

## Haxey Parish Council, Newsletter, September 2017

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### Stan Boor Presentation



Cllr Stan Boor receiving his retirement gift and certificate from Cllr David Knowles – Chairman of Haxey Parish Council.

Stan resigned his post as a Parish Council at the July meeting after 32 years of service. He was wished the very best for the future and he promised to keep in touch.

It has come to the Parish Councils attention that a lot of traffic road signage has been damaged over the summer months – if you are responsible for driving large vehicles around the village please be aware of the damage and visual impact of these signs if hit!

*Many thanks for your consideration*

### Remembrance Service

The laying of remembrance wreaths will take place at the War Memorial, Burrell's Corner, on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November commencing at 10.45am.

British Legion, veterans, uniform groups and members of the public are invited to attend.

The service will include the Last Post and Reveille being played by a local musician as in previous years and the 2-minute silence at 11am. The Parish Council has organised a road closure of East Lound Road and Graizelound Field Road on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November from 10.45am to 11.15am. Any concerns please contact the Parish Clerk for further details.

The Parish Council are providing wreaths for both war memorials and are contributing to the cost of refreshments after the Remembrance Sunday Parade Service @ 10.45am on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> November at St. Nicholas' Church Haxey.

### Best Kept Village Results 2017

#### **HAXEY/WESTWOODSIDE**

#### **Points**

		<b>Max</b>	<b>Mark</b>	<b>Judges' Comments</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>General Tidiness &amp; Appearance</b> Litter, fly tipping, graffiti, including at bus stops & telephone boxes. General maintenance of hedges, trees, verges, fences, walls, paths and seats	<b>40</b>	38	The villages are commendably free of litter although there was some on Low Street Haxey. Most paths were in a reasonable condition but in Westwoodside there were weeds on the pavement and road in Linton Close, The Rein and along the gutters in Weir Road and Colleywell Close. Verges and hedges are generally well-maintained but the hedge on the main road at Low Burnham is obstructing the footpath.

2	<p><b>Community Facilities</b></p> <p>Community centres, village halls, schools, parks, playing fields, churchyards/cemeteries, chapel surrounds, war memorials and public noticeboards</p>	40	38	<p>Village Halls are well-used and both have good planting outside. There is also excellent planting outside the Methodist Chapel in Low Burnham and the Pinfold is a particularly attractive feature of the hamlet.</p> <p>There are large and well-maintained playing fields in Haxey and Westwoodside with the former also having a bowling green and tennis courts. Both playing fields also include playgrounds that have a good range of equipment, but with areas that need attention. The parish noticeboards in Westwoodside and Haxey are very smart and informative. The Haxey Heritage Trail is a noteworthy feature of the parish. There are some very well-maintained and productive allotments on Cove Road Westwoodside. The churchyard in Haxey is reasonably well-cared for with attractive features. The war memorial in Haxey is also attractive but there were issues that needed some attention.</p>
3	<p><b>Gardens &amp; Community Areas</b></p> <p>Gardens, window boxes, hanging baskets, tubs and planters, community planting, public areas, and allotments</p>	50	47	<p>There are planters at the village signs on the main roads and a number of flower beds in different locations in Haxey and Westwoodside. A good example is Dr Dyson's garden in Haxey where there is an attractive flower bed and wooden sculptures.</p> <p>There are many splendid gardens across the parish and colourful planting displays can be found: in Low Burnham at The Shop, the Vintage Barn, Tethers End and Cherry Fell; in Haxey many properties on Low Street, Hallcroft Road, Mowbray Close, and Danefield on The Nooking and Charlie's Lodge on Church Street; in Graizelound at Claire Cottage and Hazlewood House; in Westwoodside at 8 and 16 Park Lane, 41 Commonsideside and Ivy Cottage on Brethergate; in East Lound along Brackenhill Road.</p>
4	<p><b>Other community features</b></p> <p>Shops, inns, farmsteads, workshops, business premises, advertisements and signposts</p>	20	19	<p>The Co-op in Haxey has good hanging baskets. The Loco and Duke William on Church Street and the Carpenter's Arms have excellent window boxes and hanging baskets.</p> <p>Some of the street name signs are damaged or need cleaning, otherwise most signs were clear</p>

				and well-maintained.
<b>Total</b>		<b>150</b>	<b>142</b>	

#### General comments

These pleasant villages have many attractive features and the overall standard has improved on previous years, especially with additional community planting. However, there are still some areas that would benefit from some attention.

#### Individual Category Entries: HAXEY/WESTWOODSIDE

This village has also entered the individual category/ies ticked below. Mark in addition to the general marking. If there is no tick, then no separate marking is required.

✓	Category	Max	Mark	Comments
✓	<b>Playground</b> Haxey Lane	50	45	There is a reasonable range of equipment with a good relatively new wooden climbing frame. The small fenced area for younger children is less attractive and the equipment could benefit from painting. The sign at the entrance needs cleaning and the litter bins were overflowing with rubbish and needed emptying.
✓	Westwoodside Playing Field off Akeferry Road	50	44	Set in a large playing field, the playground has a good range of equipment, some of which is relatively new. Unfortunately, the type of safety surface has resulted in lots of rubber pieces being scattered around the site, and one of the baby swings was damaged. The entrance from Akeferry Road has potholes that need repair and, as the gate was locked, the entrance from Holm Road was too narrow for pushchairs.
✓	<b>Churchyard</b> Church Street	50	46	The grass around the church and the graves in the newer part of the graveyard is extremely well-cut and together with the mature trees, contributes significantly to making this an attractive area. Equally impressive is the excellent planting in a gravel bed along the south wall of the church although it is somewhat spoilt by weeds growing through. There are also many weeds that need clearing from the area to the west side of the church entrance. The old part of the graveyard looks untidy with nettles and weeds and an overgrown path through the middle.

✓	<b>Community planting scheme</b>	50	46	Community planting is located in a number of areas with good examples in Haxey outside the Memorial Hall and Library and in Westwoodside at the Village Hall. The colour combinations of the community planting are good but, at the time of judging, might have been even more effective with some additional height. The planting in Dr Dyson's garden is also very good. The planting at the entrances to the villages, in attractive wooden planters, varies in effectiveness with good examples in Graizelound and Haxey.
✓	<b>War Memorial</b> Junction Epworth Road and Graizelound Field Road, Haxey	50	46	Some excellent railings with attractive, colourful planters on top, surround this impressive and prominently sited monument. The soldier would benefit from some cleaning and there were weeds growing in the gravel area around the base of the monument and around the border of the site. There was also some litter on the site.

The results are to be discussed at the next Parish Council meeting.