

## Haughley in Bloom: An update

### Turning around a bad situation

The tubs have been emptied, lifted and removed for inspection.

Sadly, when we attempted to move them it soon became clear that our estimate of having around 30 tubs to replant was more than a little optimistic. The tubs were in an even more fragile condition than we had initially thought.

### The Situation

Once emptied by the Haughley in Bloom Working Party and Richard Coe it was obvious that the majority of the tubs had completely lost their integrity.

The rings on many tubs were broken and/or no longer attached to the sodden and rotted wood and these tubs collapsed inwards as they were emptied. Other tubs appeared to be more solid, but their bases had rotted away and the base either fell off or had totally disintegrated and was no longer there, when tubs were lifted.

The bottom line was that we thought we would be will lucky if we could rescue about 10 or 12 tubs in total.

The intact/almost intact tubs and some spare parts were kindly transported to Mere Farm, by Richard, Amos Webb and Robert Bradshaw.

October 20<sup>th</sup> the Parish Council were advised of the situation. The Council is unanimously and actively supporting the



urgent exploration of options to enable a re-launch of Haughley in Bloom in 2016.

The tubs have enhanced the appearance of Haughley for a long time and it is sad to see them go, but the simple fact is that they were made from natural materials and had reached the end of their useful life.

The salvaged tubs will be power-cleaned on Friday November 20<sup>th</sup>. We will just have to wait and see if we can save them and what funding we can secure for the proposed re-launch next Spring.

***What we do will depend on what tubs we can save and what funding we can secure.***

I will continue to keep you informed by regular updates in the Parish Magazine . Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any ideas to contribute or would like to share.

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