



NORTHAMPTONSHIRE BEST VILLAGE JUDGES MARKING FORM 2017

NAME OF VILLAGE: *Weedon Bec*

Population (please circle) Under 999

1000 - 3500

3501 – 6000

The competition will be run with prizes for small, medium & large villages and once again there will be a Newcomers Cup for those villages who have not entered since 2005. One village will be judged to be the overall Northamptonshire Best Village.

Please complete all sections of this entry as they form the overall basis of marking. Please treat it as a 'community audit' of your village. It may assist you in the village's future development.

To help you, it is recommended that you involve as many people from your village as possible. This profile will give the judges a picture of life in your village.

They are looking for evidence of community involvement, pride and initiative.

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PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM NO LATER THAN
THURSDAY 26TH MARCH 2017

NOTE: Answers to questions should not exceed 50 words unless otherwise stated.

1. VILLAGE LIFE	
1.	<p>Please list (in not more than 100 words) the type and frequency of regular activities and events that take place in your village including civic, religious, arts, heritage, special interest and action groups etc. Eg: Fetes, festivals and plays. Please list.</p> <p><u>Weekly:</u> Aerobics Art groups Bellringing Bootcamp Boxing Bridge Brownies/Rainbows Church/URC Cross-fit Cubs/Scouts Football Judo/Karate Line Dancing Little Ducklings Musical Fun Pilates Pool Pole Dancing Quizzes ScrumKids Slimming World Special Needs Music Watling Singers Wood-turning Zumba</p> <p><u>Monthly:</u> Craft Group Church Youth Cinema Club Committees – PC/PPC/WSA/Village Hall Community Payback Gun Club Human Energy Running</p>





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	<p>Junior Parish Council Liked Minded Ladies Little Lambs Men's breakfast Messy Church Mobile Library Mothers Union Quiz nights Schnauzer Club Scrabble Special Needs Weedon-Woman-Together Young-at-Heart</p> <p><u>Annual:</u> Art/Village/Patchwork Exhibitions Seniors Christmas Party Shows/Fetes</p> <p><u>Ad-hoc:</u> Dog, rat shows Fire World History Society 1914-1918 group Fundraising-quizzes/comedy Christmas Tree festival Flower-arranging</p>
2.	<p>Has your village put on or been involved in any one-off special events in the last 3 years?</p> <p>Weedon Weekender 2015. Weedon Seaside 2016. Royal Picnic 2016 - Queen's 90th Clean for the Queen. Burn's Night. Big Energy Saving Event 2017. Weedon Depot Revival Open Day 2015. Brexit Referendum Discussion with Chris Heaton-Harris MP. Girlguiding Divisional Christmas Celebration 2016. Messy Christmas. Treasure Island pantomime in Village Hall 2016.</p>
3.	<p>Is the community involved in any regular activities or events with or in adjoining villages? Please give details.</p> <p>Sunday Rovers with Flore Parish Council. St Peter and Paul's Church part of Benefice (Weedon/Everdon/Dodford). Brownies take members from local villages. Brownies move upto Newnham Guides.</p>





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	<p>Parish Council co-operates with Stowe IX Churches/Heyford/Flore on planning and Neighbourhood Plans.</p> <p>URC – Coffee morning roadshow.</p> <p>Football and pub teams play in local leagues.</p>
4.	<p>What do you do to welcome new residents into village life? E.g. a welcome pack?</p> <p>Section on Parish Council website dedicated to new residents - includes welcome letter, a village map and a link the 'Resident Welcome Pack' on Daventry District Councils website.</p>
5.	<p>What do you do to welcome visitors to your village? In terms of information, facilities, events etc.</p> <p>All large events signposted from A45/A5/canal.</p> <p>Local correspondent on BBC Radio Northampton.</p> <p>Noticeboards featuring illustrated map by main car park/along canal.</p> <p>Village carparking and hall signed from village entrance.</p> <p>Local walks booklet plus I-Spy online.</p> <p>Old telephone box is information point</p> <p>Lottery funded visitor centre approved for Depot</p> <p>Canals and River Trust</p>
2. COMMUNITY LIFE	
1.	<p>Is there a Community Newsletter/Parish Magazine?</p> <p>If Yes, please give details on frequency (weekly, monthly, quarterly) and circulation (number)</p> <p>Bi-monthly Weedon News (newsletter approx. 20 pages).</p> <p>Annual Parish Council Report.</p> <p>Both door-dropped to all 1300 households in the village. Copies also available at local businesses and in old red telephone box.</p> <p>Additional one-off flyers are also distributed Weedon News.</p> <p>Monthly Daventry Advertiser including activity listing and local trade adverts.</p>
2.	<p>Are there Public or Parish Notice Boards?</p> <p>If Yes, please say where and how often they are updated</p> <p><u>Public:</u></p> <p>10 public boards</p> <p>Old telephone box</p> <p>St Peter and Paul's Church</p> <p>URC</p> <p>Riverside and Church Street Allotments</p> <p>PO</p> <p>Granny's Café</p> <p><u>Parish:</u></p> <p>2 Parish boards</p> <p>9 bus shelter boards</p>





