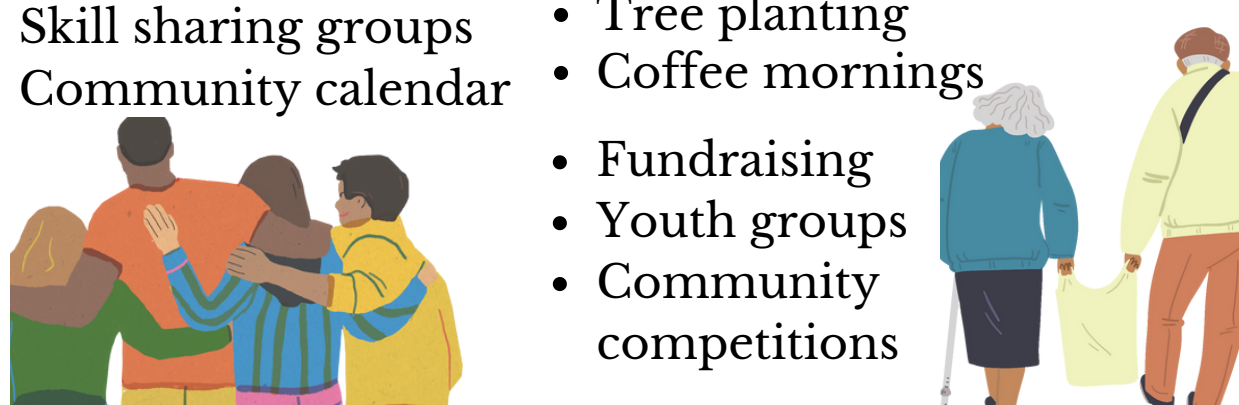






SHROPSHIRE'S BEST KEPT VILLAGE & COMMUNITY 2024

<h2>BKVC INFO</h2>	<h2>EXAMPLES OF GREAT COMMUNITY SPIRIT</h2>
<p>We are <u>NOT</u> looking for chocolate box villages!</p> <p>We want to encourage entries from all communities, both urban and rural, whether a village, town or neighbourhood .</p> <p>25% of marks are awarded for community spirit and this can be evidenced with your entry through the submission of photographs, video, news articles, social media pages and others.</p> <p>The other 75% is awarded by the judges out in the community during the judging period in May and June</p> <p>There is a cash prizes for communities who place 1st, 2nd and 3rd!</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Neighbourhood food banks • Community events • Wildflower planting • Litter picking groups • Neighbour transport • Skill sharing groups • Community calendar • Green initiatives • Community newsletter • Insect hotels / hedgehog houses / bird / bat boxes • Tree planting • Coffee mornings • Fundraising • Youth groups • Community competitions 
<h2>EXAMPLES OF WHAT THE JUDGES WILL BE LOOKING FOR</h2>	
 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • War memorials kept in good condition • Up to date notice boards • Children's BKVC posters displayed • Repurposed telephone boxes (book swap etc.) • Clean and tidy bus shelters • Play area's - safe and well maintained. • Safe and clean community benches • Overall surrounds should be clean and tidy and litter free. • Clear signs of community awareness and the effort and the involvement of residents and groups in achieving the overall impression of the village and its facilities 	
<h2>HOW TO ENTER YOUR COMMUNITY</h2>	
	<p>Calling all communities, big or small, to join in on the fun! We want to hear from you. Got a group of pals keen to get involved? Gather your neighbours, assemble a team, ask your Parish Council and get cracking!</p> <p>Have any questions? Email us at bkvc@shropshire.foundation</p> <p>To get in on the action, download the entry form here: https://shropshire.foundation/partnershipsinitiatives/bkvc/#1707754292393-61bc5414-ed22</p> 
<h2>INTERESTED IN BECOMING A BKVC JUDGE?</h2>	<h2>BKVC TIMELINE</h2>
<p>Calling all explorers! If you're free for a day or two in May and June, and itching to explore Shropshire's villages and communities, then we need you! We're on the hunt for volunteer judges to join our team, and what better way to dive into this adventure than to be involved?</p> <p>You'll be part of a small group, led by an experienced BKVC judge, and we'll have a judges' meeting to give you the inside scoop before you hit the road and explore the county. Join us and help give back to the community!</p>	<p>1st December - 15th January - Expression of Interest</p> <p>15th January 2024 - BKVC open for entries</p> <p>21st April 2024 - BKVC closed for entries</p> <p>May - 1st round judging takes place between 1 May and 21 May inclusive.</p> <p>June - 2nd round judging takes place between 1 June and 18 June inclusive.</p> <p>September/October - Presentation Awards Evening</p>