



LUDDENDEN CONSERVATION SOCIETY NEWSLETTER – OCTOBER 2019

LAST MEETING

The last meeting of the Society was the Annual General Meeting. Most of the officers were re-elected, although changes were made to the planning sub-committee which now consists of Rod Atkinson, Rodney Collinge, Barry Dyson and Trevor Oaten. The officers are shown below. Trevor Oaten, in his Chairman's report on the year, mentioned all the activities carried out by the Society in the last year - Santa day, Christmas walk, Open Gardens day, Village floral decorations by the Bloom group, Plant sale, Provision of new Information Board in the Car Park, Ongoing transformation of the telephone box to mini-information centre, World War 1 commemorations, Prevention of the land in the village centre (village green) being sold by Calderdale, Trip to Lincoln, and monitoring of all planning applications in the Luddenden and Booth area, where the newsletter is delivered to 567 dwellings every month. He said that this was very creditable, but new members are needed to help, as the active people are getting older and need others to come in and help to carry on the work.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

There has been one new planning application to Calderdale since our last newsletter. This is for a proposed dwelling to the rear of 20-23 Booth Hill, number 19/01445/FUL. Details of this can be found on the Calderdale website and the last date for comments to be with Calderdale Town Planning Department, Town Hall, Halifax is 28th October. The Conservation Society has informed Calderdale that we have reservations about whether it complies with their green belt policies in the Town Plan, whether there are sufficient car parking spaces for that and adjacent buildings, and entry and exit of vehicles to Booth Hill, particularly if reversing.

BROKEN CROSSES

Some of the ceramic crosses containing the names of local people who died during WW1 and date of their death, which were moved into the garden at the rear of the War Memorial following the WW1 commemorations, have recently been broken. This is distressing to relatives of the men who gave their lives for us, so do please contact Rodney or Trevor if you know anything about the circumstances of the damage.

BLOOM GROUP INFORMATION

The Bloom Group will be holding a meeting in the Lord Nelson at 7.30pm on Monday 4th November. We will be making plans for 2020 and in particular to clear up the gardens in the car park. As there are very few members in the Group now, they are requesting that anyone interested in helping and possibly joining, would be welcome to come along to the Meeting, or contact Trevor Oaten (883417) if unable to do so.

INFORMATION BOARDS

As the Luddenden Valley information board in the car park and those for the Heritage Displays at the bottom of Halifax Lane have gradually faded, we have had new ones made at a cost of almost £500 to the Society, and these have now been installed. We hope they will last as long as the previous ones did (17 years)!

CROWS

The Calderdale Rights of Way Society (CROWS) have contacted the Society to say that recent rains have damaged the path down the eastern side of the valley by the mill goit to Luddendenfoot and made it dangerous. Conservation Society has provided £50 to enable CROWS to repair this, and we would like to thank them for the fantastic work they do on our local footpaths.

BIRD & BAT BOXES FOR CHILDREN

In St. Marys Church when Father Christmas will be visiting, we will also have a representative from the Yorkshire Wildlife Trust. The Trust have kindly agreed to provide the village with Bird and Bat boxes, some of these will be ready for children to take home and build with their parents. Once these have been returned to the Bloom Group they will be put up along the river side and in the Cemetery in the form of a trail for the children to monitor.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Society will be in the **Lord Nelson at 7.30pm on Thursday 31st October**. Everybody welcome. There will be a speaker, **Mr. Noel Coates, who will give a talk on The Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway and the Calder Valley Line**. Mr. Coates is a very well-known speaker throughout Yorkshire and Lancashire on the railway, and the meeting is sure to be packed out, so please make a note in your diary to come early.

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