

## Best Kept Village Competition

## March 2018 Newsletter



As we begin a new year, it is time to reflect on our success in last year's BKV campaign as well as start to prepare for the 2018 campaign. Success is not only measured by awards, but by the pleasure that is derived by all who participate and the positive impact on the village at large.

In 2017 Haughton was awarded First Place in the Small Village category and The Best Kept Village in the Stafford Area.

The judges' comments included: - positive reference to good BKV publicity and local information including noticeboards, children's posters, the tidy churchyard, village hall, public houses, bus shelters, the playing field, verges and open spaces. They also commented that the excellent and well-maintained planting in flower beds was a real feature.

They did however notice that some benches and one of the noticeboards needed painting or varnishing. There was very little litter around but there were a few weeds/grasses in various places.

Overall the Judges enjoyed their visits to "this attractive, neat and tidy village" and thought that Haughton thoroughly deserved First Place in the Small Village category and Trophy Winner in the Stafford Area.

The date for the BKV launch event will be available soon, as will dates for the Tidy-up sessions.

We have recently purchased the red decommissioned telephone box for £1 and will be asking residents how they would like to use this facility at the BKV launch, so please come along with all your ideas.





