

# Haughton

## Best Kept Village Newsletter

February 2017



### Competition Entry

Spring may seem a distance away, but it's time to prepare for our entry into the Best Kept Village Competition. We are expecting to compete in the Small Village category again. In 2016 we achieved Joint Second in our first campaign for many years in this category. We hope as many people as possible will help with this year's entry, so that, whatever the spring and summer weather may bring, the village looks its best.



### "Spirit of BKV" competition

The children have their poster and poem competitions, and now those of you who are over 18 and of an artistic mind can have a chance to shine, too. Paintings, sketches and photos on the theme of "The Spirit of Best Kept Village" will be invited for submission. More details will be available shortly.

### Playing field improvements

Playing field users will have noticed the improvements being made to the football pitch. With funding from Tesco's Bags of Help scheme the grass is being aerated, weeded, re-seeded and cut to provide a high quality surface for users. In addition, an area-defining fence will be erected around the children's play area in March, which should improve safety for young users, and three new benches will be installed.

### Tidy-ups

Our popular group Tidy-ups will be held again this year, beginning in late April. Dates will be available on posters around the village, in newsletters and on the website. If you are not able to join a group Tidy-up please feel free to pick up any litter or debris that you find anywhere at any time, or go out with your own small group. An aim of the Tidy-ups is to bring people together and foster community spirit, but the chosen day and time doesn't suit everyone. Organised Tidy-ups are usually held once a week, so there are many days in between for litter to accumulate, especially around the A518, the shops and the playing field car park.

### Sponsors

We are always very grateful for the continuing support we receive from our sponsors, whose generosity helps so much in making the village flower beds and borders look so colourful. If you are interested in becoming a Haughton BKV sponsor, please contact Cllr Derek Warbrick on 780592.

### Not such good news

High winds in January blew down the willow tree on Moathouse Drive Green. We now have an empty space, and a brown patch on the grass.



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