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	Boards updated regularly – monitored by designated person. Several private boards Local businesses provide free window space for notices.
3.	Does your village have, or have access to any sports and leisure facilities in any other villages? <u>Weedon:</u> Football pitch Play area for over 11s 2 enclosed play parks for under 10s Nene Way Circular walks Public footpaths/bridal paths Pocket Park Pokémon and geocaches Boxing, crossfit and pole dancing gyms 3 open play areas Pool tables/darts Football and pub teams Village hall for fitness classes
4.	Does your village have, operate or have access to any kind of community transport or voluntary car scheme? DACT transport (volunteer-led). Takes elderly and disabled residents to hospital appointments, on organized daytrips and to village events. Weekly Morrison's Shopping Trip – organized by local volunteer residents. Sunday Rovers – Flore & Weedon Bec Parish Councils providing day trips for subscribed members. Surgery runs free patient pick-up service (Wednesdays). County Connect.
5.	Are there any charities that provide support to the local community? If so, please give brief details, including how they are publicized. Weedon Sports Association – sporting/recreational activities. Advertised website/Facebook. Weedon Bec Trust - educational books. Advertised notice boards/newsletter/website. Edmund Arnold Charity - Primary School only. Weedon Village Hall. Weedon Bec Recreational Charity - well-being of villagers. Estate Charity of Nathaniel Billing - poor and needy of Weedon. Weedon Pre-School - Advertised newsletter/website/Facebook.
6.	Please tick whether your community has carried out in the last 5 years or is planning to carry out any of the following (Do not send in copies of these documents at this stage) Village Design Statement <input type="checkbox"/> Housing Needs Survey <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Parish Plan <input type="checkbox"/> Neighbourhood Plan <input type="checkbox"/> Housing Needs Survey carried out 2015.





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	<p>After 3 years, hard-work by residents our Neighbourhood Plan was failed by the Examiner. There is no appeal but the Parish Council is hoping to work with the local planning authority to see if parts of the plan could be revised and represented.</p>
7.	<p>Has your parish introduced any crime prevention measures? E.g. Village Special Constable, CCTV, Neighbourhood Watch.</p> <p>Neighbourhood Watch. Community Speedwatch - carried out regularly by residents in conjunction with Police. CCTV in centre of village. Mobile Vehicle Activated Speed sign purchased by Parish Council - in regular use. Crime updates on local websites/Facebook. Village shares designated PCSO. Manned 24hr security - Jubilee Field - Parish Council funded.</p>
3. BUSINESS	
1.	<p>Do local businesses support community life, beyond offering employment? E.g. sponsorship of local events or village activities.</p> <p>Raffle prizes. Food bank donations. Click and collect points (myHermes/AmazonLocal). Drop-off points. Sell tickets for events. OneStop - Carriers for Causes – Weedon Scouts. Donate food for events. Host fundraising activities. Pharmacy - health programmes. Weedon Bec Football Club - sponsored by 10 local businesses. Pubs offer free meeting rooms. ATMs.</p>
2.	<p>Please summarise what employment opportunities are available for <u>local people</u> including apprenticeships or training.</p> <p><u>Weedon:</u> Employment areas at Cavalry Fields and Royal Ordnance Depot (80+ business). Retail – shops, Post Office. Hospitality – café, pubs. Health – doctors, dentist, pharmacy, gyms. Education – pre-school (including NVQs)/school. Service – graphic designs, beauty, garages. Horticulture. Construction. Home Improvements. Parish Council employs three local people as well as offering tendered contracts.</p>
3.	<p>Are villagers involved in running any of the village services? E.g. Shop, Café, etc.</p>





