

## Calor Berkshire Village of the Year Competition

Several representatives from the Parish attended the Awards evening on 3<sup>rd</sup> October at Ashampstead Village Hall (Ashampstead won the competition in 2005). The cheques and certificates were presented by Phil Gleed from Calor.

The leader of the judging team, Dick Bush, provided a critical analysis of each of the entries. For the Aldermaston entry, he was particularly impressed with the flower festival at the Church, and the number of people actively involved at all the locations, including the Parish Hall. He stressed the importance of the judges needing to meet people to get the 'Wow' factor. He also mentioned the need to work on the weak points as well as the strong points (our weak points were the Environment and Caring for the Older People).

Accepting the Award on behalf of Aldermaston, Sally-Anne Martin praised the co-operation she received from so many people when preparing our entry. She noted the constructive comments made by the judges and promised these would be taken into account as we prepare for the Regional Round next April.

The winning entries were:  
Young People - Aldermaston  
Older People - Datchet  
ICT - Aldermaston  
Environment - Englefield  
Business - Aldermaston  
Overall - Aldermaston

Our total prize money was £1050 and this will be shared between the skateboard project, enhancement of the Loosey, and the Parish Hall.