

*Yorkshire in Bloom Village Gold Medal
Winners 2004,2007 and 2010*

Britain in Bloom Silver Medallist 2005 **ISSUE: 7. August 2011**

*"In the garden, Autumn, is indeed, the crowning glory of the year, bringing us the fruition of months of thought and care and toil.
And at no season, save perhaps in daffodil time, do we get such superb colour effects as from August to November." - Rose G. Kingsley author, The Autumn Garden, 1905*



News from the village

Britain in Bloom Judgement Day Thursday 4th August

A typical damp Yorkshire day greeted our judges Andrew Jackson and Jim Knight. The weather though didn't dampen either their enthusiasm or the Bloomers who were out in force to greet them. A 15-minute presentation about the village and what has been achieved over the years was made to the judges. This also included photographs from various locations in the village that time constraints would prevent the judges seeing.

Next on the agenda was a photo shoot in St Mary's churchyard with the Mayor of Calderdale Dr Nader Fekri, who had kindly made time in his busy schedule to meet the judges. Representatives from the Conservation Society, Gardening Club, Guides and Brownies also attended at this point and helped create the feeling of community within the village.

Then with umbrellas to the ready Andrew and Jim were shown around the village with various team members or representatives of village groups meeting them at strategic points to explain what projects had been completed or were in progress.

Thankfully it did not rain the whole time and the village looked at its best having had a good watering from the heavens. Both Jim and Andrew really appreciated the work and effort that has gone into our entry into Britain in Bloom.

On completion of the tour light refreshments were taken and both Andrew and Jim thanked the team for what had been to them a most informative and enjoyable morning.

We now have to wait for the result on September 25th. This may be too late to include in the September newsletter so check out the website.

Thanks to everyone both on the day and the lead up to the judging for all the work that has gone into our entry this year.

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Ada Brooks Trophy 2011

The trophy is awarded for the best use of a house frontage within the village, not necessarily the most colourful. Everyone has an equal chance of winning the trophy or just receiving a gold, silver-gilt, silver or bronze certificate. Our volunteer judges went round the village during August and had a difficult time deciding on the winner. Listed below are the top three places.

1st Riverside House High Street – Gold Award Certificate & Trophy Winner

2nd 34 High Street – Silver Gilt Award Certificate

3rd Hamilton House High Street – Silver Gilt Award Certificate

In total 30 certificates of varying colours have been awarded and these will shortly be posted though letterboxes. The standard once again was very high but to everyone in the village whether you received a certificate or not thank you for making Luddenden such a “blooming” nice village to live in.



Gardening tips for August

Pinch out the growing tips of tomatoes, as any further flowers are unlikely to produce fruit. Harvest onions and shallots and store, once dried, in a cool airy place. Now is the time to plant onion sets for harvesting in May such as yellow Senshyu, Radar and Shakespeare but not in the same bed as you have already used. Continue to sow seed of winter leaves such as rocket, pak choi, perpetual spinach and Swiss chard. Look out for bulbs in catalogues and garden centre's and plan your spring displays.



Dates for the diary

Mayor Making Saturday 10th September
Britain in Bloom Results Sunday 25th September



Eric's View

Swifts have gone but swallows are still busy above the village. Small flocks of blue and long tail tits can be seen around gardens and bird feeders. Look out for butterflies such as peacocks on your windfall fruits. Beware of the sparrow hawk!!

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