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BUCKINGHAMSHIRE BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMPETITION

THE 2015 WINNERS ARE REVEALED



The winning villages in the 2015 Buckinghamshire Best Kept Village Competition are revealed.

The winners are –

Stoke Goldington - Gurney Cup (for villages with a population up to 500)

Joint Runners-up – Little Marlow & Little Missenden

Cuddington – Morris Cup (villages with a population 500-1500)

Runner-up - Castlethorpe

Stewkley - DeFraine Cup (population 1500 – 3000)

Runner-up – Pitstone

Marlow – Michaelis Cup (small towns)

Runner-up – Amersham Old Town

Haddenham - Pushman Cup (large villages with a population over 3000)

Joint runners-up – Chalfont St Giles & Gerrards Cross

Chalfont St Peter – Tindall Cup (2014 cup winners)

Runner-up - Hedgerley

Marlow- Sword of Excellence (for the winner with the highest marks)

Amersham Old Town - Dashwood Trophy (for the best runner-up)

The village of **Cuddington** also has the added honour of being selected for the Savills' sponsored Community Award.

Competition chairman, Richard Pushman commented: "There were a record number of entries this year, standards were high in all the competing villages and I congratulate all our winners and runners-up. The judges were very impressed with the general upkeep and absence of litter. Almost all the entries displayed much evidence of good community spirit with numerous activities and community enterprise. Cuddington is a worthy winner of the Community Award. In particular, The Cuddington Picture House, run by volunteers, is an ambitious community project which has been a great success. Oving too deserves congratulations. Although not a Best Kept Village winner the new village hall has been a tremendous achievement for the village."

The competition is organised by the Bucks Best Kept Village Competition Committee with sponsorship provided by Bucks County Council, Milton Keynes Council, the District Councils from Aylesbury Vale, Chiltern,

South Bucks and Wycombe and Motts Coaches. International real estate adviser Savills sponsors the competition's Community Award. Entrants were assessed on various features within their villages with categories covering playing fields, recreation grounds, village halls, war memorials, notice boards and areas around shops and pubs. The judges were also looking for evidence of community effort.

Andrew Cronan, Head of Savills Beaconsfield Sales, comments: "Community is central to our ethos at Savills and we are delighted to be able to support an initiative which has such a positive impact on the Buckinghamshire villages which we love and in which we all work and live."

For further information regarding the Buckinghamshire Best Kept Village competition please contact the competition administrator by email at bkvbucks@gmail.com or by telephoning 07857 968448.

For general information about the Best Kept Village Competition visit www.bucksvoice.net/bestkeptvillage

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Notes to Editors:

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