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BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMPETITION 2013

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PRESS RELEASE

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This year 35 villages entered the Nottinghamshire Best Kept Village Competition, after the first round of judging, the final 16 (4 in each category - see attached list) were selected for a second visit by teams of judges during July. The result is that there are new champions in three categories, **Beckingham, Wysall and Linby** with **Radcliffe on Trent** remaining champion of their section. These villages will now go forward to be judged for the **Wilkinson "Best of Notts Award"**

In Category A (pop 2000 to 10000) the 2012 champion **Radcliffe on Trent** have retained the winners position, beating **Collingham** into second place. **Southwell** and **Lowdham**, both previous winners of this group were the other finalists

Category B (pop 700-2000) **Beckingham** emerged the top of this group, second was **East Markham**, the others in this group were **Bunny** and **Coddington**.

In Category C (pop 300-700) the winner was **Wysall and Thorpe in the Glebe** and the runner up was **Oxton**. The other finalists in this group were **Orston** and **Gringley on the Hill**.

The category for the smallest villages section D (pop under 300) saw **Linby** reclaim the title from last year's winner **Granby** who they beat into second place. The other finalists were **East Drayton** and **Kingston on Soar**.

The best new entrant this year goes to **Normanton on the Wolds**.

The champion villages in each of the four categories will be awarded cheques of **£125**, oak and wrought iron plaques to retain for one year and framed certificates. Runners up will each receive **£50** and a certificate. The Best New Entrant receives **£100**. During August the four champions will be judged for the **Wilkinson "Best of Notts" Award** worth **£1000**. All cheques and certificates will be presented at the AGM of the Nottinghamshire Association of Local Councils on 13th November, and plaques will be unveiled in the prize winning villages during the autumn.

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The competition is run by the Nottinghamshire Campaign to Protect Rural England and is being kindly sponsored for the twenty-second successive year by the Wilkinson Group of Companies. By entering this competition it has the benefit of creating pride within each individual village and making Nottinghamshire a more desirable location to live. We are grateful to all the judges who have a difficult task in looking at so many diverse villages, village entrants and Wilkinson for their support in continuing to make this a vibrant and hard fought competition. It is delightful to see three new villages coming into the competition this year and in all categories the results have been a close run.

Notes for Editors

1. The competition is organised by Nottinghamshire CPRE and sponsored by Wilkinson for the 22nd successive year.
2. Parish councils enter their villages in the competition during the spring. This time 35 entries were received from across Nottinghamshire and 16 went through to the next round.
3. The Wilkinson "Best of Nott's" Award, worth £1000, will be announced at the Nottinghamshire Association of Local Councils (NALC) AGM in November following anonymous visits by a team of judges to the four prize winning villages in August. The three judges are from Wilkinson, NALC and the Nottinghamshire Branch of the CPRE.
4. The "Best New Entrant" category is for a village which has not entered for five or more years. There were 3 new entrants in 2013.
5. The plaques are moved and installed by members of the Nottinghamshire Federation of Young Farmers' Clubs.

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List of Winners

Category A (pop. 2000-10000)

Winner Radcliffe on Trent
Runner up Collingham

Category B (pop. 700-2000)

Winner Beckingham
Runner up East Markham

Category C (pop. 300-700)

Winner Wysall and Thorpe in the Glebe
Runner up Oxton

Category D (pop. Under 300)

Winner Linby
Runner up Granby

Best New Entrant

Normanton on the Wolds

Certificates of Merit (judged in the first round)

Bingham Carnarvon School's imaginative, educational, attractive and well maintained vegetable garden.
Ruddington The Methodist Church's beautifully maintained garden. This provided a cameo of both care and colour.
Willoughby on the Wolds The use of the former Telephone Box as a centre for a defibrillator.

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