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£1000 FOR NORTHAMPTONSHIRE'S 2016 BEST VILLAGE

The overall winner of this year's competition to find the Best Village in Northamptonshire will win a generous prize of £1000, to be spent on community initiatives within the village, thanks to the generosity of competition sponsors, Hollowells Funeral Plans.

The Competition is launched this week with Application Forms sent to all Parish Councils and Village Hall Committees in the County and is open to villages with populations up to 6,000. There are three different categories based on village size and there is a special award for best 'newcomer' to the competition.

The judges are looking for all aspects of village life: community and social activities; local communication; the provision for young people and more senior residents; the involvement of local businesses; sustainability; general tidiness; and the welcome given to visitors. They are looking for villages that can demonstrate enterprise, initiative and community spirit in how the village cares for its inhabitants and looks after its facilities. They want to know not only what has been done in the past few years to benefit your community, but also about plans for the next year.

David Scudamore, Chair of the Competition at Northamptonshire ACRE said, "We have found that most successful villages in the competition get a small group together to help with their application. We have found that entry to the Competition and the possibility of winning carries a considerable "feel good" effect for the village as a whole."

The closing date for the competition is Thursday 24th March.

The winners will be announced at the Awards Evening on Tuesday 12th July at Northamptonshire ACRE.

For further information regarding the competition in Northamptonshire, please contact Barron Walton on 01327 312950 or via email at Barron.Walton@northantsacre.co.uk or David Scudamore on 01604 762230. Details of the 2016 Best Village Competition are also available on the Northamptonshire ACRE website at www.northantsacre.org.uk/projects/best-village-competition/

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