**Cat 2 Towns & Villages 2025**

**General Appearance 30 Marks**

* Presentation of area/ houses/ gardens, number of biodiversity friendly gardens, work done to help people in the area increase biodiversity on the street and in gardens.
* Road and street appearance, pollinator planting, weeding where needed, absence of dog fouling.
* Green areas used for tree planting, pollinator planting and good use of space for biodiversity and users.

**Litter and Graffiti 20 Marks**

* Are areas litter and graffiti free on inspection.
* What is the litter reduction strategy during the year.
* What is the graffiti prevention & removal strategy during the year.

**Community Participation 20 Marks**

* Numbers involved in the group and work done to increase numbers and ensure social inclusion.
* Youth engagement such as workshops/ photo competitions etc.
* How do you communicate with others i.e. social media/emails etc.
* Collaborations with businesses in the area.
* Collaboration with other groups such as other to share ideas or help out another area particularly if you help in a disadvantaged area or high litter area outside your usual ground covered.

**Environmental Best Practice 10 Marks**

* Water awareness
* Waste awareness including green waste
* Environmental initiatives
* Sustainability awareness and initiatives
* Initiatives shown to minimise and manage dog fouling.

**Biodiversity Projects 10 Marks**

* What has been done to increase biodiversity in the area?
* How has awareness been raised about harmful chemical use?