

Haughton

Best Kept Village Newsletter

March 2017



Garden Competition

All front gardens and visible hanging baskets will receive automatic and free entry into the Best Kept Garden and Hanging Baskets Competition, organised and sponsored by Haughton and District Garden Guild. Independent judges will view the gardens in July, with prize-winners announced in August.

Tidy-ups

The first date for your diary is Thursday 27th April. We meet at the Village Hall at 6.30pm. Litter-pickers, bags and vests will be provided. Everyone welcome.

Playing field improvements

The new fence around the children's play area is now in place. A new bench has also been installed in this area, with a further two by the skateboard ramp, overlooking the football pitch. The money for these facilities came from the Tesco Bags of Help scheme.



The telephone box

The red telephone box is no longer operable and is in the process of being decommissioned and handed over to the Parish Council. In future years the phone box will be judged as a village feature. It is hoped that the box will become a village amenity and the Parish Council is inviting suggestions for its usage from residents. Please pass ideas and suggestions to any member of the Parish Council.



A good place for village information?

Wildlife-friendly areas

This year, for the first time, specified wildlife-friendly area will be judged as village features. There is currently temporary disturbance to the Grassy Lane area, due to the Redfern Rise development, but the hedges, trees and brook form habitats for a variety of plants and creatures. The path forms a link between the school playing field and new pond, the village playing field and the countryside beyond. The small copse at the east end of the playing field has also been included as a wildlife-friendly area. The compost area in the cemetery also meets the criteria because it hosts birds and may provide a home for hedgehogs.



Amenity Van

The Civic Amenity van, for disposal of bulky household waste items will be parked at the Village Hall on Saturday 8th April from 9.00-10am.

There will be a further visit on Saturday 9th September.

Visit www.haughton-staffs.org.uk for further information or contact any member of the Parish Council