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	<p>Football club 'Side Line Café'. Post Office, pubs, café, hairdressers, barbers, pre-school all owed and run by local people. Prescription services. Floodwatch. Neighbourhood Watch. Shopping buses/DACT. Speedwatch. Cemetery maintenance. Litter picking. Tree Warden/Path Warden/Highways Warden – all volunteers. Parish Council.</p>
4. CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE	
1.	<p>Does the village have, or have access to, any Crèches, Playgroups or Toddler groups or clubs aimed at pre-school children? Please give details. Are these groups helped or financed by community fund raising?</p> <p><u>Weedon:</u> Weedon Bec Pre-School (charity). Buggy bootcamp. Musical Fun. Little Duckling's - grants from local event fundraising, Raising 5s for preschoolers (help with school transition). School Readiness Health Visitor programme. Piglets Nursery (private nursery). Health Visitor Clinic (baby). Little Lambs. Diddy Dons – ball skills. Special needs parent support group.</p>
2.	<p>Does the village have any immediately after school clubs/groups for children and young people in the local area? Please give details. Are these clubs/groups helped or financed by community fund raising?</p> <p>Breakfast and After School clubs held at school (run by Weedon Bec Pre-school). Fund raising events include Easter and Christmas fairs, bingo nights, pamper evenings. Red Nose Day and Christmas Jumper Day. Hotshots basketball club. Superhero club. ScrumKids. Fitness club. SoccerSkills.</p>
3.	<p>Do you have any youth groups/clubs in the village, or access to them in nearby villages? E.g. Scouts, Guides, Church, Sports Clubs, etc. Please list.</p>





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	<p><u>Weedon:</u> Rainbows Brownies Cubs Scouts Weedon Junior Football Club – 8 teams under 7s/8s/9s (2 teams in each)/10s/12s Messy Church Junior Parish Council Judo Karate Weedon Church youth group Boxing School holiday club Special Needs Music Group A group is currently working together to create a youth club.</p>
5. OLDER PEOPLE	
1.	<p>How are older people involved in village life? E.g. reading in schools, oral history projects, parish council.</p> <p>Volunteer reading support at school. Parish Council/Pocket Park/Weedon Sports Association/Village Hall/PPC/History Society all have older people on their committees. 1914-18 group – researching Weedon’s contribution in WW1. Run polling station. Veterans football team. Groups: Craft/Like Minded Ladies/Wednesday Art Buddies/Weedon Women Together/Mothers Union/Coffee mornings/Weedon Art Group. URC over 50s craft weekend.</p>
2.	<p>Are there any village schemes to help older people? E.g. transport, housing etc.</p> <p>Pharmacy - prescription collection/delivery service, blood pressure checks. Surgery – 75+ register, annual check-ups, flu clinic, district nurse, collection for appointments, referrals to Reach for Health (rehabilitation) gym (Daventry). Young-at-Heart Support Group. Sunday Rovers. Morrison’s shopping trip. DACT. Local first responder. Mobile Library. Energy Saving Event. 2 defibrillators. CountyConnect, local buses.</p>
3.	<p>Are there any informal support services for older people in the village? E.g. Neighbourhood schemes.</p>





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	<p>Riverside Court (retirement flat complex) host events for residents and villagers. Thursday coffee and cake. Senior Citizens' Christmas Party. 50+ day. No Cold Calling Zones. Neighbourhood Watch. School children Christmas singing at Riverside Court. Foodbank distribution. Floodwatch. Local volunteer will fit security locks. Local information posted on noticeboards.</p>
6. ENVIRONMENT & SUSTAINABILITY	
1.	<p>What environmental / conservation activities goes on in your village? Include any measures to improve the appearance of your village. Eg:- Allotments, Pocket Parks, Tree or flower planting.</p> <p>Hedgehog Rescue Pocket Park 63 allotments – with waiting list Communal water collection under construction at allotments Master composter visit Creating community orchard Community allotment Nene north bank, identified as site-of-special-interest Bulb planting event Gateway planters with seasonal flowers (volunteers) Badger Rescue Wood recycling charity Use of Community Payback Team</p>
2.	<p>Have you produced any leaflets or maps, guides to support any of these activities?</p> <p>Illustrated map at entrance to main car park and on canal towpath entrances. Flora and fauna information board in Pocket Park. Bird sightings articles in Newsletter. Village walks booklet and I-Spy leaflet. Website/Facebook updates. New walks literature being investigated using QR codes. 'New for 2017' Foraging awards at village show.</p>
3.	<p>Does the village have 'tidy up days' or regular litter pick? Please give details of how this is organized and frequency.</p> <p>Clean for the Queen 2016. Parish Council organizes regular community litter pick as part of the 'National Community Litter Pick' initiative. Parish Council employs two part-time litter pickers.</p>

