

## **HAUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL NEWS – April 2022**

**FREE Compost bins for Haughton!** The Parish Council has secured a grant from Staffordshire County Council's Climate Change Fund to help provide FREE compost bins for residents in the Parish. Home composting is a simple way to help the environment whilst saving money, energy and Co2 emissions in the process. Anyone can turn their garden waste and much of their kitchen waste into a rich, brown and useful compost for your garden. If you would like a FREE compost bin, contact Haughton Parish Clerk, Suzanne Potts on the email address below. (Funding is limited and free compost bins are available on a first come, first served basis.)

**Community Speed Watch** An introductory session took place in Haughton last month with an excellent turnout! Villagers attended from Haughton, Gnosall, Ranton and Church Eaton to hear the talk given by Michelle Shaker from Staffordshire Police's Speed Watch team. County Councillor Winnington also attended along with Parish Council Chairman, Mike Allen. Councillor Winnington thanked those who attended for coming forward and Michelle is keen for the campaign to get up and running in the area now that we have a good number of volunteers. Many of those present have signed up to volunteer and the next step is for them to undergo a three hour training session. Once trained the volunteers will commence speed watch sessions in the villages. If you were unable to attend the meeting but would like to volunteer, please get in touch as more hands make light work and you will still be able to register for a training session. Our Speed Watch Co-ordinator is Andy White who was also delighted with the turnout! Pictured – volunteers signing up to help!



**Haughton's Annual Parish Assembly Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April, 7pm.**

Dianne Hewgill, Climate Change Officer for Staffordshire County Council will be giving a talk on how the Council aim to achieve net zero carbon emissions for the organisation by 2050. The Council has put plans in place and is working hard to deliver projects to reduce and monitor its carbon emissions each year. The talk will highlight the plans Staffordshire County Council has in place, some of their achievements to date and what we can all do to make a difference.

**Haughton's Jubilee Picnic Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June, 1- 4.30pm.** Details are emerging for this exciting community event! A children's entertainer has been booked who will provide a bubble show, face painting and balloon making. Haughton Countryside and Garden Guild has confirmed details for their competition which will be judged at the event and the proceedings will be led by our Master of Ceremonies for the afternoon - Mr. Peter Rowley. There will also be a Jubilee Scavenger hunt taking place over the four day holiday with answers available at the Jubilee Picnic, activity sheets for all the family and a children's colouring competition too. At the end of the afternoon we will celebrate in style with Hymns and Pims arranged by Reverend Cath! The Parish Council has come together with other village groups to provide an opportunity for villagers to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. Please join in - bring along a picnic or take up the refreshments available and join in the fun! Jubilee themed fancy dress is optional! Everyone is welcome and more details will be made available as they are confirmed.

**Civic Amenity Visits** This facility will be at Haughton Village Hall between 9am and 10am on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> April and Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> October. The Saturday Civic Amenity Visit is for excess general waste that cannot be

disposed of using the existing kerbside collections in place. The service is not for business / commercial waste.

**Allimore Green – Did you know Haughton has its own nature reserve?** Managed by Staffordshire Wildlife Trust - this may be one of their smallest reserves but with over 140 species of plants to be found it's also one of their most botanically diverse. The site is midway between Haughton and Church Eaton and the nearest postcode is ST18 9JQ. The Parish Council has arranged for an opportunity for villagers to visit this special site for a guided walk with Jeff Sim from the Staffordshire Wildlife Trust. The visits will take place on **Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> June at 2pm and Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> June at 6.30pm.** Parking is roadside and very limited so please car share where possible. The site will be grazed by cattle. Dogs are welcome, but on leads please. The site can be wet in places and there are no footpaths and the ground undulating, therefore walking boots are advisable. For more details of the site and the work of the Staffordshire Wildlife Trust please visit:<https://www.staffs-wildlife.org.uk/nature-reserves/allimore-green>

**FURTHER INFORMATION** Copies of the agendas and minutes of the previous meetings along with details of your Parish Councillors can be found on the Parish Council website [www.haughtonpc-staffs.org.uk](http://www.haughtonpc-staffs.org.uk) Additionally, minutes and agendas are also posted on the notice board on the corner of Royds Close. The next meeting of Haughton Parish Council will take place on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April, 2pm at Haughton Village Hall.

For further information on any of the above please contact Parish Clerk, Suzanne Potts by email on [clerk@haughtonpc-staffs.org.uk](mailto:clerk@haughtonpc-staffs.org.uk)