

## National Recognition for our Neighbourhood Plan

Following our achievement in taking the Award for Best Plan in this year's East of England RTPI Awards for Planning Excellence, the Royal Town Planning Institute has recognised Holme's Neighbourhood Plan still further in the 2022 National Awards.



**Richard High, Wendy Norman, Lynn and Bernard Devereux receiving the award**

The awards were announced at The Mermaid Theatre in London where around 500 people gathered to hear the results.

Our award was the very first announcement of the evening and as the only team of amateurs competing against large multi-disciplinary teams of professionals from across the UK, we were absolutely thrilled to be given a commendation for *Excellence in Plan Making Practice*. We were pipped at the post by the City of York Housing Delivery Programme. The City's team of nine consultancy organisations were worthy winners of the 2022 Silver Cup for their mixed tenure,

Net Zero housing scheme. Holme can be proud that our Neighbourhood Plan shared a platform with this and other extraordinary and highly innovative projects.

The awards highlight exceptional examples of how planning and planners have a positive impact on our quality of life in creating exceptional places and protecting our environment.

The judges commended Holme's Plan for the strong and clear example it provides of a community-led plan commenting as follows "*... This project is an imaginative response to the widely varied and severe challenges that the village faces. Surprisingly complex with six zones each responding to different challenges and opportunities. It was fantastic to see the local community take ownership of the plan*".

The Judges went on to say it is great to see a pragmatic approach to development that balances the needs for growth to retain the vitality of the community and the needs of development.



**Excitement mounts as people arrive for the awards**



**All smiles helped by a glass of fizz!**

