



EAST MIDLANDS

# IT'S YOUR NEIGHBOURHOOD 2018

## **Beeches Residents Association**

### **Uppingham**

Assessed on: 17.08.2018

Size of entry: 10+

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**Beeches Residents help form a community spirit which is at the heart of the housing estate. A strong volunteering group help people who are less able & are always looking to the future to enhance the experience of living here. This should be a blue print for others to follow. I had a warm welcome & an enjoyable visit.**

#### **Section A – Community Participation – Marks awarded 38 (max 40)**

Residents of this 147 well laid out estate all help in some way or form to bring a community spirit to the area. A quarterly newsletter keeps everyone informed of developments taking place. The resident's association works with a number of other groups including the Rotary & Uppingham in Bloom to form partnerships for the future. The estate has two play areas for the younger residents to enjoy in a safe environment. A well-positioned information board on the estate is also a good feature for those without social media skills. A number of events, such as the annual barbecue held on the green & community gatherings help foster the community spirit which vital to all concerned.

#### **Section B – Environmental Responsibility – Marks awarded 26 (max 30)**

Environmental issues are taken seriously by the group, with a number of projects such as a Hopper Bus daily into the town centre to reduce emissions, Hedgehog protection work & signage & installing a defibrillator on the estate. The whole area is very clean & tidy, no litter & very little weeds in the footpaths & road kerbs. Throughout the estate different skill sets of the residents are used to help with maintaining a working environment for all concerned.

#### **Section C – Gardening Achievement – Marks awarded 25 (max 30)**

The entrance to the estate has a lovely welcome in the form of a memorial flowerbed tended by the residents. Every front garden of the 147 houses are immaculately kept with everyone keeping the planting tidy but still doing their own thing to keep them individual. Future plans are to fill any grey spaces on the estate with planting that will blend in with their surroundings.

**Total Marks Awarded 89 (max 100)**

**Award achieved: Level 5 Outstanding**