



# Calor's Village of the Year Competition: Cornwall 2009



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## INFORMATION SHEET

Cornwall Rural Community Council is pleased to once again be running the Cornwall heats of Calor's Village of the Year Competition, which has also attracted support from the Cornwall Community Foundation and the Tanner Trust. Like us, they also want to encourage as many villages as possible to take part. We know the importance of what communities do – we see their achievements! Local action and a united community really can, and do, make a difference. We want to make this a positive experience in Cornwall – we know how fantastic our villages are!

### So Why is this Competition So Different?

This competition isn't just about how a place looks, it's really about what makes a community tick and how you create a real sense of belonging. What gives a community that elusive vibrancy?

### What do the Entrants Get Out of It?

Villages reap real benefits from working together, creating a genuine sense of community spirit. They've told us that entering the competition and thinking about their strengths brought about lots of benefits: improved morale, creating greater awareness and community cohesion, and stimulated project development. This year there will be 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place prize monies of £250, £150 and £100 respectively to go towards a project within the villages as well as certificates for ALL shortlisted villages.

### What's Involved?

- **Information** - village representative(s) are required to collate and co-ordinate information.
- **Entry Form (Village Profile)** - completion of form by 29 May 2009. It is recommended that you involve others (e.g. representatives from the parish council, local groups and interested residents) from your village.
- **Shortlisting of Villages** – by judges, **using the Entry Form information**, in June 2009.
- **Judges' Visit** – judges will make a 2 hour visit to each of the shortlisted villages between Monday 13<sup>th</sup> and Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2009. Your village will be judged sometime during this period so please provisionally book these dates into your diary; the exact visit details will be confirmed by 12 June 2009.

*The visit is an opportunity for you to showcase your village in whichever way you choose, formal or informal: e.g. a tour of village; talk from local groups/residents; video; display; or a combination of these or any other methods – but remember it has to fit into a 2 hour timeframe (this is the same timescale that Calor allows for the regional and national judging).*

- **Announcement of Cornwall Winner** – All shortlisted villages will be invited to a presentation event on Friday 28 August 2009 at the CRCC's offices, 2 Princes Street, Truro.
- **Next Stage** - Cornwall's winner will go through to the next stage – and fill in a new entry form to compete against villages in the South West. Should you win the South West stage you then go into the national round. These stages are organized by Calor itself and there is an opportunity to win a share of the £40,000 prize fund.

## COMPLETING THE ENTRY (VILLAGE PROFILE) FORM

The competition gives England's rural communities the chance to put their village through its paces. It is a search for the most vibrant, enterprising and sustainable community. This is a chance to showcase your village – to find new opportunities for improvement and keep your community going from strength to strength.

- Please complete the entry form as fully as possible and return to CRCC by 29 May 2009.
- The questions are used in Calor's entry guidelines and cover the themes of community, business, sustainability and communications. There is also a section to describe any difficulties your village may have faced and how you solved or limit them.
- Should you have any queries regarding the completion of the form please contact Sharon Davey at CRCC: 14 Chapel Street, Camborne, Cornwall, TR14 8ED Tel. 01209 614950 Fax. 01209 614951 email: sharon.davey@cornwallrcc.co.uk
- If you need extra space for your text, then please feel free to increase the box size if you are using a PC to complete the form (i.e. just continue to type and box size will increase automatically), or attach extra sheet(s) if you have printed the blank form and are writing your answers.
- Remember that the information from the entry form is crucial, as this will be the basis by which villages are shortlisted. It is important to try and give full description of life in your village and it also gives you the chance to explain the strengths and unique character that makes your village special. All the profiles will be thoroughly considered and each of the shortlisted villages will be visited by the judges.

