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## **Surrey's Winning Villages Revealed**

After facing tough competition, the winning villages in this year's Calor Surrey Village of the Year competition were announced at a presentation ceremony held on 25 July 2009.

Villagers gathered at the Hambledon Village Hall for an awards event where the results were announced and prizes presented. The village of Ewhurst is the overall winner in the competition gaining the prestigious title of Calor Surrey Village of the Year for 2009. The judges found that the community was 'coherent and integrated with a relaxed enthusiasm for all that they do. There was a real buzz to the village'. Additional prizes have been awarded as follows –

Runner up	Chobham
Communities Category	Chobham
Communications Category	Headley
Business Category	Brockham
Sustainability Category	Bramley

Jason Whitwell, representing competition sponsor Calor – the UK's leading supplier of off-mains gas, presented representatives of the winning villages with a prize of a plaque for the overall winner and £500.

The competition is run by Surrey Community Action. Competition organiser, Jean Roberts-Jones, commented: "Our congratulations go to all the villages in this year's competition. We were very impressed by the standard of the villages and the judges

had a very tough job selecting the winners. We hope that even more villages will be encouraged to participate again in 2010.”

Chairman, Tim Prideaux, said “At a time of so much gloom, it is great to celebrate local achievements and community spirit”

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