



Best Kept Village 2008

Compton Chamberlayne beat off competition from five other Best Kept Village winners to receive the Laurence Kitching Award in this year's Best Kept Village competition. The award, in memory of the former chairman of Wiltshire CPRE (Campaign to Protect Rural England) was presented at a ceremony in Compton Chamberlayne Village Hall earlier this month. The Laurence Kitching Award is a "winner of winners" competition so villages which have won in the two previous years - and are excluded from the main competition for the two years following a win - can enter the Laurence Kitching Award instead. It was introduced in 2001 to prevent the same villages winning the competition consecutively. There are three categories in the main competition- small village won by Hilmarton, medium village won by Dinton, and large village won by Winsley- as well as the Laurence Kitching Award. The CPRE judges carried out the judging in July and the winning villages received a plaque and cash. John Blake, from the Wiltshire CPRE, said "Some 70 villages entered this year and it is rewarding to see the way the village comes together as a community to respond to the challenge in not only clearing up the hedgerows, paths, churchyard, but in upgrading existing, and planning new amenities and facilities."

Salisbury Journal, Tuesday, 16 December 2008

OPC Note:

Compton Chamberlayne has won "The Best Kept Village" in 1979, 1980, 1982, 1993, 2007 & 2008