



Haughton

Best Kept Village Competition

2018

April Newsletter - Welcome to Best Kept Village 2018.

Following our previous successes in the Best Kept Village competitions this year we are aiming to try and win again, but as always, the result is less important than our collective efforts to present Haughton as a pleasant environment with a thriving and involved community.

The 2017 the judges made many positive comments mentioning that they enjoyed their visits to "this attractive, neat and tidy village" and that Haughton deserved their First Place in the Small Village category and Best Kept Village in the Stafford Area.

Our popular Tidy-up sessions will continue in 2018. These provide an opportunity to meet with other residents and help us improve the environment. It could also bring new friendships, enhance fitness and promote satisfaction in a job well done. Hi-Viz vests, bags and litter-pickers are provided, but many people bring their own brooms, hoes, buckets and edging tools. Tidy-ups are supported by many regulars, but new volunteers are always very welcome. The first Tidy-up of the year will be held on **Thursday 5th April, starting from the Village Hall at 6.30pm.**



Another popular way to help is through sponsorship. Businesses and individuals have donated money to fund the campaign. In return, sponsors are awarded a special plaque which is placed in one of the beds, borders or planters which brighten the village in all seasons. If you would like to become a sponsor, please contact Cllr Derek Warbrick on 780592 for more information.

The Best Kept Garden and Hanging Baskets Competition will be held again this year. There is no charge for entry. Front gardens and hanging baskets are viewed from the footpath by independent judges in July and prizes will be awarded at a special Awards Evening, which will be held at Haughton Village Hall in August 2018. The competition is organised through Best Kept Village.



Please help to make Haughton look its best for the Best Kept Village Competition 2018 Visit www.haughton-staffs.org.uk for further information or contact any member of the Parish Council