



In The News

Dinton



Dinton has Won Best Kept Medium Village & Wiltshire Village of the Year in the 2008 Best Kept Village competition

There are three categories in the main competition- small village won by Hilmarton, medium village won by Dinton, and large village won by Winsley- as well as the Laurence Kitching Award. The CPRE judges carried out the judging in July and the winning villages received a plaque and cash.

The Laurence Kitching Award is a "winner of winners" competition so villages which have won in the two previous years - and are excluded from the main competition for the two years following a win - can enter the Laurence Kitching Award instead. It was introduced in 2001 to prevent the same villages winning the competition consecutively. Compton Chamberlayne won the 2008 Laurence Kitching Award.

John Blake, from the Wiltshire CPRE, said "Some 70 villages entered this year and it is rewarding to see the way the village comes together as a community to respond to the challenge in not only clearing up the hedgerows, paths, churchyard, but in upgrading existing, and planning new amenities and facilities."

To celebrate the 50th anniversary of the competition, this year there was an additional round, from the winners of the three main categories and the Laurence Kitching award, to name one village the Wiltshire Village of the Year. Dinton won the prize, an engraved piece of glass with a scene from the winning village.

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