



Haughton

2013

Best Kept Village Competition

Newsletter



October

Just one final newsletter to say a big

thank you

to everyone for another great effort in making the village look its best, enabling Haughton to win the special 'three in a row'. This year was tricky because of the extreme weather conditions. Cold and wet delayed the spring flowers and the summer planting, as well as making jobs such as lawn mowing and edging and general gardening rather hit and miss. A welcome prolonged hot, dry spell also brought its own problems, including some dusty, sweaty group Tidy-ups!

Thanks to the many people who joined in the group Tidy-ups, adopted and looked after an area, painted, brushed, swept, cleaned, disinfected, planted, weeded, cut, trimmed, pruned, mowed, chopped, shovelled, nurtured, fed, watered, cleaned up after the dog ...

Special thanks are due to:

Cllr Derek Warbrick, for leading the campaign and **The Parish Council** for providing support in many ways and areas

Bert Moore, for planting and maintaining the Newport Road flower beds three times in the year, with his unfailing eye for colour and design

Bob Swinnerton, for raising much-needed sponsorship money when public funding has had to be reduced

Reg Mathews, for all-weather maintenance of the Jim Jarvis Memorial Playing Field

John Hall, of JWH grounds, for meticulous attention to detail in the grass-cutting of public areas

Tim Jones, for maintaining the churchyard and cemetery to such a high standard

Haughton Village Hall, for excellent maintenance of the hall and its surrounds

Haughton and District Garden Guild, for organising the Best Kept Garden Competition and to the donators of prizes

St Giles Church, for work on gates and railings

St Giles Church Sunday School, for painting and planting flowerpots and placing them by the porch as a welcome to the church

Haughton St Giles School, for planting and maintaining a flower bed on Rectory Lane and **Peter Rowley** for school liaison and displaying the record 140 entries in the poster competition



Maxine

Last year, our BKV Co-ordinator, Maxine Hutt, led the village to its second successive triumph as Best Kept Large Village in Staffordshire as well as to a Silver-Gilt Award in Heart of England in Bloom. Maxine had intended to lead again but unfortunately had to withdraw from her role in February because of ill health and sadly died in early June. The campaign continued, but our thoughts were with Maxine and her family throughout and this year's BKV success has been dedicated to her.



Maxine, pictured with her litter-picker, helping to create a tidy environment for residents and visitors before the switch-on of the Christmas lights in December 2012



Goodbye and thank you from **BKV 2013**.
Coming soon **BKV 2014**

Further information on Haughton's BKV campaigns, past and present, can be found at www.haughton-staffs.org.uk