### **DON'T FORGET THAT THE JUDGES ARE LOOKING FOR:**

**“WELL BALANCED, PRO-ACTIVE, CARING VILLAGE COMMUNITIES WHICH, IRRESPECTIVE OF SIZE, ARE MAKING THE BEST OF LOCAL OPPORTUNITIES IN ORDER TO ENHANCE AND SUSTAIN A BETTER QUALITY OF LIFE FOR ALL INHABITANTS.”**

***Remember, we are not judging your village on what your community has, but what your community does.***

Please note that Calor ask local organizations to run the county heats, but organize the later regional/national stages themselves. CRCC, is a Cornish charity, and runs the Cornwall competition for Calor, with local support. In 2009 this is from Cornwall Community Foundation and the Tanner Trust.

- Calor is one of the leading suppliers of liquefied petroleum gas.
- The Tanner Trust is a charitable trust that makes donations to other charities.
- Cornwall Community Foundation is a charitable company which aims to build stronger communities by distributing targeted grants to small community and voluntary groups that make a real difference to people's quality of life in Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly.
- Cornwall Rural Community Council is a long-established charitable company which provides support and advice to community groups and voluntary sector organisations across Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly.



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## ENTRY (VILLAGE PROFILE) FORM

### GENERAL INFORMATION:

<b>Name of Village:</b>	
<b>Village website address, if applicable:</b>	
<b>Population of Village:</b>	
<b>Name of entry organiser (i.e. main contact):</b>	
<b>Address:</b>	
<b>Postcode:</b>	
<b>Email address:</b>	
<b>Home telephone number</b>	
<b>Mobile number:</b>	

**Signed** .....

**Date** .....

## CATEGORY I. COMMUNITY – A BETTER PLACE TO LIVE

1. What local facilities, services and activities are available in your village eg youth groups, pre-school groups, crèche, cricket field, playing field, village shop, community transport, village hall, mobile library etc?

2. How is the community encouraged to support or take part in these facilities/services/activities (in Q1 above)?

3. Do you encourage young people to be involved in decision making forums which affect their role in village life? Please give details.

4. How are the needs of young people assessed?

5. What facilities, services and activities are available for senior citizens in your village eg car schemes, home help, social club, luncheon clubs etc?

6. Is there a forum, in addition to the parish council, which focuses decision-making processes eg an action group?

7. Does your village suffer from anti social behaviour? Please give examples.

8. How do you deal with low level crime such as graffiti and criminal damage?

9. Are senior citizens involved in village activities and what part do they play in the life of your village?

## **CATEGORY 2. BUSINESS – A BETTER PLACE TO WORK**

1. What local businesses are there in your village e.g. village pub, Post Office, farm, garage, industrial enterprises, working from home?

2. How do businesses get involved and support community life?

3. What employment opportunities do these businesses offer to local people? Approximately how many local people are employed by them?

4. Are there any community-run businesses in the village eg community-run shops, social enterprises?

5. What kind of benefits does the community-run business(es) provide to residents eg retention of village shop, access to other local services?

## **CATEGORY 3. SUSTAINABILITY – A BETTER FUTURE**

1. What has been, or is currently being undertaken in your community to help protect and improve the local and global environment eg recycling, community composting, re-use of waste materials?

2. Are there areas of special conservation eg wildlife areas, village green, community woodland? Tell us about policy and practice of conservation in your village and how local people become involved?

3. Are there any energy saving initiatives, eco-builds, local sourcing, water conservation, community public transport/green travel plans?

## **CATEGORY 4. COMMUNICATIONS – BEING IN CONTACT**

1. What do you do to welcome ALL new residents into the community life? How do they find out about your community and what is going on?

2. What measures does your Parish Council take to ensure that all sections of the community have their say in village life? How do they pass information on to the whole community?

3. How do people in need of care, help and support within your community find out what organised services are available to assist them?

4. What benefits does the village gain from information communication technology such as website, internet café, computer literacy classes etc?

## **PART B**

**This section gives you an opportunity to tell us in not more than 500 words of any problems, challenges or difficulties your village has experienced and what steps you have taken to solve or limit them.**

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**THANK YOU FOR YOUR CO-OPERATION, AND GOOD LUCK!**

Please return this profile by **29 May 2009** to Sharon Davey at:  
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