



Press Release – 13 October 2025

## **Lancashire Best Kept Village Competition**

The 2025 Lancashire Best Kept Village Competition culminated in an awards presentation at Eaves Hall, West Bradford, on Monday afternoon. Nearly 60 hamlets, villages, and the new category of urban community took part in this year's competition.

The Finals Judge for this year's competition was David Cam, Under Sheriff of the counties of Lancashire, Greater Manchester and Merseyside, and he joined us at the ceremony to present awards to the winners.

Following the presentation of Outstanding Features awards, which included Places of Worship, Schools, Public Houses, Hotels, Public Buildings, Industrial, Shops, Residential Nursing Homes, Noticeboards, War Memorials, Items of Cultural/Social Interest, Playing Fields, Children's Play Areas, Bowling Greens, Cricket Grounds/Tennis Clubs and Public Gardens - with entries approaching 300, there was stiff competition in all areas - David then gave a short talk about himself, and his journey around the villages of Lancashire on the final judging days and how impressed he was with all the villages who took part.

The Whole Village awards went to:

- Hamlet class: Winner - Little Eccleston; Runner-up - Inglewhite
- Urban Community class (an area of a village/town): Winner - Whalley; Runner-up - Cumeragh
- Small village: Winner - Hurst Green; Runner-up - West Bradford
- Medium village: Winner - Newburgh; Runner-up - Weeton
- Large village – Winner - New Longton; Runner-up - Grimsargh
- Champion village: Winner - Bretherton; Runner-up - Elswick

For details of all winners and information on the 2026 competition please see our website.

[www.lancashirebestkeptvillage.co.uk](http://www.lancashirebestkeptvillage.co.uk).

Thanks go to our sponsors: Barton Grange, Eves Hall, Lancashire Association of Local Councils (LALC) and Booths.

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