



*Haughton
in Bloom
in
February*

Our dog-fouling poster competition is underway as we invite all young people to produce some new art work for the benefit of the parish.



Best Kept Village Competition
Haughton 2014
and
Haughton in Bloom

**Dog-fouling Awareness
Poster Competition**

Our fight against dog-fouling is on-going! We need some new posters to encourage all dog-walkers to clear up after their pet. We are looking for some eye-catching art work to spread the message that dog-fouling in Haughton is unacceptable.

Rules:

Your own design
Paper size: A4
Use any materials which can be laminated/photocopied/scanned, e.g. watercolour paints, pencil crayon, sketching pencils, felt pens, gel pens, computer
Photographs of dogs are permitted, but must be original photos of family pets
No clip-art or photos taken from the internet are allowed

The competition is open to all children and young people under the age of 18

Age groups:

8 and under
9-13
14-17

Please write your name, age and address on the back of your poster

Entries will be judged by the Parish Council on behalf of BKV/Haughton in Bloom. Winning posters and selected others will be displayed around the village. Photocopies/scans may be taken of the winning posters so that more posters can be created.

Prizes will be awarded in each age group:

First prize - £15
Second prize - £10
Third prize - £5

Entries to – Councillor Derek Warbrick, 7 Beech Close or any member of the Parish Council

Closing date – Sunday 23rd March 2014



Too small to see in the picture, but after snow in the morning there were gnats in the afternoon!

Are our bats safely hibernating in these cosy homes?

A crow enjoys the peace of the glebe field.



Primulas, pansies and wallflowers in the tractor tyres and in a Bell box





*Signs of bulbs in the
Newport Road green spaces
and in Brazenhill Lane*





These snowdrops and primroses are in the churchyard ecology area.





There are floods in Back Lane, but the new all-weather surface of Grassy Lane remains dry.

The brook is in spate and there are signs of vegetation returning to the banks. But there is clearance work to be done to remove blockages across the water course.



Early or late? In this mixed bed, marigolds, vinca, skimmia and feverfew can be found.





The winds of the 13th bring down this tree in Back Lane - but the nearby snowdrops are unbowed.



There is a new view in Back Lane as old life is removed ...



... and new life appears on the bare banks of Grassy Lane.





*Pale and delicate
crocuses have sprung up
amongst the windfall
twigs and branches in
the cemetery after the big
winds of the past few
days.*





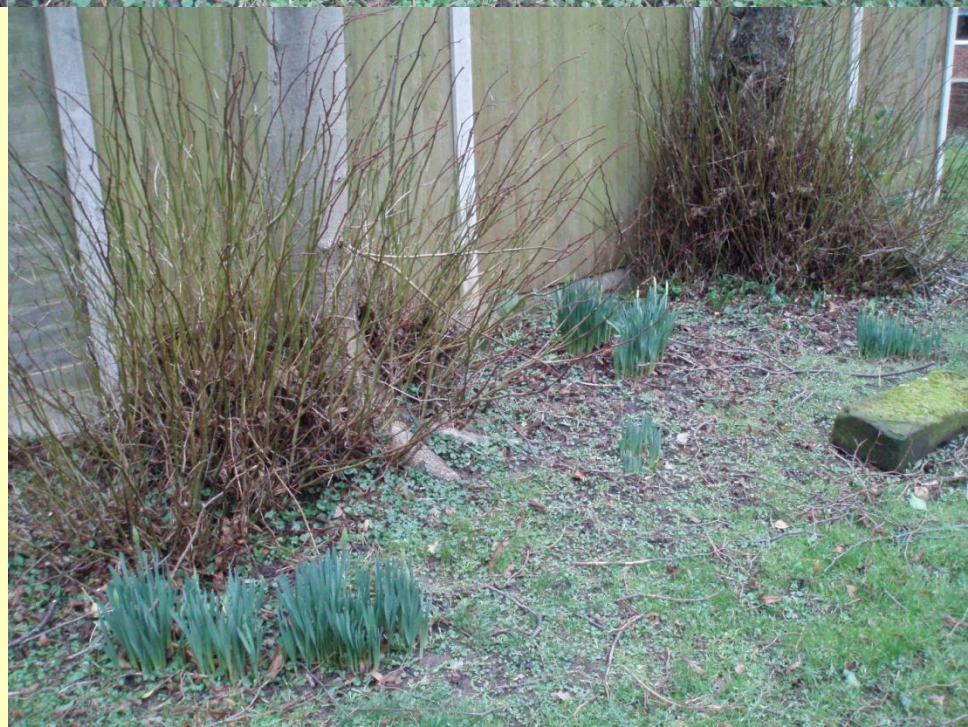
One of the crocuses has escaped through the cemetery fence and is now bravely competing with a fresh new dandelion.

*Is it spring or autumn?
The fruits of this ivy in Back Lane remind us of a not-too-distant past season.*





The daffodils are showing their yellow flower formations in the second half of February. Soon, the windfall twigs from the churchyard limes will be tidied into the compost.



