

Tower Maintenance Award Scheme

It's been rather a long time since we prepared a report on the scheme so that there are rather more changes to report than would normally be the case. In addition, because of Covid and the effects of lockdown, the T & B committee has decided that the renewal date for all awards due for renewal in 2020 will be extended for one year.

Since the last report the activity in the Tower Maintenance Award Scheme has remained steady with the number of current awards still at seventeen. The number of towers participating or expressing an interest is ninety-three, which is about twenty-one per cent of the four hundred and forty towers listed in the annual report last year. There have now been one hundred and sixty-six inspections (of which twenty-six were preliminaries), resulting in one hundred and twenty awards (ninety-three Gold, twenty-eight Silver, and fifteen Bronze).

The number of expired awards has risen again and is now thirty-two. The T & B committee continues to contact the expired towers with the aim of persuading them to renew their awards. Since the last report fourteen towers have renewed Gold Awards while Wardington has gained a Gold Award and Cuddesden and Penn Silver Awards at the first attempt; congratulations to all these towers. Awards for seven towers have expired since the last report (see the "Expired Awards" list and it is hoped that they will attempt to renew (or improve) their awards.

The number of Branches having a tower in the "current awards" list is now nine out of the fifteen Guild Branches, with EBSB having regained its predominant position, being just in front of the Reading Branch (in the last report it was the other way round!). The placings are as follows: -

EBSB	5	(3 Gold, 1 Silver, 1 Bronze)
Reading	3	(Gold)
Banbury	3	(Gold)
Sonning Deanery	2	(Gold)
South Oxon	1	(Gold)
Newbury	1	(Gold)
Chiltern	1	(Gold)
Oxford City	1	(Silver)
Witney & Woodstock	1	(Silver)

The six Branches with currently no awards are Bicester, Central Bucks, Chipping Norton, North Bucks, Old North Berks, Vale of White Horse.

Current Tower Maintenance Scheme Awards

Gold Award

Reading (St Giles)	Reading	Expires 30.03.21
Adderbury (St Mary)	Banbury	Expires 31.12.21
Chalfont St Peter	EBSB	Expires 30.11.21
Stratfield Mortimer (St John)	Reading	Expires 30.11.21
Thame (St Mary)	South Oxon	Expires 31.10.21
Thatcham (St Mary)	Newbury	Expires 31.05.21

Bray (St Michael)	EBSB	Expires 30.04.21
Wokingham (All Saints)	Sonning Deanery	Expires 31.05.21
Winkfield (St Mary)	EBSB	Expires 30.05.21
Deddington (SS Peter & Paul)	Banbury	Expires 20.05.21
Sonning (St Andrew)	Sonning Deanery	Expires 30.06.21
Wardington	Banbury	Expires 31.12.21
Ellesborough (SS Peter & Paul)	Chiltern	Expires 30.04.21
Stratfield Mortimer (St Mary)	Reading	Expires 31.05.21

Silver Award

Penn	EBSB	Expires 30.06.21
Cuddesden	Oxford City	Expires 31.01.21

Bronze Award

Fulmer (St James)	EBSB	Expires 21.06.21
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Expired Awards

Finchhampstead (St James)	Sonning Deanery	Expired 31.07.07
Stoke Mandeville (St Mary V)	Chiltern	Expired 31.12.07
Warborough (St Laurence)	South Oxon	Expired 31.12.07
Easthampstead (St Michael)	Sonning Deanery	Expired 31.12.08
Purley (St Mary)	Reading	Expired 31.01.10
Benson (St Helen)	South Oxon	Expired 31.10.11
South Stoke (St Andrew)	Reading	Expired 31.03.12
Wantage (SS Peter & Paul)	Old North Berks	Expired 31.08.13
Letcombe Regis	Old North Berks	Expired 30.09.13
Chalfont St Giles	EBSB	Expired 30.09.14
Kintbury (SMV)	Newbury	Expired 30.09.14
Tadmarton (St Nicholas)	Banbury	Expired 30.09.14
Peasemore (St Barnabas)	Newbury	Expired 28.02.15
Wargrave (St Mary)	Sonning Deanery	Expired 31.07.15
Great Milton	South Oxon	Expired 31.08.15
Hungerford (St Lawrence)	Newbury	Expired 30.09.15
Denham (St Mary)	EBSB	Expired 31.01.16
Mapledurham (St Margaret)	Reading	Expired 30.11.16
Chalgrove (SMV)	South Oxon	Expired 31.01.17
South Leigh (St James)	Witney & Woodstock	Expired 31.08.17
Dorchester (SS Peter & Paul)	South Oxon	Expired 31.10.17
Cookham (Holy Trinity)	EBSB	Expired 31.12.17
Berrick Salome	South Oxon	Expired 31.01.18
High Wycombe (All Saints)	EBSB	Expired 28.02.18
White Waltham	Sonning Deanery	Expired 31.10.18
Cropledy (S M V)	Banbury	Expired 31.12.18
Clewer	EBSB	Expired 31.03.19
Radley	Old North Berks	Expired 31.03.19
Henley-on-Thames	Reading	Expired 31.03.19

Horspath	Oxford City	Expired 30.04.19
Harwell (St Matthew)	Old North Berks	Expired 30.04.19
Freeland (S.M.V)	Witney & Woodstock	Expired 30.09.19

The above results reflect the situation as at the 10th October

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