

Haughton

Best Kept Village Newsletter

September 2017



The Trophy Pole

At the recent Best Kept Village Awards Haughton was named as the Best Kept Village (Large or Small) in Stafford Area, a title which brings with it the Rubery Owen Holdings Ltd Trophy. This is a distinctive sign mounted on a large pole. On Thursday 30th August a team of three from Streetscene delivered the pole to the village and erected it on the green at the corner of Newport Road and Jolt Lane, where it will remain until August 2018. The trophy was last seen in the village during the year following the 2013 result. A ceremony will take place at the pole in the next few weeks, when a presentation of a plaque by the Trophy sponsors will be made.



Children's Poster and Poem Presentation

Three pupils from Haughton St Giles Academy received a special invitation to attend a Best Kept Village Awards Evening at Acton Trussell Village Hall on Monday 11th September for the presentation of the prizes in the children's competitions. For the first time the Best Kept Village Working Group held a poetry competition for primary-aged children, in addition to the long-running poster competition, and children from the school achieved success in both categories. Sam Payne from Year 6 was awarded second place in the 8-11 age group in the poster competition. In the poetry competition Libby Leighton, 9, was awarded second place, with Matthew Everitt, 10, placed third.

The pupils of Haughton St Giles have always shown great support for the village's BKV campaigns by producing many and varied entries in the children's poster competition, and this year was no exception. They entered the new poetry competition with great enthusiasm, too, and it is a pleasure to see their efforts in both competitions rewarded.

Photos of the children receiving their awards, scans of the poems, as the children wrote and presented them, and the poster entries can be viewed on the 2017 BKV page of the Haughton Parish website.



Sam's award-winning poster – 2nd place in the county competition

Judges' Comments

We received many positive comments from the BKV judges this year, which reflected the hard work put in by many individuals and all the organisations to ensure that the village looked its best throughout the judging period. All areas were praised and there were few criticisms. The judges stated that they enjoyed their visits to Haughton, describing the place as "this attractive, neat and tidy village". Once again, thanks to everyone involved for making this success possible.

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