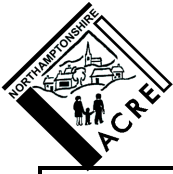




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	<p>Paint means Poo campaign – use of spray paint on dog poo to highlight the mess. School - impromptu litter pick after Storm Doris.</p>
4.	<p>Are there any community projects introduced by the village to reduce its ‘carbon footprint’? E.g. recycling, energy efficiency or solar energy, or local food schemes.</p> <p>Chippings from tree-works used on footpaths. Village Hall – highly insulated roof and 32 solar panels. 2 clothing banks - Air Ambulance. Leftover food from Weedon Seaside distributed to homeless (Northampton). School/Church contribute to Daventry Food Bank. Big Energy Saving Event. Weedon Bec Trading Post – resident-to-resident sales. Water collection at allotments.</p>
7. INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY	
1.	<p>What are your main websites for publicizing village information and activities? Please give the addresses. The IT judges will particularly look to see how easy the site is to find, ease of use, comprehensiveness and how up to date the site is kept.</p> <p>http://www.weedonbec-village.co.uk Parish Council. QR code on posters and in Newsletter to direct readers to Parish Council website.</p> <p>http://weedon-fc.co.uk/ Weedon Football Club.</p> <p>http://www.weedonbecprimary.co.uk/ Weedon Primary School.</p> <p>http://www.weedonsa.btck.co.uk/ Weedon Bec Sports Association.</p> <p>http://www.gnwmp.co.uk/ Weedon Bec Doctors Surgery.</p> <p>http://weedonbec-villagehall.btck.co.uk/ Weedon Bec Village Hall.</p> <p>http://www.stpeterpaul-weedon.btck.co.uk/ St Peter and Paul’s Church</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Marked by IT judges only</p>
2.	<p>How do villagers and community groups use IT and social media (websites, email, blogs, Facebook, Twitter etc) for the benefit of the community? Please describe.</p> <p>Primary School – Facebook/parent email/blog/twitter to communicate school and local news Neighbourhood Watch - a subscribed email distribution list. Facebook: Specific interest groups - information and tips. Weedon Bec Trading Post - resident-to-resident sales. Parish Council and Weedon Bec Community - local news. Activity groups and businesses - update members.</p>





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8. YOUR VILLAGE

- **FINALLY & IMPORTANTLY:** Tell us what makes your village a special place for residents, employees and visitors (in not more than 300 words).

Weedon is a welcoming village community with a unique history. Why? Because we have:

- Over 50 weekly and over 20 monthly groups including 10 recently started to cater for the changing interests of residents.
- A supportive business community. Shops sell tickets and act as drop-off points for prizes and entry forms. Businesses sponsor teams, hold charity events, provide raffle prizes and donate food for events.
- Granny's Café - voted best café in Northampton by BBC Radio Northampton.
- A Post Office, shops, local pubs, a barbers and hairdressers.
- A Doctors Surgery that has been voted in the top 10% of surgeries in the country and the best in Northamptonshire by its patient panel.
- A church and URC.
- The largest Village Hall in the County.
- A Dentist, Pharmacy and Vets.
- Weedon FC - an elite Nike Partner Club.
- A Primary School that provides multi-layered educational opportunities for our children.
- A private nursery and pre-school.
- Excellent walks along footpaths and canal. Great for dog walkers.
- Parks, open spaces and allotments.
- The Depot - a unique collection of military buildings dating back to 1803. The Depot is now home to over 80 businesses including Boxing and CrossFit gyms. The Depot has just been received a Lottery Grant to create a visitor's centre.
- Raised over £20k for charity in 2016.
- Future projects. A community orchard and allotment are planned.
- Residents willing to volunteer to support and help the community thrive. Weedon residents are positive and resilient.
- Something for everyone but if you can't find what you want here there are good transport links: we are part of the Weedon Road Bus Highway and have 3 buses an hour to Daventry and Northampton weekdays. We are at the A45/A5 crossroads, are 10 minutes from the motorway and 15 minutes from a train station.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CO-OPERATION, HARD WORK - AND GOOD LUCK!





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List of Businesses: in the village and businesses run by people from home and of the village but primarily based elsewhere.

