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## **Hills Group sponsors Best Kept Village Competition for sixth year running**

The 2018 Campaign to Protect Rural England (CPRE) Wiltshire and The Hills Group Best Kept Village Competition is now open for entrants.

This annual competition is designed to foster pride in our beautiful countryside and is open to every village in Wiltshire to participate. There are three main categories in The Best Kept Village Competition for large villages with a population of 1,000 to 3,500, medium villages with a population of 300 to 1,000 and small villages and hamlets with a population of less than 300 people.

For the sixth consecutive year the main competition is being generously sponsored by The Hills Group with Princeton Homes sponsoring the Laurence Kitching "Winner of Winners" Award for a second time.



There is no charge to enter and there are valuable rewards for winners and runners-up including cash prizes from £30 up to £200, plus a plaque and CPRE certificate for the three (large, medium and small) best kept villages.

All parish councils will have been sent, through their parish clerks, the invitation to enter accompanied by the entry guidelines and an entry form. If you think that your village should enter please contact your parish council and discuss this with them. Please note entries must be received by CPRE Wiltshire no later than Friday 20<sup>th</sup> April.

Any village with an official population slightly greater than 3,500 which has been a recent entrant into the Best Kept Village Competition should contact the CPRE Wiltshire Project Officer, Mike Manson, to discuss a possible entry.

The winning villages from 2016 and 2017 are not eligible for entry to the main competition but are encouraged to enter the 'Laurence Kitching Winner of Winners Competition' sponsored by Princeton Homes. These villages are Great Bedwyn, Mildenhall, Tollard Royal, The Winterbournes, All Cannings and Rushall.

For more information, please contact CPRE Wiltshire by email [admin@cprewiltshire.org.uk](mailto:admin@cprewiltshire.org.uk) or telephone 01380 722157.

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Notes to editors:

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