

# **LUDDENDEN CONSERVATION SOCIETY NEWSLETTER**

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## **CHRISTMAS EVENTS**

The WW1 commemoration for John Joseph Corboy took place on December 15th at the War Memorial in the village, 100 years after his death. There are many more to come in 2017.

Michael Denton gave a talk at the last meeting in November on aspects of the Luddenden Valley, and this was greatly enjoyed by everyone. Various thanks are due- to Geoff Midgley for help moving the Christmas tree, Edward Jagger for the work done levelling out the surface of the car park and Darren, Jake and Jess at the Lord Nelson for the gift of the punch for the Father Christmas event. The latter was very successful, with over 60 children talking to Father Christmas. Our thanks go to Midgley School for the carol singing, both around the tree and inside the Church. It sounded particularly fine this year, and our thanks also go to the staff with them for giving up their time just before Christmas. As a result, almost £300 was donated to the children's hospice. The Christmas Walk was the most successful ever held. The weather was perfect and over 110 people took part, far higher than any previous figure.

## **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

There have been no new planning applications submitted since the last newsletter.

## **CRIME REPORT**

There have been reports of a young female attempting to gain entry to houses, on a pretext such as needing to go to the toilet or phone someone urgently. She either attempts to persuade the homeowner that she urgently needs some money, or alternately has been caught stealing whilst the owner is occupied elsewhere. She should not be allowed entry under any circumstances whatsoever, and the incident should be reported to the police.

## **TELEPHONE BOX**

The telephone box at the junction of High Street and Halifax Lane had been scheduled to be removed by British Telecom. The Conservation Society has offered to take this over and be responsible for it, and BT have indicated that they will be happy with this arrangement. It is intended to turn it into a mini-visitor and information centre about the area, in the same way the one in Booth is now the village library.

## **SHEEP WORRYING**

A local smallholder has had some sheep viciously attacked by a dog, in what a vet described as the worst attack he had ever seen. Farmers are entitled to shoot dogs attacking sheep, and have done so in the past, so please keep all dogs under control, particularly at lambing time.

## **CAR PARK**

Before Christmas, the height bar on entry to the car park was struck and badly bent. It has now been repaired, but if anyone either saw this happen or knows anything about it, please let one of the officers know, as it has cost an amount to repair.

## **NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be on **Thursday 26th January** in the Lord Nelson. You will be able to see from the above that the Society is currently involved with quite a number of different projects- the World War 1 project, the telephone box conversion, as well as our ongoing work in the Bloom group. Last year, our two main projects were the village name stone and the churchyard path. Meetings are open to everyone, and we are always needing more help, so please do come along if you would like to put something back into your village.

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