

VILLAGE NEWS

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## **"VILLAGE OF THE YEAR"**

Every year the Rural Community Council of Essex holds a competition to determine the best Village of the Year. The award is based on the activities and work of the community as a whole, not just the Parish Council.

The RCCE announced the results at their AGM on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> July. Chris Stevenson (chair of the Parish Council) was joined by Harry Stone (Parish Councillor), Rachel Hopkins (Heathlands Primary School), Diane Woodgate (Bluebells pre-school) and Jamie Bowden (young volunteer at Bergholt Youth Group). They collected the winner's award for Best Class2 Village (population 2000-4000) and overall 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the whole competition. This was a community effort and was judged by what occurs ordinarily in the village. The BYG particularly impressed the judges who also highlighted the strong community links including :-

- The Heathlands Primary School
- Bluebells pre-school
- Hillhouse Wood volunteers
- The role of local businesses in the community
- Our amazing Queen's Birthday celebrations

We should all be very proud of our village and the community spirit that we share.





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