

# LUDDENDEN CONSERVATION SOCIETY



## NEWSLETTER – MARCH 2011

### PLANNING APPLICATIONS

As mentioned in previous newsletters, a planning application was submitted to Calderdale for a single garage to the west (topside) of 7 Church Hill, which the Conservation Society objected to. The Calderdale Planning Committee met just before the last Conservation Society meeting. In spite of the fact that the Calderdale planning officers had recommended that it should be allowed, the plan was unanimously turned down by the councillors, who said that it was totally inappropriate for the Luddenden Conservation Area. Their first question was whether the Conservation Society had any view on the application, and this was a definite victory for the residents and the Society, as it would have created a huge precedent for the building of more garages on there had it been allowed.

There have been no more planning applications since the last newsletter for this area.

### SATELLITE DISHES

The planning department have also asked if we could draw attention to the rules regarding satellite dishes in a Conservation Area. We do not have to seek planning permission for them if they are not on the main front of a house looking onto a road, but planning permission has to be obtained if they are in that situation. They are tightening up on these rules, so if you are in any doubt, it may be best to consult with the department.

### LUDDENDEN CONSERVATION AREA.

Luddenden was one of the first villages in Calderdale to be declared a Conservation Area, and this does give the Council special powers with regard to what developments can be allowed or rejected, and to spend (slightly) more money looking after the area. When it was first designated, a booklet was produced describing how the village should be preserved and improved, and all planning applications are considered taking these views into mind. This booklet is now set to be rewritten to bring it up to date, and the Society will be involved with this, along with the planning department. Within the next two or three months, the Society will be asking, through the newsletter, for ideas on various aspects connected with it. As the document will set the scene for much that happens in our area for many years to come, we hope that people will become involved with the activity.

### BRITAIN IN BLOOM LAUNCH

The launch of this year's Britain in Bloom competition will take place this coming weekend, March 26/27<sup>th</sup>. On Sunday, the Bloom group will be holding a big planting day, starting at 9.30am in the morning. Paul Opacic, who plays Carl Costello in Hollyoaks will officially open our campaign, in which Luddenden is representing Yorkshire in the national Britain in Bloom competition. The Brownies and the Guides will be helping to plant 420 sapling bushes, including Hazel, Blackthorn, Crab Apple, Elder, Dog Rose and Cherry Plum along the river behind the Church and along the bridleway.

### LUDDENDEN METHODIST CHURCH

As people will know, the Methodist Church closed down in January, and a sale of goods took place. There are one or two people who bought articles which have not yet been removed, and they are reminded that these must all be removed by the end of the month. Please ring Rodney Collinge (number below) to make arrangements to remove them if you have not yet done so. You are also reminded that there will be a **Fairtrade Coffee Morning**, with the usual Fairtrade goods, cakes and jams, plus soup and bread, from 10am until 1pm in St. Mary's this coming Saturday, March 26<sup>th</sup>.

### CARSHARE

We have had a request from one resident to ask if anyone would be prepared to offer a daily, early morning lift to herself and her daughter from Luddenden to her nursery on Cragg Rd, Mytholmroyd (one way, or just back again at the end of the day, or both!). All costs would be shared, and if you can do this, please contact Gigi Davies ([gigidavies@hotmail.com](mailto:gigidavies@hotmail.com)) or by phone at work Direct line: 01274 203330

### NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Society will be in **St. Mary's Church**, on **Thursday March 31st at 8pm**

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