

## Haughton Best Kept Village Competition 2018

## May 2018 Newsletter

The 2018 Best Kept Village campaign started with a Launch Meeting held in the Village Hall on the 29 March. Considering that this was very close to Easter it was well attended. Discussions took place around the old telephone box, The Bell Public House, gateway signs and generally keeping Haughton looking neat and tidy.



To date we have had three Tidy Up sessions with approximately thirty volunteers tidying borders, grass verges and other areas. Following the bad winter there seems to be lots of twigs and other debris that needs removing, so more volunteers are always welcome.

In recent weeks the spring planting has started flowering and hopefully is cheering us all up. The new planting in the beds and borders will take place during May.



The Playing Field equipment has now been cleaned and looks tidy for the new season. We were hoping to have had the Parish Council notice board cleaned and varnished by now, but the weather has not allowed this to be done. Also, the benches around the village will be audited and those that need a little love and care will be stained.

Did you notice all the purple crocus along the main road? These were planted in aid of *The Purple for Polio Campaign*. These little flowers will multiply over the next few seasons and should be a sea of colour in the early spring.



You will soon see new signs on the entrances to the village. These will recognise the successes we have achieved during the last few years, with space for hopefully future awards.