

**NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ACRE – BEST VILLAGE COMPETITION 2017  
JUDGES FEEDBACK FORM**

Village Name: Weedon Bec	Percentage Marks Awarded: 81%
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**Feedback and possible actions**

<b>1. VILLAGE LIFE</b>	A plethora of activities, diverse for all aspects of the village’s demographics. In particular pride should be taken in activities such as Sunday Rovers, the growth in Weedon FC and the establishment of the youth club from Messy Church. The use of the 2009 Parish Plan questionnaire to develop new clubs and societies is also commendable but it would be good to see this being redone to see what changes could be made if any. It seemed that the noticeboards were perhaps not being used to their full potential. The adopted phone box as an information centre was a great idea. It was good to see that the welcome pack was being rejuvenated.	
<b>2. COMMUNITY FACILITIES</b>	Though understandable, it was a pity not to see more of the Village Hall and hear how that features in village life. It was great to see externally the Club / Scout Hut and here that it is used for a variety of activities and open to all groups. We felt that the village have had to overcome adversity with regards to both the neighbourhood plan and the mound, however the sense of community spirit was evident and strong. It was pleasing to see that the impressive Weedon Depot complex now has public access and that it is being conserved, while at the same time providing additional facilities and employment opportunities for the community.	
<b>3. BUSINESS</b>	We were very impressed to see how supportive local businesses were regarding village life. It was wonderful to meet a few of the business owners and hear their ideas for future growth. It would have been even better to have heard about any apprenticeship opportunities there were from local businesses	
<b>4. YOUNG PEOPLE</b>	This area was outstanding and the Junior Parish council warrants special mention. It was wonderful to meet the children involved and hear both their energy and enthusiasm for this project. There were was also a huge amount available for the younger generation.	
<b>5. OLDER PEOPLE</b>	It was great to see the Men’s Club, Sunday Rovers and The Heart club set up. It was helpful to meet some of the enthusiastic older residents of the village and to hear about their involvement in community life.	
<b>6. ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY</b>	All the work being done on the allotments was commendable and in the school as well. Solar Panels, Energy Talks by CAB and the Master Composter. In particular, mention must be given to the Orchard, a wonderful way to protect the environment which can involve the community whilst remembering others.	
<b>7. IT</b>	Standard PC site, works well. Rankings not as positive. A well maintained site, utilising what is becoming the standard template. Specifying size of documents is good practice. Good use of calendars and alphabetical searches make it easy to navigate There was evidently a commendably wide use of IT with plenty of Facebook and web pages. It will be important in the future to ensure that those in the community who are not particularly computer literate continue to receive information relating to village life to ensure that they do not feel isolated.	
<b>8. YOUR VILLAGE</b>	Perhaps the content of this section of the application form would have been enhanced with some expressions of how Weedon Bec residents feel about their community which became much more evident from the enthusiastic people we met during our visit. We were particularly pleased to meet such a cross section of the population, diverse in the their interests and the aspects of village life	

