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## **Good score for road safety in Harborough**

Youngsters from four schools took part in the Harborough area finals of the county's annual road safety quiz last week.

Run by the County Council's Road Safety Team, this year's final was held at Lubenham Village Hall, a neutral venue for the four competing teams.

Qualifying rounds ran around the county from November, involving 10,000 children from local schools and the four highest scoring schools made it to each area final.

The finalists were Ridgeway Primary, Farndon Fields Primary (both from Market Harborough), St Mary's Church of England Primary (Kilby) and Market Harborough Church of England Primary. Teams from the four schools competed against each other in seven rounds for the Harborough District title.

Each contestant was given an interactive control with which to answer the questions, which were projected onto a large screen at the front of the room.

Rounds included one inspired by the television game show 'A Question of Sport' and video observation featuring 'Tales of the Road', the junior Highway Code. The variety of rounds provided a hard-fought and rather tense contest.

Market Harborough C of E, who were also finalists in 2009, eventually came out on top after a tiebreak with Ridgeway.

Lesley Pendleton, County Council Cabinet Member for Environment and Transport, said: "Every child who took part showed a good standard of road safety knowledge and should be very proud to have made it to the finals.

"Teaching basic rules such as the Green Cross Code is hugely important in keeping our children safe and helping to reduce the number of lives lost on Leicestershire's roads."