Business name	Business specialism
Essex Food Service	Agricultural agents
Curvilinear Ltd	Antiques
Helios and Co	Antiques
Village Antiques Market	Antiques
Shabby Genteel	Antiques
Vintage	Antiques
Archi-Tec	Architect
Walker Associate Architects	Architect
Approvable Ltd	Architecture and Engineering design
Jamie Bird Furniture	Bespoke furniture
Blinds by Louise	Blinds and curtains, made to measure
William Piper Narrowboats	Boat hire and maintenance
Concoform Marina	Boat yard
Serendipity Brides	Bridal wear
Jamie Cheney	Builder
Exterior Elegance Ltd	Builders
FJC Leatherland & Son	Builders
M W Davies	Builders
Tennerman Builders	Builders
People for Profits	Business management Consultant
Papillon Cakes	Cake makers
Wheatsheaf cakes and bakes	Cake makers
Automotive Distribution Service	Car parts
Weedon Motor Company	Car sales
Atlantechs Seating Ltd	Car seating bespoke
Weedon Hand Car Wash	Car wash
Wicked Wheels, Building 15	Car wheel suppliers and restorers
Valeters Pride Car Care Products	Car wholesale products
Keith the Carpet Fitter, Unit 75	Carpet Fitter
Daventry & Village Carpets	Carpet supplier
Little and Large	Caterers
John Jackson	Central Heating
Weedon Pharmacy	Chemist
Piglets Nursery	Children's nursery
EM Chimneys	Chimney Sweep
On Demand Carpet and Upholstery Cleaners	Cleaners
Denham Headley Commercial	Commercial vehicle dealers
Buckby Aerials	Communication specialist





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Heritage Guild Windows	Conservation window manufacture
Trekkers Ltd	Couriers
Adville Ltd	DC Power specialists
Weedon Healthy Tooth Team	Dentist
Reland Ltd, Building 86	Developers
The Rose Wardrobe	Dress Shop
D.K. Electrics	Electricians
MW Electrical	Electricians
David Knight Engineering	Engineers
3i-FM	Estate and Facilities management
Lockfast Europe	Exhibition Designers
A J Russell	Farming
H C Russell and Son	Farming
Mr J Wareing-Russell	Farming
Mr Collins	Farming
W R Russell	Farming
Howard FM	Financial Advisors
Jade	Flatpack specialists
Garden of Weedon	Florist
Sofa King	Furniture retailer
Clarkes Garage	Garage services
The Garage at The Depot	Garage services
Tudor Greengrocers	Greengrocers
Blades	Hair dressing
Vanilla Hair Design	Hair dressing
VOSA	HGV Vehicle Test Station
MyComms	Internet services
SuRosa UK Ltd	Investigation Services
Support Apple	Iphone repair
Apple Iphone repair	Iphone repair
Lady Luck Jewellery	Jewellery
Grand Union Designs Ltd	Kitchen Design
The Knotweed Company	Knotweed Removal Specialist
Yates Landscapes	Landscaping
Weedon Garrison Ltd	Lease Units at Depot
Unipart Logistics	Logistics
Davis & Robson Logistics Ltd	Logistics
AC Tipper Hire	Lorry hire
Sleephaven	Mattress & Carpet Cleaners
Heart of England Motorhomes	Motorhomes
Integrated Navigation Systems	Navigation Systems
Quality Nut Products	Nut and Bird Seed suppliers
Direct Office Consumables	Office supplies
BP Petrol Station	Petrol station





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AAH Pharmaceuticals Ltd	Pharmaceuticals
Knights Pharmacy	Pharmacy
Elamark	Photography
Lee Attwood	Photography
Dolphin Integrated Services	Plumbing/Bathroom design
The Post Office	Post Office and shop
Piglets of Weedon	Private pre-school
Adare Ltd	Printers
Print4Graphics Ltd	Print and Graphic Design
The Maltsters Arms	Public house
The Narrow Boat	Public house
The Plume of Feathers	Public house
The Wheatsheaf	Public house
Crossroads (Good Night Inns)	Public House & Hotel
The Heart of England	Public House & Hotel
Bramble Patch	Quilting, embroidery lessons
Totebox	Racking and Boxes
DLB Associates	Recruitment
Brinjol Indian Restaurant	Restaurant
Bec Roofing	Roofing contractor
New Roofing	Roofing contractor
Unipart Security	Security
One Stop	Shop
Spar (at BP garage)	Shop
Tesco Express	Shop
GraphicVent	Sign makers
Gillie Morley	Soft Furnishings
TVS Supply Chain	Supply chain outsourcing
Lucky House	Takeaway
Weedon House Chinese Takeaway	Takeaway
Weedon House Fish & Chip Shop	Takeaway
Entify	Theatrical puppeteers
New Moons Ltd	Toys and games
Drayhaul	Transport
David Watson Transport	Transport
Local Tree Works	Tree surgeon
Russell in the Trees	Tree Surgeon
Towcester Vets in Weedon	Veterinary practice
Famous Websites	Website design
Sash Upgrades	Window repairers and installers

