

LUDDENDEN IN BLOOM NEWSLETTER

Horticultural Achievement
Environmental Responsibility
Community Participation

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

Britain in Bloom Silver Medallist 2005 ISSUE: 8. September 2011

*"Come said the wind to the leaves one day,
Come o're the meadows and we will play.
Put on your dresses scarlet and gold,
For summer is gone and the days grow cold."* - A Children's Song of the 1880s



The Britain in Bloom results were announced on Sunday 25th September at St Andrews and the village was awarded a **GOLD** medal! Our entry was also the winner of the 'village' category. Congratulations and well done to the whole of the village. A full report will appear in the October newsletter.



News from the village

The plant and produce table on High Street has gone from strength to strength since its launch in June. To date £167.83 has been raised from the items put on it. Many thanks to all who have either donated or bought items as the funds raised will be ploughed back into the in Bloom effort. At the Mayors Day celebrations the team had a stall selling plants, cards, calendars, gardening themed books and a raffle. £256.50 was raised which again will be used to help keep the village blooming. Thanks to everyone who attended and supported the event.

At the Conservation Society Meeting on August 25th, the Bloom team was asked to repeat the presentation that was given to the RHS Britain in Bloom Judges. An additional short slide show of village views with music was added and was thoroughly enjoyed by those who attended. This musical treat can now be viewed on the website 'You Tube' under Luddenden in Bloom Black & White to Colour along with several other interesting videos of views around the village.

The Luddenden website is now once again fully functional after being given some more memory. The Britain in Bloom 2011 document that was sent to the RHS judges is now available to view along with further views in the photo gallery. Thanks to Tony Hillyard and Patrick Gordon for sorting out the problems with the site.

An article on Britain in Bloom appeared in the September Dalesman, which included photos of the village and a paragraph on the village's achievements.

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Flower Pots Urgently Required

Every year the team uses dozens of pots of different sizes. This year we are particularly short of 1/2 litre and 1 litre pots. If you have any spare please drop them off at Badger Cottage on High Street. In addition, Debbie at the Lord Nelson also needs some of the larger 2 litre pots. Please leave this size outside the Nellie.



Gardening tips for September

Over the next few weeks, once indoor tomatoes stop cropping, you can clean out your greenhouse, insulate it with bubble wrap and bring in your tender perennials. Now is the time also to sow early sweet peas which will happily overwinter in a greenhouse or coldframe. Plant out garlic and autumn onion sets and sow green manure in beds that will not be used till spring. Continue to mow the lawn but also scarify it to remove moss and thatch which can then be used in hanging baskets and hayracks. Now is also the time to plant spring bulbs for next year. At the Bloom team meeting on the 16th September it was decided to celebrate the Queens Diamond Jubilee in 2012 by using appropriate patriotic colours in all the planters, tubs & hayracks. This will also show support for the 2012 Olympics. So the team will soon be out in force to start planting for spring.



Dates for the diary

Christmas Wreath Competition 2011- December -Win a Fair Trade Hamper



Eric's View

Watch out for a family of Roe deer that are dropping by in village gardens. Flocks of Mistle thrushes can also be seen around the village filling up on the autumn bounty. Give your bird feeders a good wash and keep them well stocked with food throughout the coming autumn and winter months. Say good-bye to the last of the swallows as they fly to warmer climes in the south.

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