



Best Kept Village Competition Haughton Campaign 2016

As we begin a new year, it is a good time to reflect on last year's successful BKV campaign for Haughton. Success is not only measured by awards but the pleasure that is derived by all who participate and the positive impact on the village at large.

2016 saw a record number of participants joining the litter picks and assisting the planting of borders, pots and troughs.

Haughton was joint second in Small Village category within the very competitive Stafford area. The change from large to small category is contentious but we can claim to have left the Large Village category undefeated!

Judges' comments included positive reference to good BKV publicity and local information including noticeboards, children's posters, tidy churchyard, village hall, Shropshire and Bell public houses, bus shelters and various seats and benches, planting in tyres and flower beds, WI commemorative post, war memorial, playing field, verges and open spaces.

The standard of local gardens and Hanging Baskets was acknowledged as illustrated below through our local competition.



In summary Judges considered Haughton "a very pleasant, quiet and relaxed village with great community spirit and involvement". They praised "high standards of the BKV team with much to admire despite not reaching the heights of previous years".

We are seeking new leadership for the 2017 campaign so anyone who is interested in taking on the responsibility, please contact Peter Lawrence or a member of the Parish Council.

For more information, please refer to the website : www.haughton-staffs.org.uk