

# COMMUNITY PRIDE/BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMPETITION ENTRY FORM 2015

Cheques to be made payable to **Cheshire Community Action**.

To be completed and returned with entry fee no later than **FRIDAY, 13<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2015 to:**

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Competing Unit: **Church Minshull**

Population: **425**

(Based on most recent Census)

Authority or organisation responsible for entry: **Church Minshull Parish Council**

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<u>Classes</u>	<u>Fees</u>	<u>Classes</u>	<u>Fees</u>
Under 400 population	£25.00	2,500 – 5,000 population	£40.00
400 – 600 population	£28.00	5,000 – 10,000 population	£50.00
600-1000 population	£28.00	Market Towns	£60.00
1,000 – 2,500 population	£35.00		

**Please forward a good clear map of the area showing the Parish Boundary  
and a map with key to items for judging – this is essential to your entry**

N°	Category	✓	State Numbers With Post Code where possible	Map No
1	Shops- Banks – Estate Agents etc <b><u>(including Farm Shops)</u></b> Paved Areas inc shop car parking areas	N/A		
2	Railway station exteriors and surroundings  Bus Shelters  Telephone Kiosks <i>(in use)</i>  Public Conveniences  Public Car Parks  Notice Boards and Public information signs	N/A N/A ✓ N/A N/A ✓	1 – CW5 6DY     1 – CW5 6DZ	2 (a)     2 (b)
3	Public houses, restaurants and cafes <u>including parking areas</u> Commercial Premises including Industrial Estates & Garden Centres Town halls, Government Offices and surrounding areas Libraries, Medical Centres and surrounding areas Village Halls/Civic Centres and other meeting places	✓ ✓ N/A N/A ✓	2 – CW5 6DY CW5 6DX 1 – CW5 6DX  1 - CW5 6DY	2 (c) 3 (a) 3 (a)  2 (d)
4	Sports and Social Club Buildings and surrounding areas  War Memorials  Other memorials and historical artefacts (stocks water pumps etc)  Chapel & Churchyards, Public Cemeteries  Public parks, gardens and recreational facilities  Children’s play areas, recreational facilities (including visible areas of school grounds)  Radar Keys for the disabled	N/A N/A N/A ✓ ✓ N/A N/A	1 – CW5 6DZ  1 - CW5 6DX	2 (e)  3 (a)
5	Grass verges, private hedges  Floral displays in beds, borders, hanging baskets and pots Allotments Ponds, streams, canals and water features and their surroundings  Litter bins and recycling containers	✓ N/A ✓ ✓	CW5 6EA  1 – CW1 4RG  3 - CW5 6DY CW5 6EA	2  2 (g)  2 (h) 2 (h)

**NB - Absence of litter, graffiti, weeds dog fouling, and adequacy / condition of litter bins will be taken into consideration by the judges in all the sections above.**

Are there areas of special conservation or environment projects and if so, who manages them and what are the aims of this special conservation area/projects? OR Are there any other type of community projects in the pipeline?

Church Minshull, contains an area designated for Conservation and sits in an 'Area of Special County Value for Landscape'. The present boundary to the Conservation Area is drawn tightly around the central village, principally including only the extent of plots associated with the buildings. Although diverse, Church Minshull is characterised by buildings in the 'black and white' tradition constructed largely in the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries. This tradition is perpetuated by a picturesque terrace of late 19th/early 20th century 'black and white cottages, as a continuation of the group of earlier 'black and white' cottages. The village contains 12 listed structures within the conservation area.

This is not to deny the outstanding value of the village's surroundings but these are protected by other designations, such as Tree Preservation Orders (TPO). Some of the trees within Church Minshull are protected by TPOs. Anyone wishing to carry out works to a tree which is protected by a TPO needs to apply to Cheshire East Council to obtain permission to carry out the works proposed.

In the conservation area there is also a requirement to give Cheshire East Council six weeks notice of any intention of works to top, lop or fell trees which are not protected by a TPO, this is to enable full consideration to be given to the impact of such works on the need to preserve and enhance the character and appearance of the conservation area. Controls applying in Church Minshull, which pay special regard to the desirability of preserving or enhancing the character and appearance of the conservation area and its setting, are additional planning powers & guidance to the Parish Council contained within the Localism Bill and statutory controls which are contained within The Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990 and The Town and Country Planning Order 1995, which seek to ensure that the character and appearance of the conservation area and its settings, are preserved or enhanced by all new development proposals.

**State areas over which the Council/Community has no control, and reason for this.**

**In order to ensure balanced judging the judges need to be aware of areas out of your direct control or other problem areas eg *telephone boxes, closed or derelict buildings.***

As a community, Church Minshull suffers a problem of random littering from passing vehicles. Church Minshull is situated on a 'B' road, which is a main access route from Northwich /Winsford to Crewe, via Leighton hospital and Northwich /Winsford to Nantwich. A recent traffic survey by Cheshire East Highways, found that 6000 vehicles pass through the village on a daily basis, commuting from Northwich/Winsford to Crewe.

Homeowners are very conscientious with regard to picking up the litter in their drives and outside their homes, but given the volume of daily traffic, littering from passing vehicles is outside of the control of the council and residents. This is more problematic at the extremities of the village, as there are no pavements, making regular litter picking particularly hazardous.

Church Minshull is fortunate to be surrounded by wonderful countryside and as a community it benefit from easy access to it. Farming is a prevalent activity and there are necessary and essential activities that sometimes causes roads, pavements and footpaths, especially at near access to farms, to become soiled with detritus. This is another aspect, outside the control of the council and residents.

Who cuts green areas and how often e.g. verges, playing fields. Does the Local Authority or local community cut them?

Church Minshull has very few areas of grass verging and no public green areas. Existing verges are usually the responsibility of the relevant housing associations, or as in the Weaver View area, the responsibility of Cheshire East council. The canal tow path is the responsibility of the Canals and Rivers Trust, however, there is one area of private land adjacent to the rear of the Badger Inn, which cut and tended by local community volunteers, in the weeks leading up to each July, to host an annual community fun day called 'Minshull Madness'.

Who cleans streets and provides general maintenance (Parish owned property or street furniture)? Do you have a Parish employee or voluntary group to do this?

Street cleaning is responsibility of Cheshire East council, along with all the street furniture, as the Parish Council holds no assets in this regard. The Parish Council does, however, employ a private company to effect a parish-wide litter pick, twice a year, which is funded from the Parish compact account. Volunteer groups, carry out regular litter picks on the roads, as stated above and also on the adopted canal towpath.