



LUDDENDEN CONSERVATION SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

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CHRISTMAS WALK

The weather for the Christmas treasure hunt walk was absolutely perfect this year, and 100 people came out and supported it. For the first time ever, all the pies and pasties were eaten, with a profit of over £300 for society funds. Thank you to all who came, and also to those who helped.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The planning application, *number 19/01350/LBC for Installation of metal balustrade and door formed in existing roof to allow access on to flat roof for use as balcony* at the old Junior (St. Mary's) School which was mentioned in the last newsletter was approved by Calderdale. There have been no further applications since that newsletter.

SEWAGE PUMP BOX

In the November newsletter, we mentioned that Yorkshire Water were going to erect a box for a sewage pump for two nearby houses in front of the lower gateway into the church and in front of the 'Tommy' statue on the War Memorial. After a meeting with representatives of the Society and Church, Yorkshire Water agreed to erect it above the top entrance at the beginning of the bridleway to Booth. This work is currently in progress.

CALDERDALE LOCAL PLAN

We mentioned in 2018 that Calderdale were preparing a Local Plan, which sets out how the Authority plans to grow and develop over the next 12 years. It contains details of where housing development can take place, and the first draft Plan did not include the land behind Carr Field. We assumed that would not now go ahead at all. Unfortunately, the Government has instructed Calderdale that they have not planned for enough houses, and a second draft Plan has now once again included not only that land, but also land at the back of Kershaw. If that were developed, it could also provide an entrance route into the land behind Carr Field. Comments are invited and it is important that as many people as possible object to this. The plan can be seen online at:

https://calderdale-consult.objective.co.uk/portal/planning_services/lpp18/local_plan_examination/clp_hrups

The whole of the Kershaw site, which makes Greave House Fields possible is in green belt currently, but Calderdale can change this designation if they consider it essential to meet their housing target. This would therefore be a very good reason for objecting. There are a number of other reasons which can be seen on the Calderdale website if you are intending to object. All objections must be with Calderdale by 5pm on February 24th, and can be sent by email through the website, or by post to Calderdale Council, Local Plan Consultation, Town Hall, Halifax HX1 1UN

WORK PARTY ON CAR PARK

Nigel has asked that the following be put in the newsletter.

*A very big thank you to all the 15 car park renovators who kindly gave up their Saturday morning to help spruce up the village car park. It was a great team effort and I hope everyone found it enjoyable. There was a lot of work to be done but it was far easier with so many willing hands. The car park is looking so much tidier and I am sure many villagers and visitors will appreciate our efforts, also I am sure the small wildlife, hedgehogs, wrens etc will like the dead hedges which were created with prunings from the trees and bushes. This has created a really nice, natural border to the car park. People didn't have to stay all morning, even the odd hour made a big difference so thank you. Next date for the diary, **Saturday February 8th**, same place, same time (10 a.m.) to carry on with the other half of the car park. Any more new volunteers will be very welcome, just turn up on the day.*

WALL VANDALISM

On Friday 17th January, between approximately 9.30 and 11.30, two youths carried out a spate of wall vandalism on Stocks Lane. They have been captured clearly on CCTV and householders are working with the police to identify them. This should be very straightforward since they must have been truanting from a local school. If you have experienced anything similar recently please contact the Conservation Society and we will try to help.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be at **7.30pm on Thursday January 30th in the Lord Nelson**. Everyone welcome. The February meeting will have a speaker, Kim Pearson, who will give a talk "More on the Wainstalls Waifs".

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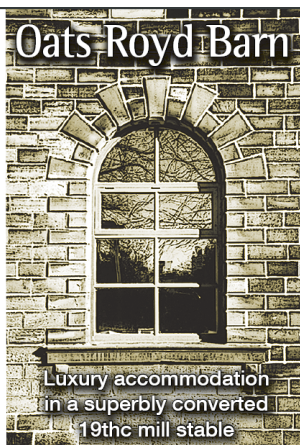
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