Best Kept Village Competition

Haughton 2014

and

Haughton in Bloom

Newsletter

September

A Trio of Silver-Gilt Awards

Not only has Haughton achieved its third Heart of England in Bloom Silver-Gilt Award, following awards in 2011 and 2012, but it has achieved three Silver-Gilt awards in 2014! The Bell Inn and the Shropshire Inn joined Haughton in Bloom in this success. The awards were presented at Theatre Severn, Shrewsbury on Thursday 11th September. Cllr Derek Warbrick accepted the Haughton in Bloom award and Roger Barker collected the certificates on behalf of the two pubs.

Pictured below are Mr Barker, Mrs Barker and Mr Warbrick with the 2014 awards.

Prize trees

As part of our prize for winning the Best Kept Large Village in Staffordshire we were awarded two trees - an oak, donated by Staffordshire Wildlife Trust, and a copper beech, presented by Mr Amyas Stafford Northcote on behalf of CPRE. These two trees have been planted in the Jim Jarvis Memorial Playing Field and now form part of the line of specimen and ornamental trees which runs parallel to the hedge on the south side of the field.

Finally

Thanks to all the sponsors, village organisations, businesses, the school, the church, Bert Moore and the many individuals who made this year's achievements possible.

Areas of Achievement noted by the judges on their visit of 2nd July

The brightness, planting and colour of many individual gardens – Well-cared for gardens that are a pleasure to see and must be a delight to all who visit this pleasant and welcoming village – Great variety of planters in use – The use of the gold theme throughout – The school grounds and what the children were doing there – The village as a whole being so clean and litter free – The hedgehog survey was something we had never heard of before and the beautiful hedgehog house was more Buckingham Palace than garden shed.

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