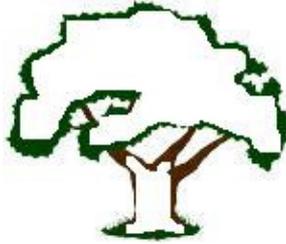


LUDDENDEN CONSERVATION SOCIETY



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PLANNING APPLICATIONS

There have been no new planning applications or decisions made since the last meeting.

VISIT OF FATHER CHRISTMAS

As mentioned in our last newsletter, Father Christmas will again be stopping off and paying a visit to Luddenden on Saturday, 15th December. He is expected to arrive in the centre of the village by the Christmas tree at 5pm, and Midgley School choir will be singing some Christmas carols by the tree. As last year, he will then go around to St. Mary's Church, where children will be able to talk to him and tell him what they would like him to bring for Christmas. There will be a small cost of 50p for this to help to pay for the gift they will receive. There will be mince pies, punch, and soft drinks for children available in Church, and again, a musical accompaniment of carols by the Midgley choir.

CHRISTMAS WALK

This year, the Christmas treasure hunt walk will take place on Friday, 28th December at 11am, starting from outside the old Methodist Chapel, at the junction of New Road and High Street. For newcomers to Luddenden, this is a great way to get to know people, and for everyone to walk off some of the Christmas puddings. The route will be suitable for families with a push chair, and will be between 2 and 3 miles in length. There will be about 30 questions that you will have to find the answers to on the route, and afterwards, pies, pasties and peas will be available in the Church (paid for separately), along with other suitable Christmas fayre. The charge is £1 per adult, and normally, between 60 and 100 people will take part, depending on the weather.

CALDERDALE LOCAL PLAN

The Society has met to consider the Local Plan which Calderdale Council have put out for consultation, and sent in some comments regarding it. The plan suggests that the land between Carr Field Drive and Dene View, for which the Society has been objecting to planning permission being granted there since the 1980s, should be earmarked for "medium term development". We have objected to this designation, and suggested alternative areas for development. We have also suggested that some form of transport from Midgley, Booth and Luddenden to Mytholmroyd and Hebden Bridge should be started, as it is becoming increasingly difficult to obtain an appointment at Luddendenfoot Medical Centre, and we have to go to either Hebden Bridge or Mytholmroyd., which is very difficult without some form of car transport.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

The Society would like to thank all those people who have assisted and helped us in any way during the last year, in particular, our officers, and our newsletter deliverers. The latter have still managed to get your newsletter delivered, in spite of all the atrocious weather this year, and in some cases this has been done in pouring rain. We would wish everyone in the village a very peaceful and happy Christmas, and a new year filled with all the good things of life.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be on **Thursday, January 31st**, in **St. Mary's Church**, at **8pm**. **Everyone welcome.**

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