

DEFRAINE CUP Judges Comments

Village – Naphill & Walters Ash

	Features	Notes	Possible Marks	Marks Awarded
	Principal features			
1A	Cemetery, graveyard (separate or attached to a place of worship)	None present. Naphill Orthodox Christian Church tidy and well-presented frontage with useful information board.	20	20
1B	Green, playing field, children's play area, nature conservation area	The Crick – tidy well cut playing fields; play facilities all in good order for under 12; sports provision for older children (table tennis, basketball, cricket and football; noted faded notices at entrance to under 12 area; some marked wear of grass surfaces and erosion of artificial and safety surfaces – potential trip hazards. Three newly finished courts at Naphill Tennis Club – welcoming notice for players at all levels and ages. Vincents Meadow – tidy and appropriately managed.	40	38
1C	Floral Displays (hanging baskets, tubs, planters)	White Lion PH – window boxes. Hanging baskets – café, shop in Naphill (plastic plants but fresh and attractive, also in small planters); Tidy shops in Walters Ash. Also beds at war memorial – see below.	10	10
1D	Village hall, community centre, church hall	Well-presented hall, scout/guide building and car park. Brush up on frontage to Main Road would be beneficial to remove moss and leaf litter and trim back path edges. Defibrillator on wall – also at Leigh Lewis in Walters Ash.	20	19
1E	General environmental features (hedges, verges, ditches, pond, stream, pump)	Frontage hedges well maintained throughout with only occasional encroachment. Verges well cut. Failed commemorative tree planting (by WI) on verge at Chapel Lane detracts - adjoining hedgerow would need cut back before replanting. Pick Ups Pond – good benches and well presented tranquil area.	20	19
	Other features			
2A	Areas around shops and pubs	White Lion and The Wheel PH frontages and pub gardens tidy and well presented with some floral interest. The Wheel car park deteriorating but good use made for public recycling receptacles. Post Office frontage would benefit from brush up and removal of tired Xmas decoration to help relieve cramped feel; new bollards noted. Clean and tidy around all other shops, business premises and at the garage.	20	18
2B	Bus stops, bus shelters and notice boards	Bus stops and shelters tidy. Bus shelter by The Wheel PH had mirror, picture of Naphill and books – noted leaf litter accumulation and encroaching ivy. Good recent noticeboards and pictorial map of Naphill at village hall; board contained 50:50 parish business and community events; included BBKVC notice – NB also seen in shop windows and stapled to poles. Noticeboards up to date content.	20	20
2C	War memorial	Unusual design. Good clean and well managed setting and sense of place. Good floral beds. Silent silhouette figure (airman). One of commemorative stone plaques no longer legible due to erosion of lettering.	20	20
2D	Overall appearance, lack of litter and evidence of community effort	Well-presented village; no dog mess; only very occasional isolated litter (small items). Evidence of community effort and events - seen on noticeboards, in shop windows and stapled to poles (eg resident's assoc, Covid 19 support group, Mother's Union). Decorated post box (for Jubilee) in Walter's Ash.	30	30
		TOTAL	200	194

Very tidy feel with minimal detractors and some strong local highlights that together help to create a sense of place in an extended largely roadside settlement.

Map: The supplied maps were very detailed and together with the notes made finding the features very easy.