



BEST KEPT VILLAGE & HEART OF ENGLAND in BLOOM Update



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HAUGHTON WINS BEST KEPT LARGE VILLAGE IN COUNTY – AGAIN!!

The suspense is over and all the hard work for Best Kept Village competition has proved to be worth the effort. For only the second time, Haughton has won the Best Large Village in Staffordshire award at the presentation evening, organised by the Community Council of Staffordshire, at Weston Village Hall on 6th August.



BKV champion, Derek Warbrick, and BKV Coordinator, Maxine Hutt, are shown with the trophy.

Further announcements will be made after our own Awards evening on 10th August when winners of our local garden competitions are confirmed.

The Best Kept Village competition attracted a total of 57 entries this year with 16 from our local Stafford District. Haughton had a number of specific mentions in the Chairman's opening remarks. This included the record entry and display of 120 children's posters, our entry presentation pack, publicity awareness, the Churchyard, quality of our small open spaces (flower beds etc), and accuracy and clarity of our submitted village map.

Our efforts were also rewarded as winner of the Best Kept Large Village in Stafford District, and joint winner of Best Overall Village in Stafford District, an honour shared with Derrington.

This must give us increased confidence for Heart of England in Bloom. Results are announced in September and follows a very positive visit from the judges in July.

THANKS TO EVERYONE WHO HAS SUPPORTED BOTH INITIATIVES!!!