

## 1985 Entry into the Best Kept Village Competition

The newsletter from the Residents' Society reports on the 1985 entry into the Best Kept Village Competition as follows:

*We came 17<sup>th</sup> (out of 25)*

*The judges said 'The overall impression of Willaston was good many people had obviously made considerable effort. The hanging baskets were particularly noticeable. Throughout the summer very small amounts of litter were found and those mainly near the bus shelter, until our final visit when a rash of crisp packets etc., appeared on the left side of the recreation ground.*

*The Church yard and cemetery showed a consistently high standard through the season and a small garden had been planted and maintained in front of the War Memorial. Chapel grounds improved during the summer until re-construction works began.*

*Until the final visit the recreation ground was very well kept and tidy. The surrounds of the Scout Hut maintain a high standard but the village lost marks because of the very unkept surrounds to the Memorial Hall.*

*The bus shelter had suffered badly from graffiti and occasionally the litter droppers defeated all efforts to remove litter.*

*The noticeboards (9 in all) varied from excellent at Church and School to poor outside Church Hall, although this latter had improved by the July visits. Two boards in the Church Porch were very neat but would be improved by new baize. By July the glass of the main notice board had been broken.*

*The garage forecourts were all excellent on every visit, and whilst the gardens of the Pollard Inn were very attractive and well kept, the outbuildings on the car park were untidy and throughout most of the summer had untidy piles of nettles.*

*Many of the pavements in the residential areas were in very poor condition which had allowed grass to grow through the cracks and on the road verges. This detracted in the general impression from the gardens and hedges which were of a high standard all summer, in all parts of the village.*

*Well, at least we tried but only got overall 66%.*