| 4                              | <b>Community facilities (Village Hall, Community Centre, Church Hall)</b>  | Community Centre offers excellent facilities, with good parking and adequate litter and dog bins provided. All well maintained and clean and tidy. Area outside Church Hall well maintained.   | 20         | 20             |
| 5                              | <b>General environmental features (hedges, verges, ditches, pond, stream, pump etc.)</b>   | The green outside the school has been made into an attractive area, with an interesting information board and seating, and the Millennium sign is interesting. The trees add to the environment.   | 15         | 20             |
| 6                              | <b>Shops and Pubs</b>  | Area outside shop in Station Road is clean and tidy. Both pubs have colourful planting and attractive areas to the front.  | 20         | 20             |
| 7                              | <b>Bus stops, bus shelters, public seating, dog bins, notice boards, information signs</b>   | Notice boards up to date. Bus shelter clean and tidy.  | 20         | 20             |
| 8                              | <b>War memorial (Please include a photograph if the memorial is inside a locked building)</b>  | War memorial inside St. Marys Church which was open on our visit day.  | 15         | 20             |
| 9                              | <b>Quality of Competition entry - up to date and detailed map with features highlighted</b>  | Very good map supplied with areas clearly marked.  | 10         | 10             |
| 10                             | <b>Evidence of community engagement (eg website, newsletter, magazine, posters and general community involvement in the Competition)</b> | Lots of information can be obtained on the various Village websites : Parish Council, Village Society and Everything Stoke Mandeville Facebook Pages.  | 20         | 20             |
| <b>Additional Notes</b>        |  |  | <b>182</b> | 200            |