

# Best Kept Village Competition 2012

*The presentation of the*  
Rubery Owen  
Holdings Ltd  
Trophy

to

# Haughton





The presentation ceremony for Haughton's achievement as Best Kept Village in Stafford District (jointly awarded with Derrington) was held on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> October on the green at the corner of Newport Road and Jolt Lane. The ceremony took place by the Trophy pole, which has been on the spot since it was won in 2011. The Trophy will remain in place for six months before being moved to a site in Derrington. (*Derrington was also awarded Best Kept Small Village in Stafford District and joint Best Kept Small Village in Staffordshire. Haughton was also awarded Best Kept Large Village in Stafford District and Best Kept Large Village in Staffordshire.*)



Guests arriving at the site of  
the Trophy pole



The guests were welcomed by Mike Allen, Chairman of Houghton Parish Council





John Perry, MBE, Chairman of the Best Kept Village Competition Working Group gave an introduction to the event, with many comments of praise for this year's achievements.







The presentation of the Rubery Owen Holdings Ltd Trophy, together with a brass plate bearing Haughton's name and the year, was made by Mr David Owen, OBE, Chairman of Rubery Owen Holdings Ltd.





It was accepted by Councillor Derek Warbrick, Vice-Chairman of the Parish Council and BKV champion.

Councillor  
Warbrick shakes  
hands with Mr  
David Owen, OBE





Councillor Warbrick gives a vote of thanks at the end of the presentation





Also present at the ceremony were the Mayor of Stafford Borough, Councillor Bryan M Cross MBE, the Chairman of Staffordshire County Council, Mr Ian Lawson and Mrs Lawson, Mr Amyas Stafford Northcote, Chairman of CPRE Staffordshire, Barry Stamp, Stafford Borough and Haughton Parish Councillor, representatives from neighbouring parishes and organisations, Maxine Hutt, BKV Co-ordinator, members of Haughton Garden Guild, Haughton Parish Council, St Giles' Church and other village organisations, key workers in BKV and many residents of the parish whose efforts in keeping their properties in trim in the face of the adverse weather of 2012 helped in the retaining of the trophy.







Before adjourning to the Village Hall for refreshments of tea, coffee, sandwiches and cake many people attending made the short journey to the Jim Jarvis Memorial Playing Field for the opening of the new Adult Fitness Equipment.



Guests enjoyed refreshments in the Village Hall at the end of the presentation







Councillor Bryan M Cross,  
MBE, Mayor of Stafford  
Borough, thanking  
Haughton for hosting the  
presentation event

***The Trophy Presentation marked the completion of the 2012 Best Kept Village Campaign. Many thanks are due to:***

**Maxine Hutt** — who did a brilliant job in coordinating the 2012 BKV activities, having taken over from Peter Lawrence after his successful 2011 campaign

**Peter Lawrence** — who continued his invaluable contribution to the BKV campaign , looking after communication and publicity for the project

**Derek Warbrick** — who, as Vice-Chairman of the Council, represented the BKV work and its progress and funding within Parish Council meetings

**The Sponsors** — the many local businesses who generously sponsored the BKV work needed to ensure success

**Volunteers and Residents** — for all the excellent work carried out over many weeks to make sure that the village looked its best, including the creation of the fabulous gardens which impressed the judges so powerfully



# HAUGHTON

**WINNER**  
BEST KEPT LARGE  
VILLAGE IN  
STAFFORDSHIRE  
2011 & 2012



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