

LUDDENDEN CONSERVATION SOCIETY



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LUDDENDEN WINS BRITAIN IN BLOOM COMPETITION

The results of the Britain in Bloom competition were announced this last Sunday evening, and Luddenden was awarded a GOLD medal and pronounced winner of the village class. This means that for this year, Luddenden is officially the best village in Great Britain judged over a wide range of areas, not just floral, but taking many other areas into consideration also. All those people who have done so much work deserve our thanks for this magnificent result. As we have said on a number of occasions before, not only do their efforts make the village a much pleasanter place for us all to live in, but research has shown that house prices in villages which are winners of the In Bloom competitions are about 15% higher than in other comparable areas. Congratulations are also due to all those other people who have put out flower baskets, troughs and so on to make the village the stunning place it has been this summer, so well done everyone who has helped towards this.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

There have not been any new planning applications for this area since the last newsletter. Proposals to alter some of the windows at 20 Railes Cottages have been turned down.

CONSERVATION AREAS IN CALDERDALE

It was reported at the last meeting that Calderdale had held a meeting for groups like ours to discuss what the priorities of the Conservation service in Calderdale should be in these times of little money being available. It was said that they intended to make heritage features which are at risk their main priority, particularly looking to conserve and improve the settings which are of historic interest. They are developing a rolling programme of Conservation Area Appraisals, and where possible are involving local groups in this. These describe the nature of such areas, and what they see as permissible in terms of development. Our own Conservation Society is presently involved in identifying the different character areas of Luddenden, and the important features in them. The village centre, for example, contains the earliest part of the village and most of the earliest houses, whereas an area taking in Carr Field and Halifax Lane contains all the newest houses. This will be developed over the next few months, and it is hoped the final document will be available for people to look at and suggest alterations to next summer.

HISTORY OF THE NON-CONFORMIST CHAPELS IN THE LUDDENDEN VALLEY

Following the closure of the Methodist Chapel, Rodney Collinge has written a book with the above title. It describes all the Methodist Chapels (Luddendenfoot, Luddenden (2), Midgley, Luddenden Dene), and the chapels at Booth and Butts Green. It goes into the differences between them, the life in them and the effects that they had in the valley. It is priced £7, and can be obtained by ringing 885141. Those that have been ordered will be delivered shortly.

CHRISTMAS WALK This year's walk will be on 29th December. More details later.

NEXT MEETING is the Annual General Meeting, and will be held in St. Mary's Church on **Thursday, September 29th at 8pm. All invited.**

Luddenden Conservation Society

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