

NORTH WILTSHIRE BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMPETITION 2004

Christian Malford came runner-up in the Medium Village category of the Best kept Village Competition in 2004.

The Village Plan Steering Group were interested in the Judges comments as they reflect an 'outsiders' view on Christian Malford:

Section 1 - Trees, hedges, walls, fences, banks, verges, residential gardens and outbuildings:

"A bit of a feeling of scruffiness on roads, which we felt was more due to heavy lorry activity than neglect. There were some good cared for parts"

Section 2 - Open spaces (public and private), village greens, playing fields, allotments, ponds, streams, footpaths and rights-of-way, specified conservation areas:

"Good open space for recreation; with little litter. Childrens play area good, and litter free"

Section 3 - Public and community buildings and their surroundings, village halls schools, bus shelters, telephone kiosks, upkeep and currency of noticeboards:

"Telephone kiosk is a real eyesore. Noticeboards are good. Village Hall looks well cared for; the weeds growing round it could have been dealt with. School; looked active and tidy"

Section 4 - Churches and church halls and their surroundings, war memorials, memorial gardens and burial grounds:

"Church well kept. The churchyard seems somewhat neglected although some distant mowing was going on as we visited. But the grass being cut was pretty long. Church roof repair financing is impressive"

Section 5 - Shops, public houses, workshops, garages, advertising displays and their restraint, absence of fly-posting, litter and rubbish:

"Village shop seems a hive of activity. A bit of inevitable fly-posting"