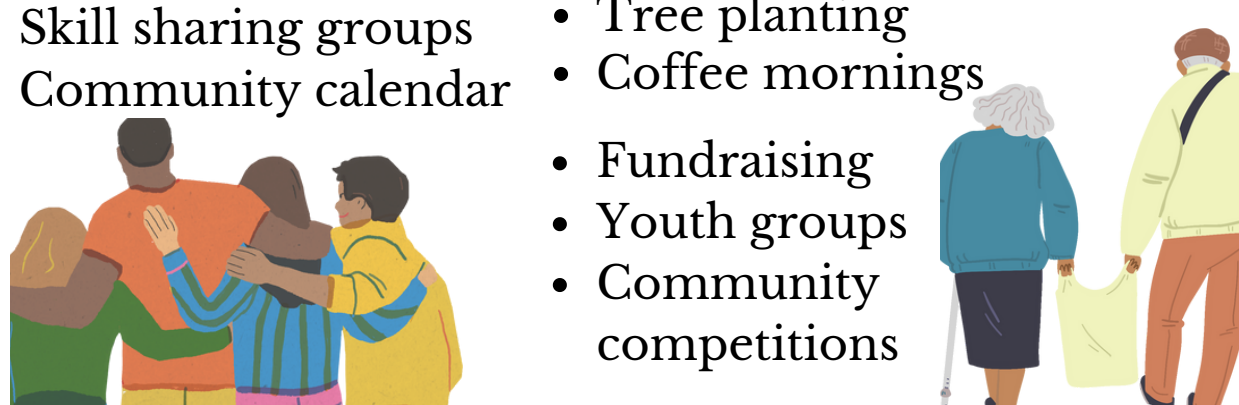






# SHROPSHIRE'S BEST KEPT VILLAGE & COMMUNITY 2024

<h2>BKVC INFO</h2>	<h2>EXAMPLES OF GREAT COMMUNITY SPIRIT</h2>
<p><b>We are <u>NOT</u> looking for chocolate box villages!</b></p> <p>We want to encourage entries from all communities, both urban and rural, whether a village, town or neighbourhood .</p> <p><b>25% of marks are awarded for community spirit</b> 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><b>There is a cash prizes for communities who place 1st, 2nd and 3rd!</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Neighbourhood food banks</li> <li>• Community events</li> <li>• Wildflower planting</li> <li>• Litter picking groups</li> <li>• Neighbour transport</li> <li>• Skill sharing groups</li> <li>• Community calendar</li> <li>• Green initiatives</li> <li>• Community newsletter</li> <li>• Insect hotels / hedgehog houses / bird / bat boxes</li> <li>• Tree planting</li> <li>• Coffee mornings</li> <li>• Fundraising</li> <li>• Youth groups</li> <li>• Community competitions</li> </ul> 
<h2>EXAMPLES OF WHAT THE JUDGES WILL BE LOOKING FOR</h2>	
 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• War memorials kept in good condition</li> <li>• Up to date notice boards</li> <li>• Children's BKVC posters displayed</li> <li>• Repurposed telephone boxes (book swap etc.)</li> <li>• Clean and tidy bus shelters</li> <li>• Play area's - safe and well maintained.</li> <li>• Safe and clean community benches</li> <li>• Overall surrounds should be clean and tidy and litter free.</li> <li>• 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</li> </ul>	
<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 <a href="mailto:bkvc@shropshire.foundation">bkvc@shropshire.foundation</a></p> <p>To get in on the action, download the entry form here:  <a href="https://shropshire.foundation/partnershipsinitiatives/bkvc/#1707754292393-61bc5414-ed22">https://shropshire.foundation/partnershipsinitiatives/bkvc/#1707754292393-61bc5414-ed22</a></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 <b>we need you!</b> 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><b>15th January 2024</b> - BKVC <b>open</b> for entries</p> <p><b>21st April 2024</b> - BKVC <b>closed</b> for entries</p> <p>May - <b>1st round judging</b> takes place between 1 May and 21 May inclusive.</p> <p>June - <b>2nd round judging</b> takes place between 1 June and 18 June inclusive.</p> <p>September/October - <b>Presentation Awards Evening</b></p>