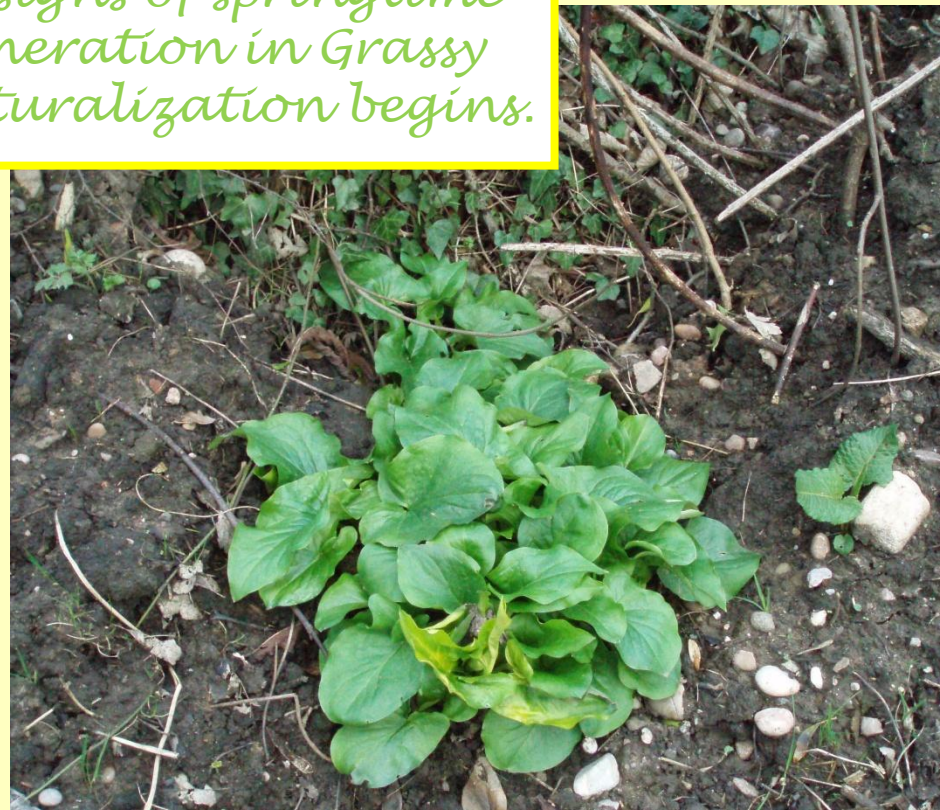


The first buds open on the hawthorn hedge in Bradley Lane, the catkins blow in the breeze at Four Lanes End pond and a first dandelion flower begins to open in Back Lane.





There are signs of springtime and regeneration in Grassy Lane as naturalization begins.

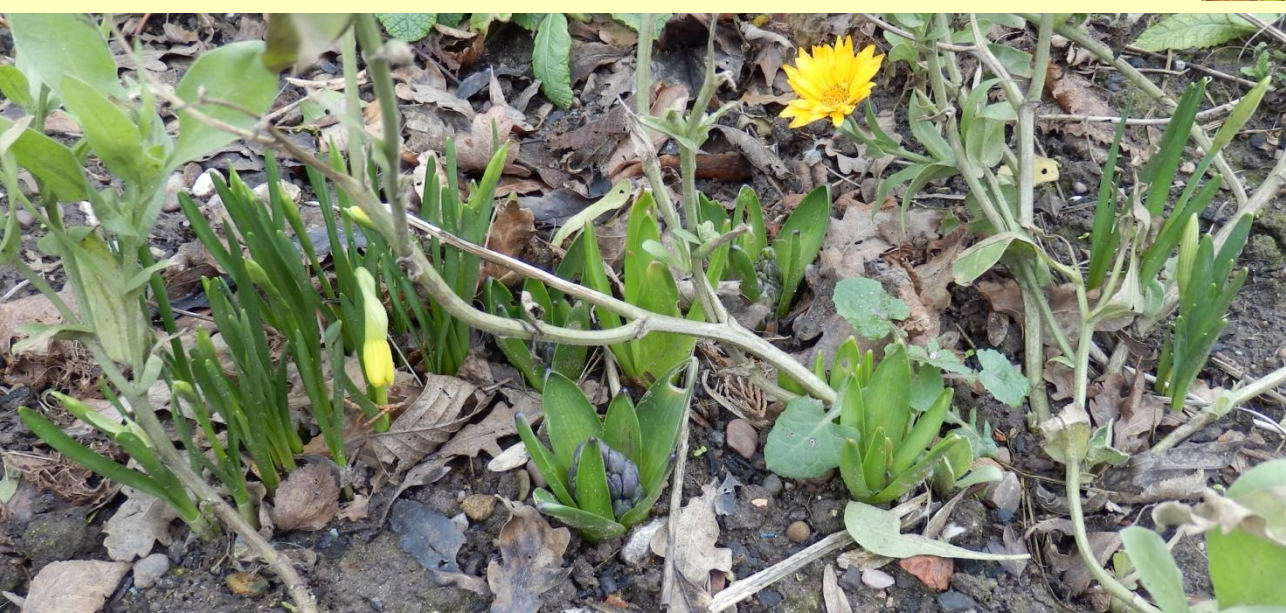




Found in the February churchyard: fresh daffodils and pansies in the Sunday School pots, established daffodils amongst the graves and purple crocuses adding tasteful colour to the dark leaves of the ivy in the ecology area.

*The daffodils are showing a touch of yellow in the Newport Road verge.
Bare branches, pansies and bellis perennis in Royds Close*





*Pretty bulbs
are popping
up in the
phone box
plot.*



During management of the trees at the Village Hall, two new bird boxes are installed.

