

Village of the Year Award 2010

Bathford received the award from the Campaign to Protect Rural England (CPRE) Avonside at an award ceremony at Bathford Primary School on 13 November. Bathford is the large village district winner for 2010. The ceremony took place in the new school hall with representatives from the CPRE and the village community including the Parish Council, Bathford Enterprise for All (BEFA), St Swithun's Church, the Twinning Association, the Allotments, the Bathford Society - and of course the school children.

A framed certificate and cheque for £50 was presented in recognition of Bathford's achievement to Hugh Baker of Bathford Parish Council on behalf of the village.

The CPRE Village of the Year competition is for more than a "Best Kept" village. It is about celebrating strong communities and demonstrating that the village and its people are well cared for, with a sense of community and with thriving societies, clubs and activities.

This is the first time that the village has entered this competition and the entry was compiled and submitted by the Bathford Enterprise for All (BEFA Plus) group on behalf of the village.

It is intended that the award money will be used to buy a plaque to mark the success and fixed alongside the others at the shop.