

The Best Kept Village Competition began in Staffordshire in 1956 and has been running continuously since then. The competition was developed to encourage village residents to take pride in their communities.

Recognising the importance of ensuring that an event steeped in history continues and recognising the value an event to bring the community together, it is run by "The Community Foundation" which is an independent charity dedicated to strengthening local communities across Staffordshire and Shropshire. Whilst they want to retain the history of the competition, they also recognise that times have changed and people's attitudes have changed too.

The competition is not about finding the most beautiful, old, or picturesque village, and the winners are more varied and diverse than you might think. Entries are now invited from housing estates or wards within districts. The most successful communities are often those that achieve the greatest involvement and community spirit from their residents. The Foundation have also developed a number of 'supplemental competitions' which recognise and reward different aspects of village life.

Bicton Parish Council are entering the village in the 'Best Kept Village Competition' this year by showcasing all the great things that go on in the village: village hall, village club, church plus all the amenities that we offer our residents. If you want to know more, ask a member of the parish council or contact the clerk - all contact details are displayed on the Parish Notice Board by the church wall.