

Love Luddenden Newsletter

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Village News

All the planters, hayracks etc are looking good around the village along with house frontages. The current hot spell we are having as I write the newsletter will definitely bring everyone's garden on after the somewhat slow start to summer.

Nigel and his team of volunteers have again been busy on the riverbank, working their way towards Brooke Terrace. The cutting back of saplings and other obstructions has certainly improved the flow of the river and opened up the vista for wildlife and people. The "chipper" was brought into action and good amount of woodchips have been produced for use around the village and for anyone wanting them and willing to collect and transport. Keep a check on the Facebook page for further information and photographs that have been uploaded. Many thanks to everyone for helping with this project and to those that supplied the tea, coffee, cake and buns.

The car park has had a spray of weed killer and the centre bed that was full of rapeseed, weeded as the topsoil we purchased was unfortunately contaminated with weed seeds. The team will have to keep an eye on the site along with the entrance to Bluebell for the next few months.

Well done to everyone who undertook the Lord Mayors Fund's 7 Peak Challenge and to those that organised the event. The weather was good and about a £1000 was raised.



ZONE Speeding Cars and HGV's

For those who haven't seen posts on the Facebook site about speeding cars and HGV's ignoring the restrictions signs, I undertook the task to email Calderdale to see if anything further was going to be done. The answer was no, and the advice from them was to report incidents to the police along with registrations and maybe a photograph of the offending vehicles. For all villagers I would suggest you keep your speed down in the zones so hopefully the 20mph message will get through to those who choose the ignore it.



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The Plant & Produce Table on High Street

Thanks to everyone who have placed items on the table. As summer progresses hopefully more excess fruit and veg grown by villagers will be available so keep checking when you pass.



Dates for the diary

Mayor Making
Ada Brook Trophy Judging

Saturday 10th September
August



Gardening tips for August

With the current high temperatures it is now essential to keep your patch watered. Remember watering early in the morning or late evening is better as there is less evaporation. Also a good soaking is more beneficial than a shower. Make sure your greenhouse is kept well ventilated and leave watering cans with water in to warm up during the day rather than cold water straight from the tap. Keep feeding your hanging baskets and crops such as toms and cucumbers. First Early Spuds should now be dug up and Second Early during August. Keep all plants flourishing by regular dead heading. Pick courgettes and cucumbers as they mature to keep them cropping. Plant out winter and spring brassicas. Continue to sow salad leaves at regular intervals.



Eric's View

Bought another new feeder to match the one I had already in an effort to thwart the Jackdaws and other large birds and they are working well. Seen an increase in members of the Tit family visiting along with Goldfinches and Robins. Have to say that there is an abundance of food about in fields and hedgerows at the moment so bird numbers at this time of year do drop. It is though important to keep feeders topped up so that when times get tough the small birds know where they can find food. Received a report early this month that a Kingfisher had been spotted on the river. So keep your eyes peeled if you are out walking.



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