



Sutton Veny

Best Kept Villages

Villages clean up at contest

The finalists of the Best Kept Village in west Wiltshire have been named.

Bratton came top in the large village section, beating Atworth, Bowerhill, Holt and North Bradley, while Sutton Veny was judged the best medium village, finishing ahead of Edington, Horningsham, Shaw and Whitely.

Best small village is Chitterne, which saw off competition from Beanacre, Bishopstrow and Boreham, Brokerswood, Coulston and Great Hinton.

Chairman of Chitterne Parish Council, Jeremy Reid said: "We are absolutely delighted. The people who work voluntarily are the ones who made it possible."

Chitterne was the only village of the three not to have received the same accolade two years running. The last time they won was in 1997.

Cllr Reid said: "We listened to the judges last time and we have made some improvements. "We changed the position of the notice board and we did restoration work on the recreation ground."

The three winners will now go through to the county final, which will be judged later this summer.

Chairman of Sutton Veny Parish Council, Tony Henthorne said: "We have a core group of people who have helped and they did a sterling job of cleaning the village and making it tidy. "We are looking forward to the next round of the competition and hopefully we will have better luck than we did last year."

Clerk of Bratton Parish Council, Anita Whittle said: "We are very pleased. Everyone is delighted. "Special thanks must go to the village handyman, Bob Jordan who has been tidying all the village lanes. "We hope to win the next round and Bob says that he will try even harder to clean up the village, which I'm not sure is possible."

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The three best kept villages in Wiltshire are to receive special accolades at a presentation evening on Wednesday.

Representatives from Sutton Veny, Bratton and Chitterne will all be presented with certificates by the chair of West Wiltshire District Council, Alison Irving.

Cllr Irving said: "The Best Kept Village competition is important to community life in West Wiltshire and I am delighted to be able to make these presentations."

Bratton was the best large village, Sutton Veny was top in the medium village section and Chitterne won the small village category.

The competition was organised by the Council for the Protection of Rural England and the district council.

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Best villages rewarded

Framed certificates were presented to representatives from three of west Wiltshire's best-kept villages on Wednesday.

Bratton, Sutton Veny and Chitterne were the overall winners in the national best-kept village competition, organised by the Council for the Protection of Rural England.

Bratton was judged best large village while Sutton Veny scooped the award for medium village and Chitterne topped the small village category. Representatives from each village were awarded with a framed certificate by West Wiltshire District Council to mark their achievements.

Council chairman Alison Irving presented certificates before a full council meeting.

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Awards for best villages

West Wiltshire villages have been celebrating success in the county's best kept village competition with a second, third and fourth place.

Chitterne was the highest ranked west Wiltshire village taking second place in the small village category of the competition sponsored by Calor and the Wiltshire Times.

The small village title was taken by Ham after a gap of 38 years.

Sutton Veny was third in the medium village category, behind Lea and Tilshead, while Bratton was fourth in the large village section, behind Ashton Keynes, Bromham and Blunsdon.

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