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FELSTED Best Kept Village in Essex Rural Community

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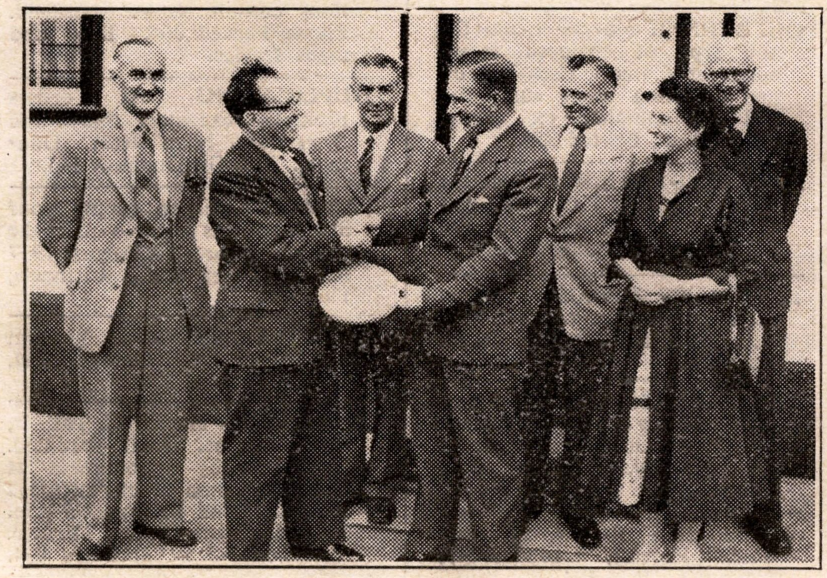
Best Kept Village in Dunmow R.D.

JUDGED to be the best kept village to compete in the Essex Rural Community Council's "Best Kept Village" competition, Felsted Parish Council has been presented with a carved wooden plaque, given by the "Dunmow Broadcast and District Advertiser."

The presentation ceremony took place outside the Parish Church on the evening of July 25th, when Mr. B. G. May, of Messrs. May and Brett Ltd. owners and publishers of the "D.B.D.A." handed the plaque to Mr. George Smith, Chairman of Felsted Parish Council. Also present were Mr. A. C. Wells, Vice-Chairman, Mrs. D. Millard, Mr. S. B. Smith, Mr. H. F. Cousins, Mr. A. H. Burton, Clerk to the Council and Mrs. Burton. Also representing the "D.B.D.A." were the Editor, Mrs. P. Muir and Mr. Douglas May.

It has been suggested that the plaque should hang in the Village Hall.

The panel of judges who inspected the competing villages remarked on the tidiness of Felsted's churchyard and village centre. The allotments in use were also considered neat and tidy, but litter around the public seat ("a litter basket would help") and along the main road caused points to be lost. The village pump was criticised for its rusty appearance and for the unsightly litter basket hanging askew."



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Takeley, the runner-up in the Dunmow Area, was considered to have improved the appearance of the village hall and grounds, but "litter at the 'Four Ashes' cross-roads and inside the bus shelter gave a bad impression." The frontage of the Waylett's Hill Council House estate and the forecourt of the British Legion H.Q. also came in for criticism.

Marks were lost at White Roding for the uncut grass forecourt to the village hall and for the state of the parish churchyard. The judges thought that the churchyard at Little Hallingbury showed a big improvement on last year, but they found the War Memorial badly neglected and litter lay along the main road and inside the bus shelter. They remark that "much more effort is needed in this beautiful village."