

# NOTICE

## Village Affairs

### Please give the following topics your urgent attention

#### Best Kept Village

As you will read in the Parish Magazine villagers' support is needed for the BKV competition. It requires everyone to make a contribution to show the judges that we have **pride** in our village. If we are to do better than **Highly Commended** we have to **up our game** in ensuring every fine detail of village life gets attention. Reading in the 'Stone Gazette' what other villages - for example Oulton and Barlaston Community Group - are setting out to do is very commendable. Hopton and Salt were last year's winner. Just have a ride out and see what they do in their villages. This is not just for BKV competition but to show people travelling through, residents and visitors that we have **pride** in our village. The judges' comments from last year are on our Village Website. Do not just rely on the Parish Council and Bill Holmes to make the additional improvements; the rules are such the effort has to be seen as the whole community taking part.

#### Speedwatch – A new Co-ordinator urgently required.

I have been informed today that the surveillance due to take place in May will be the last unless a new co-ordinator takes over from Richard Pilcher who is now standing down. Richard and his team have been excellent over the last two years in providing a presence in the village helping to curb speeding traffic. The data that has been collected is invaluable in informing the Police & Crime Commissioner, Staffordshire & County Council Highways that we need to have other means of controlling the volume and speed of traffic through Hilderstone.

Would everyone who shows concern for the problems relating to speed please give thought to carrying on this activity and become the Co-ordinator.

#### Conservation Appraisal - What is the Appraisal?

The **Conservation Appraisal** is an assessment of properties and their surroundings within the village boundary.

After nearly two years work the **Conservation Appraisal for Hilderstone** is finished. The last Appraisal was completed in **1977** and it was a requirement by Stafford Borough Council for it to be updated. Both Cllr Jenny Crump and I, in conjunction with Penny McKnight of Stafford Borough Council, will be displaying the new Appraisal to the village which includes the changes in the Boundary. This will take place week commencing 6 July 2015.

Notices will be displayed in the village regarding the **date for the meeting** in the Village Hall. All householders will be getting an **invitation by post** to come and view the Appraisal.

After the presentation we will be continuing with a meeting at 8.00pm where members of the village can put questions to the Parish Council on village matters and general interests.