

Haughton Village
Large Village

Silver-Gilt Award

Judges: Mike Garwood & Fran Lee

Think of the epitome of an English Village and without knowing it, you are thinking of Haughton. A village hall with notice board, an old church with gravestones and a Yew tree, two pubs and a general store. But it may be asked "Why the colourful flower displays, why the beautifully crafted oak bus shelter and why have the children created posters entitled No to Dog Fouling?" Civic pride – that's why! Congratulations to the Parish councillors, aided by the Borough Council, who have taken a positive approach by raising funds and enthusing volunteers in order to create this attractive environment. The Best Kept Garden competition has further enhanced the village by providing gardens with succession planting, one of which has won 'Best in Staffordshire.' This is England definitely at its best!

Areas of Achievement:



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- ⊗ The floral displays outside the two public houses
- ⊗ Some strikingly beautiful front gardens
- ⊗ Planters at the entrances to the village welcoming visitors
- ⊗ The flower bed outside St. Giles School planted by the pupils
- ⊗ Planting around the War Memorial
- ⊗ The retention of many mature trees
- ⊗ The beautifully crafted and designed Oak bus shelter
- ⊗ The creation of a wildlife environment in the church grounds with wildflowers, bat and bird boxes
- ⊗ A Parish map displayed on a wall
- ⊗ The notice board showing all events
- ⊗ Ongoing publicity surrounding the 'Best Kept Garden' and 'Best Hanging Basket' competitions
- ⊗ Details of planting featured in the Parish newsletter
- ⊗ Involvement of the community of raising funds for planting, with raffles and events in a field belonging to one of the public houses
- ⊗ Involvement by local organisations including the Gardening Guild and the Women's Institute
- ⊗ Securing funds from a Waste Management organisation for ongoing projects including the expansion of the children's play area to include cycle and skate boarding facilities.