## **Natural England Awards 2018**

Recently the Parish Council was informed by Natural England that it was to be included in the list of candidates for the 2018 West Midlands region awards for excellent management of Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) and of environmental importance. The Council was later informed that it had been placed on a shortlisted.

In early March councillor Winkworth attended the awards event at the Wyre Forest Countryside Centre and was pleased to accept, an award on behalf of the Council for its management of the Broad Green SSSI.

Two awards were made for each County in the West Midlands area ranging from the management of open spaces to the provision of facilities for barn owls and an artificial badger set on a building site.

The Council receives a small grant each year from Natural England to help with the cost of grass cutting and maintenance in accordance with the rules for the management of a natural grassland SSSI. But the Council makes an additional investment to keep the area tidy and this work was judged to be deserving of the award.



