HAUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL NEWS – May 2022

FREE Compost bins for Haughton! The take up of free compost bins has been encouraging with over a dozen villagers requesting them. There are still a considerable number available which can be ordered by contacting the clerk to the Parish Council. The Parish Council has secured a grant from Staffordshire County Council's Climate Change Fund to help provide the 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 UPDATE – Michelle Shaker of the Community Speed Watch team will be contacting volunteers who came to the introductory session over the coming weeks and booking them on to a 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.

Haughton's Jubilee Picnic Sunday 5th June, from 1pm.

Come along and enjoy the afternoon in the company of friends and neighbours!

- Free face painting and balloon making plus bubble show!
- Refreshments including cake! – or bring your own picnic
- Classic Car display (subject to fine weather)
- Scavenger hunt, family activity sheets
- Plant competiton – Haughton Countryside and Garden Guild
- Hymns and Pims at 4pm with Revd Cath Brumfitt
- Jubilee memorabilia display
- Jubilee themed fancy dress optional

JIM JARVIS Playing field and park – ongoing maintenance A number of branches and saplings that had self rooted behind the skateboarding area have been cut back and the cleaning of the park equipment is underway. The zip wire has had a new chain installed, this had been highlighted as a future repair by a recent ROSPA inspection on the play area.

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 28th June at 2pm and Thursday 30th 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 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 23rd May, 7pm at Haughton Village Hall.

For further information on any of the above please contact Clerk to Haughton Parish Council, Suzanne Potts by email on clerk@haughtonpc-staffs.org.uk