

Part Two

*Haughton
in Bloom in
March*





This looks to be a good home in the cemetery. Many house-hunters are out in the mid-month sunshine.



Daffodils and lesser celandines mingle in the churchyard.





Variegated leaves on evergreen shrubs, fresh buds on deciduous shrubs, yellow daffodils, blue vinca and hyacinths fill this mixed main road bed with colour.



The many clumps of daffodils around the village are mainly in full flower. These are near the west-end village gateway. The hawthorn is coming into leaf in sections of the hedge.





The Bell has the first stage of its smart new car park surface and the window boxes glow with hot colours.





At the Grassy Lane new life is springing. Dead stalks have been trimmed from the banks to make the path more inviting, but care is taken to be not-too-tidy and to leave plenty of material for small home-building creatures.



Dead wood collected from the Grassy Lane brook area is used to create log piles. The one at the east end is near some holly and ivy in the hedge. The west-end one is opposite the car park beneath some mature trees.

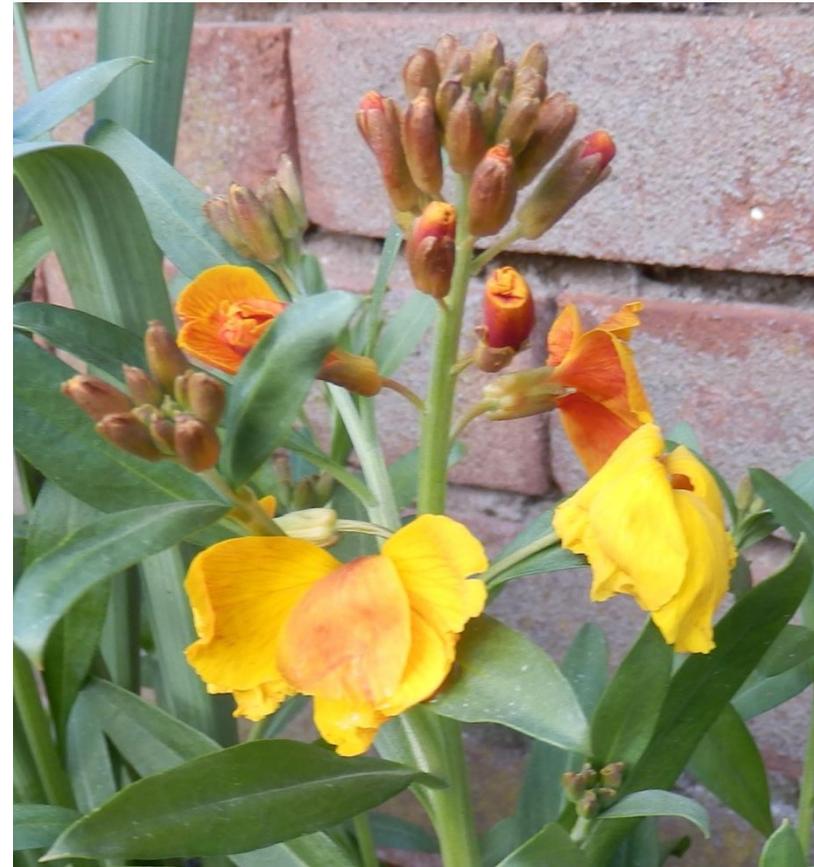


In the churchyard ecology area, leaves left as protection over the winter are removed for composting. The wide variety of plants within the area is becoming apparent as spring arrives.





In the south-east corner of the churchyard, in view of both the main road and a churchyard path, a new bed is being dug. Roses will be planted here to give pleasure to passers-by.



Fresh golds appear amongst the borders - drumstick primula, mahonia and wallflower.



*The first
blackthorn
blossom appears in
the high hedge in
Watery Lane.*



The warden checks the safety of the playing field equipment and searches for litter on a daily basis. He has added the Grassy Lane to his route.

*This camellia has escaped
through the fence in
search of sunshine ...*



*... and has found
frost and rain.*



Country scenes on a wet day - two coots on a pond, a horse in winter coat seen through new blossom, celandines in Watery Lane and a March hare.





*Springtime in
St Giles Grove*



Newport Road scenes - ancient trees, a privately-tended floral border at the bus stop and flowering mahonia and ribes at the Village Hall.





*New life in Grassy Lane -
sycamore buds have formed
and the hawthorn is in
fresh green leaf.*

*This ladybird
is enjoying
the sunshine
on a Dale
Lane nettle.*





This light-coloured pheasant is exercising its legs in a field next to Back Lane.



Canada Geese in a field next to Back Lane.

*Where in Haughton is the
biggest dandelion?
These two contenders for
the title are both putting
on a show in Dale Lane.*





*Who lives here,
in this Grassy
Lane home?*