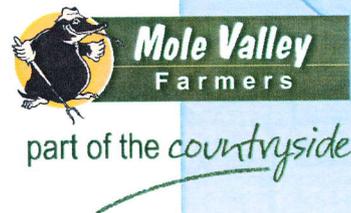




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Best Kept Village In Devon Competition



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Dear Miss Kirkcaldie,

Kilmington is Winner in the Best Kept Village Past Winner - Large Village category 2014.

Many congratulations to Kilmington as Winner in **the Past Winner - Large Village category** of the **Best Kept Village Competition 2014, with 95 points**. There were, as usual in this section, several strong contenders. However, Kilmington stood out with its clear emphasis on care of its environment and amenities and the efforts it had made in all the areas to meet the competition criteria. This effort was clearly evident to the judges.

I do hope the village will want to celebrate this success by holding a presentation in the Autumn.

A representative from The Campaign to Protect Rural England and hopefully from Mole Valley Farmers will present the village with a shield, a framed certificate, a road sign and Mole Valley Certificates to the value of £100. It would be lovely if the presentation could take place when there is a good representation of villagers present. The presentation may be quite modest but a cup of tea is always welcome for those coming to present the awards.

Please get in touch with me once you have discussed with the Parish Council what you would like to do. An email will be fine. Some alternative dates would be helpful.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

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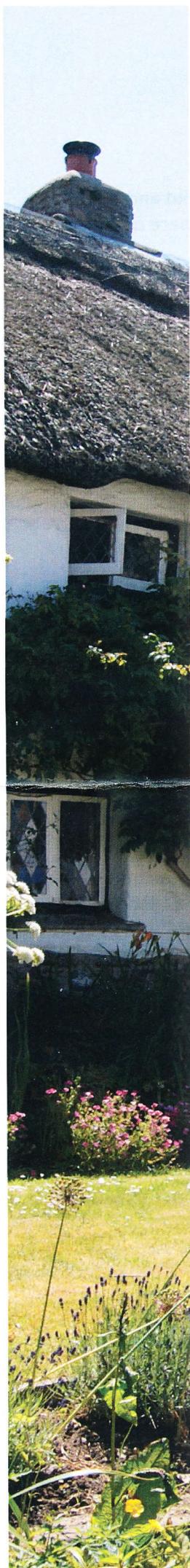


Kilmington

Kilmington has a very attractive old centre, with the Green, the Village Shop by the stream, the Church and School, the splendid sports field and period cottages and houses which are excellently maintained – even garages and outbuildings. It has various, more recent house styles, which reflect the evolution of the village. It comes together as a whole through the obvious interest in gardening, shown by many of the residents, through the care and good maintenance of the majority of the houses, also through the very attractive green spaces at various points in the village and a variety of very beautiful trees which have been preserved or planted more recently. The village environment is clean and tidy with well placed litter and dog bins and signs about fouling. Some areas were a bit weedy. Allotments are well tended and generally very well managed – there was quite a bit of activity going on during the summer and hops, vines, flowers fruits, vegetables, wild and companion planting to be seen. Plots are advertised on the village website.

The Village Hall is in good condition and has a planter with flowers and an attractive sign, also displaying a former BKV win. The car park is tidy and has good shrubs. The vicarage garden hedge is a bit wild but not too untidy. Either side of the Village Hall doors is *Hydrangea petiolaris* which will grow to 20 feet. It is controlled at present! The Sports Pavilion is superb with a good scorer's box and double garage mowing shed. Children use an after school club here. There are some seats for spectators. Some very old picnic tables piled up and an old broken barbecue. Some new tables (3) were also in situ, alongside the Pavilion, by late July. The old tables were also neatly stacked! There is a functional shelter and benches at the splendid tennis court.

The Sports Field is a wonderful space for the village residents. The grass is very well cut. The play area equipment, fence and safety surface is in very good condition. Of the two entry gates; one has a broken catch, so the gate will not stay shut and the other is fastened by string. There is a sign to indicate no dogs are allowed. There is also a bin here and a good seat. Unfortunately, in the ditch along the side of the play area are multiple beer cans, which look to have been there for some time and were seen again in July. Perhaps spectators need a gentle reminder to use the bin. Seats around the perimeter need some TLC. There is a small green in the village centre and then the Jubilee Green which has well chosen trees, long grass with wild flowers on the banks of the stream and well positioned seats on which to sit and admire the view and watch the butterflies and foraging birds.



The telephone here is a second hand book shop, is in good condition inside and out and displays information about village events. The stream and gullies on The Street were clean and had dragon flies and watercress. Verges were very neat and tidy.

The church yard is well cared for. The railings are a bit shabby. The grass had several varieties of wild flowers growing through, which looked very attractive and were attracting pollinators! Later, the grass was mown and Graves strimmed. The Millennium garden here is beautifully kept and a lovely quiet place to sit and reflect. The modern cemetery is also well cut and very tidy. Two seats have flaky varnish and bare slats. The War Memorial is also tidy and in good condition. The church seems to be an active community and there was information about the newly appointed vicar and on the notice board information about services etc. The old Baptist Chapel ante room site has not been closed off.

The Village Shop was closed during visits and had the window whitewashed. The Petrol Station with shop was good and the café is welcoming, although the railings are rusty. It had information about opening times and village information in the windows. The two pubs also looked welcoming and neat and tidy from the exterior. The New Inn car park is a bit weedy. The Farm Shop on the A35 also has a range of fresh produce and huge range of grocery items – showing great enterprise and energy!

Communication is good in this village – through the very good web site, on all notice boards which were up to date and in good condition and through notices at the School. The map was good. The two parish magazines conveyed some of the events and groups which take place in Kilmington. There is clearly much that goes on in Kilmington – a good range of groups, activities and events. The Baptist Church is being rebuilt and will be a hub for the area. 100 young people in Kilmington are undertaking the Duke of Edinburgh Award through the Baptist Church. Affordable houses for renting are planned for the village. The Parish Council and many active residents clearly strive to keep the village an active community and a beautiful place. We are pleased to award Kilmington the Large Village Winner award in the Past Winner category for 2014. Congratulations to all residents in Kilmington!

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COMPETITION JUDGE'S REPORTING SHEET



Best Kept Village Final Results for 2014

Category	Winner	Runner Up
Past Winner - Large Village	Kilmington	Newton St Cyres
Past Winner - Small Village	Dalwood	Offwell
Large Village	Bradworthy	Musbury
Small Village	Sheepwash	Bratton Clovelly
New Entry	Ashwater	Lympstone

