

# NEWSLETTER

Yorkshire in Bloom Village Gold Medal  
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# LUDDENDEN IN BLOOM

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*"Coming together is a beginning. Keeping together is progress. Working together is success". ~Henry Ford American Industrialist.*



## The Launch

As mentioned in the last newsletter the RHS Britain in Bloom competition sponsored by Anglian Home Improvements is officially launched over the weekend of the 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> March. A report on the event will be included in next month's newsletter.



## News from the village

Wooden planters have been made which will be placed on the "steps to nowhere" at the side of the Cornmill. Many thanks to Gerald for making the planters along with a hexagonal bird box. Already several villagers have sponsored 4 planters but there are still 2 left at the cost of £25 per planter along with the bird box. Another mail shot was made to the residents of Bluebell Walk regarding plans to place a "Luddenden village" sign within the entrance garden at the junction with High Street. It has long been felt that a sign identifying the village has been required. Work has been undertaken to clear the area and once residents get back to the team the area will be planted up. Any villager who would like to sponsor either of these projects please contact Trevor on the number at the bottom of the page.



## Dog Fouling

Once again we have been asked to raise this issue. The worse area for fouling appears to be on High Street near the old paper shop although the churchyard and river walk have also been identified. As mentioned before this is a serious health hazard to everyone especially children. To that small minority who fail to clean up after their pet please note that we will be asking the dog warden to visit the village and you could end up with a hefty fine.

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## Gardening tips for March

The weather is still somewhat unpredictable, but there are still jobs that can be done in the garden. Roses and other shrubs should be given a dose of fertiliser around their base to help promote strong growth. Established herbaceous perennials that have formed large clumps can be dug up and split. If you have any spare plants we are still looking for donations, so pot them up with a label and let the team know. Summer bedding can be started this month by sowing the seeds in trays and placing them in the greenhouse or sunny windowsill. Whilst in the greenhouse think about what you would like to grow in the way of salad crops. Remember the village plant sales will be offering a variety of plants such as cucumbers, peppers along with various varieties of tomatoes. Seed potatoes should be laid out in trays in plenty of light to develop tiny shoots (this is called chitting). Once they have sprouted plant them out on rows in the vegetable plot or if space is at a premium plant them in large pots or alternatively in a large compost bag. The end of March/early April is usually the time to plant direct into the soil carrots, broad beans, peas, beetroot, radishes, lettuce, onions, parsnips, sprouts and cabbage. Don't forget to tune into the weather forecast and protect your seedlings from the frost.



## Dates for the diary

1 <sup>st</sup> Plant Sale in the Car Park	Saturday 21 <sup>st</sup> May
2 <sup>nd</sup> Plant Sale in the Car Park	Saturday 28 <sup>th</sup> May
Open Gardens Day	Saturday 25 <sup>th</sup> June
Mayor Making	Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup> September



## Eric's View

Hopefully my picture is the right way up this time! Now the weather has improved I've been on garden patrol. On February 24<sup>th</sup> I saw my first bumblebees in amongst the crocus. Then on the March 3<sup>rd</sup> I again spied bumblebees along with several honeybees visiting early flowering bulbs and shrubs in the border. Later that day a red admiral butterfly landed on the shed. Red Admiral's hibernate over winter so this one must have been an early riser. Talking about early risers the village songbirds are starting up the dawn chorus. Spring is here at last.

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