

## Progress Team report for Parish Council Meeting – 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2012

1. On Monday 26<sup>th</sup> November the Lord Lieutenant Lady Juliet Townsend and her husband Cllr John Townsend attended the Progress Team meeting at the invitation of Cllr Stephen Clarke, along with representatives of some Blisworth organisations. They showed a great deal of interest in different aspects of the village, past, present and future but especially winning the Best Village Competition in 3 categories this year.  
A photographer for the ' NN12 About My Area site' attended and an item was included on the site last week about winning the Best Village Competition, although Blisworth is NN7!
2. David Allen, SNC Lead Officer of Transport Policy was intending to attend the meeting but due to an emergency couldn't make it. Stephen Clarke was hoping he would be able discuss an opportunity for a suitable 'Village of the Year' sign to be affixed to the Highways 'BLISWORTH' sign at each entry point to the village. Stephen Clarke has informed us that funding for the signs is available. Hopefully David Allen will be able to attend a future meeting to give us an update.
3. The trees received from the Wildlife Trust have all been planted in temporary positions. The Chapel has 6 which are planned to be planted in the new graveyard. June Hawkins is looking after 2 for a possible central village location. The rest are in Colin Wakelin's land and all are protected against rabbits. A future position for the Jubilee oak, which was included in the pack, is still to be decided. The trees should be planted out by the end of February.
4. It was felt by some of the team that as the Village has been so successful in many different areas this year that a Village Celebration should be organised. This is planned for Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> January at the Scout Hall from 12-4pm, and invitations have been sent out already.