

Haughley in Bloom

The Haughley in Bloom re-launch went well over the summer. Our allocated Parish budget, supplemented by our successful Locality Grant Award was used to purchase materials for 5 railway sleeper beds, 10 new tubs, top soil, compost, shrubs and herbs.



Reclaimed railway sleeper beds were constructed, erected and planted up with evergreen shrubs:

- ✚ on two grass verges at either end of Haughley New Street,
- ✚ at Haughley Green, on the green opposite Fir Tree Lane.
- ✚ around the big road sign outside the Post Office and opposite the Pub
- ✚ under the road sign on the Folly entering the Village from the Gallowsfield Wood direction

The sleeper beds are already starting to look established. The new tubs were positioned along Old Street and planted up with herb collections. Surviving salvaged tubs were distributed and planted up, too. However, the salvaged tubs will not last much longer and will require replacement at some time. As hoped, the herbs fared pretty well during dry spells, although some tubs still suffered from insufficient watering. The Haughley in Bloom working party worked hard to enable the re-launch and continue to undertake the bulk of the maintenance work. That said, they are unable to water tubs or sleeper beds, which are not near their homes and a ready water supply. So, if you are not doing so already, please water tubs or sleeper beds near your homes, especially during dry spells.

The summer infill scheme was delivered largely due to the generosity of parishioners who donated plants such as violas and marigolds. The tubs and sleeper beds have been tidied up for the Winter and some Spring bulbs and Winter pansies have been planted. A special thanks goes to the kind parishioners who donated some bulbs and plants to augment our limited supplies. Hopefully, we will have more to plant next year. We are keen to give you a bigger and better infill scheme in Spring/Summer 2017, but this will only be possible if parishioners help out with the watering.

The tubs, sleeper beds and their contents are a shared Haughley asset. They do not belong to the Haughley in Bloom Working Party, they belong to all Haughley parishioners: they belong to YOU. You do not need anyone's permission to water, weed, remove dead plants, cut any herbs, plant anything which you have to spare and is suitable for containers to fill any gaps. Just go for it: your support for the Working Party and your efforts to enable Haughley in Bloom will be much appreciated!

For more information, to donate spare bulbs or plants suitable for containers or to share your ideas, please contact Yvonne Hannan by text 10359 408008 or via email yvonne.hannan@icloud.com