

Love Luddenden Newsletter

The  Friendly Village

Britain in Bloom & Yorkshire in Bloom Village Gold Medal Winners

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Village News

All the village planters are now planted up and are starting to flourish thanks to the weather. The various shades of the begonias are looking very good and contrasts well with the stone of the houses. Thankfully they do not require the amount of water that a lot of bedding needs, so hopefully they will do well throughout the summer and into autumn.

Ada Brooks Trophy

We are once again launching this popular competition for the best house frontage. This will be judged during August so you still have plenty of time to brighten up your homes with bedding, perennials, veg and salad or whatever you like that can grow in the space you have. So give it a go and brighten up the village.

The Plant & Produce Table

Over the past few months the table has once again been proving very popular. Villager's generosity keeps the venture going, so if you have any excess fruit and veg as well as plants then please help the bloom effort by donating your items.

Open Gardens

Saturday 1st of July is your chance to see some of the very best gardens that Luddenden can offer. Some of the Bloom Team members along with other villagers are kindly opening their gardens, so please support this bi-annual event. Tickets are available on the day at the car park and starts at 11am.

Jobs for July

Summer bedding will need plenty of water along with a general feed of liquid fertiliser every week. If you are going on holiday ask a neighbour or friend to do this if possible. Don't forget to deadhead your plants, as this will encourage more blooms. In the greenhouse continue to remove side shoots from your tomatoes and tie the plants onto a cane for support. Regular feeding along with watering is a must to ensure a good crop and don't forget to open doors and windows on hot days. First early potatoes should now be ready to harvest, but check first by digging up one plant to see how big the spuds are. The drop in temperature during late spring may mean that they will need another couple of weeks in the ground to bulk up. Peas, Beans and Courgettes all need regular harvesting from now on to ensure a plentiful supply throughout the summer months. A must for every gardener is to continue sowing salad crops like lettuce and radish every couple of weeks so you always have something available.

Wildlife

One of the most important things at this time of year is to leave young animals found in gardens or around the village alone unless they are in danger. Just keep a check on them, but usually the parents will be somewhere nearby. Keep topping up bird feeders, as this will help fledging survive the first few months. You can also help hedgehogs if you know they are nearby by putting out cat food and water, but not milk, as they are lactose intolerant.



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