

HAUGHTON - A GREEN AND PLEASANT LAND?

We would all like to live in a pleasant environment. Haughton is an attractive village, with neat verges, and beautifully maintained flowerbeds.

We need to ensure that what we have is protected.



What is a Green Infrastructure Plan?

A Green Infrastructure Plan is produced at Borough, County and Regional level and should be designed to help communities identify and protect their green spaces. Green Infrastructure Plans cannot be made at local level, but if our ideas for Green Infrastructure are set out in our Parish Plan they should be taken into consideration by the higher authorities.

This section links with the sections on *New Housing* and *Recreation*

- There are many green areas in our parish which help to make the area attractive but which we may take for granted. As well as footpaths, verges and flower beds Haughton has the Grassy Path, playing field, school field, Rectory Lane field, the Greenway, churchyard and cemetery all of which we might wish to preserve for future generations. We could help to protect these areas by identifying and mapping them and putting our desire to protect them into writing.
- Trees are an important part of a Green Parish. A Green Infrastructure Plan for Haughton could include a plan of all the trees in the parish which have preservation orders on them so that we can act if any trees become under threat. A tree map could also include trees planted in public areas of the parish, which names the variety and any history attached to their planting. This map could state who is responsible for the maintenance and management of these trees, and who should be informed of any problems, so that the trees can continue to enhance the village but not become safety hazards.

Should a Green Parish be producing its own “greens”?

Some of us may feel we have too much garden and some of us would like to have more...

We are all being encouraged to grow our own vegetables and make good use of our gardens.

- An area for allotments set up within the parish would benefit keen gardeners and would help to create a community spirit.
- A garden-sharing scheme would enable those with a love of gardening and the time and ability to care for an extra plot to help those who would like to see their land used well but are unable to do the work themselves.



Our proposed policies:

- To promote the production of a Green Infrastructure Plan for the parish.
- To seek the provision of land for allotments and to promote a garden sharing scheme.

