

Haughton

Best Kept Village Competition

2015



March 2015

You will be aware that in 2014, Haughton won the Best Kept Large Village in Staffordshire for the 4th consecutive year. Following this successful campaign, it has been agreed by the Parish Council to enter the competition again in 2015.

Our focus is exclusively on the Community Council's BKV competition this year as it has been decided not to enter Heart of England in Bloom. Our objective is to retain our Best Kept Large Village in the County status as well as regain the best overall village title in Stafford area which would result in a return of the BKV totem pole.

April is a critical period for action so that the village is looking at its best by 1st May when judging commences.

Organised litter picks / tidy up sessions will be held on 2nd, 16th and 30th April starting from Village Hall at 6.30 pm. Litter pickers and bags will be supplied.

These sessions have always been well supported but consider bringing a friend as the more people involved, the better.

We made big progress last year in containing the problem of dog fouling. A special request was made to Dog owners who responded to the request to use the bags and bins provided. We look forward to ongoing support in this critical area.

Several working parties have been set up to focus on important issues of cleanliness, planting, appearance of bus shelters, benches, war memorial etc.

We are hoping for a continuation in the enthusiasm and commitment across our community. Our sponsors are vital to the task as they provide important funding to purchase plants etc

If you are interested in becoming directly involved with BKV effort or have any comments to make, please contact Peter Lawrence (780620) or any member of the Parish Council. Alternatively, just take pride in your own garden and surroundings and put any litter in the bins provided.

If you are interested in more details of the campaign as well as past involvement and success, please refer to the **website** : www.haughton-staffs.org.uk