

## Haughton Village

## Silver Gilt Award

### Judges: Angela Pendleton and Robin Russell

The judges received a very warm welcome from Derek and Peter together with many members of Haughton community. Peter gave an overview of HIB's activities, with splendid pictorial laminates as supporting evidence. The judges liked the analogy of HIB as 'a football team' their various positions, highlighting their strengths and their contribution to this year's entry Peter's flare and humour made this presentation enjoyable and informative, with no 'own goals'! It set the scene for Haughton's entry! With refreshments of fresh cream cakes and tea, the judges fuelled with expectation and anticipation, the whistle was blown and the HIB judging route commenced. A well organised route gave the judges a delightful and interesting overview of Haughton village which is well cared for, has civic pride in abundance and is cherished by its proactive and inclusive community!

### Areas of Achievement:

#### Section A

- ⊗ The planters outside the village hall, themed red white and blue
- ⊗ The residential front gardens of Haughton – many are vibrant, bold, and innovative in their individual planting schemes and certainly give a wow factor. Of special mention are the front gardens of Bert Moore with his keen eye to detail and exacting standard of maintenance and his confident use of colour!
- ⊗ The nine village bedding schemes to Newport Road
- ⊗ The Ash Tree and surrounding planting
- ⊗ Totem Pole (best kept village award) with its appropriate planters
- ⊗ The Church of St Giles – maintained lawns to its frontage
- ⊗ The shopping area, with retailers own individual planters, of note here, the particular high standard of street cleanliness – no litter
- ⊗ Planting to The Bell
- ⊗ The well maintained Jim Jarvis Playing Field

#### Section B

- ⊗ The newly installed wild flower garden with its particular attention to wild life habitat such as log piles, water, and bird boxes
- ⊗ Litter free streets
- ⊗ Provision of bags and bins for dog waste
- ⊗ Welcome embroidered banner to St. Giles Church highlighting herbs
- ⊗ The programme of street and furniture maintenance carried out by volunteers

#### Section C

- ⊗ Successful and ongoing local 'Best Kept Garden' competition has certainly raised the challenge
- ⊗ The interpretation board to Natural Wild life area in grounds of St Giles.
- ⊗ St. Giles School children's art work to design and draw a poster competition, depicting and encouraging the cessation of anti social behaviour i.e. dog fouling, litter - 120 entries!
- ⊗ Oak Parish Notice Board
- ⊗ Winner of best Kept Village in Staffordshire 2011
- ⊗ The use of the Heart of England in Bloom logo – on all signage, especially sponsorship boards and promotion material
- ⊗ Following discussions and consultations with the young folk of Haughton, ascertaining what they wanted and needed for their recreation activities. Funding applications and grants driven by the Parish Council and managed by Cllr. Derek Warbrick saw the successful funding of £60K for new play ground equipment
- ⊗ Trim track for the adults is now in hand!