

LUDDENDEN CONSERVATION SOCIETY



NEWSLETTER – JULY 2011

OPEN GARDENS DAY

The Luddenden Open Gardens day was held on June 22nd, and the Society would like to thank everybody who either came along on the day or helped in any way for their support. In spite of the fact that the weather was very dull and drizzly, a record number of people came – about 250, and record profits of £1825. Of these, about £1225 was for the Conservation Society, with the remainder going to Marie Curie Cancer Care, Tia Greyhound Rescue centre and the local Girl Guides. The gardens looked absolutely stunning on the day, and one lady who was involved with the Royal Horticultural Society Open Gardens Scheme remarked that a number of the gardens were of a sufficiently high standard to be opened by themselves in the RHS scheme (where similarly, the profits are shared between the RHS Benevolent Fund and Charities which are supported by people opening their garden).

A number of people have asked what will happen to the money raised. So far, well over £1000 has been spent on providing new gardens, flowers, shrubs, flower boxes, bird and other boxes around the village for the Britain in Bloom competition. As mentioned in previous newsletters, not only does this improve our village environment for us all, but research by Estate Agents shows that success in the Bloom competition increases the value of properties in the village by between 10 and 15 per cent. The Conservation Society has also been trying to persuade Calderdale to replace all the unsightly old concrete lamp posts still in use in the village (about 5) with modern metal ones, for which the Society provides enhancement kits to make them more attractive and paints them. After much pressure by the Society, Calderdale have agreed to replace two, and hopefully to agree a programme for replacing the remainder. This is also likely to cost the Society getting on for £1000, so the money raised will provide something of permanent value to the village.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

There have been no new planning applications for the area since the last newsletter, nor have any earlier ones been agreed or turned down.

SATNAV PROBLEMS

We still keep getting reports of large lorries or vans getting stuck on the hairpin bends in the road coming into Luddenden, and causing damage. If you would like to help improve the situation, please report the restrictions that ought to be indicated on satnav maps to the two data providers at www.mapreporter.navteq.com and www.mapinsight.teleatlas.com. The more people who contact them, the more likely it is that they will update their maps.

POLICE DROP-IN SESSIONS

The local policing team hold a drop-in session at the Kershaw Crescent Community Room every Monday from 11 until 12, and they would be happy to meet any local residents who would like to discuss any matters with them.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Conservation Society will be in **St. Mary's Church**, on **Thursday July 28th at 8pm.**

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