



Higham Pen Picture

Higham is situated in the midst of the Pendle countryside and although it has undergone many changes throughout its history, it still retains much of its charm. Over the years Higham has changed from an agricultural and industrial village into a largely commuter village. With excellent transport links to nearby towns and cities, a well-established primary school and thriving village life, Higham is a great place to live. It has some fascinating connections with the story of the Pendle Witches and their trial in 1612 and is also the birthplace of Sir Jonas Moore who was a Patron of Astronomy and the driving force behind the establishment of the Royal Observatory, Greenwich.

The Village is well maintained due to the efforts of Parish Council members and other villagers who take pride in making it a better place to live. This contribution led to us being successfully crowned Champion Village in 2019 and receiving numerous highly commended awards in 2021. Individual households are, of course, urged to do their bit. In addition, we have been running a campaign whereby volunteers can offer their support in varnishing bus shelters, painting benches, litter picking, weeding and more besides. Tasks are designated to suit skillsets. Although specific cleaning days (2nd April and 21st May 2022) are a feature of our campaign, volunteers are also able to complete tasks individually if they are unable to attend on one of the scheduled group dates. There is certainly a feeling of goodwill from local people who are keen to maintain a real community spirit.

Higham has entered the maximum 10 outstanding features which include some notable historic structures. These include the Pinfold on Sabden Road which goes back more than 500 years and was a pound in which stray animals were kept and only removed on payment of a fine! The Spout which, prior to the Industrial Revolution, was used by villagers to collect fresh water from and which is the name of the village quarterly magazine. Finally, the Threepenny bit is a walled and paved public area at the top of Croft Street and Chapel Street used by locals to sit and relax and contemplate life!

As the war memorial has been provided with it's own category and was highly commended last year, we have entered both this and St John's CE Church into the competition this time around.

