

LUDDENDEN IN BLOOM NEWSLETTER

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Where the bee sucks, there suck I: In a cowslip's bell I lie; There I couch when owls do cry,
On the bat's back I do fly. After the summer merrily: Merrily, merrily, shall I live now,
Under the blossom that hangs from the bough. – William Shakespeare 1564-1616 *Where the Bee sucks.*



News from the village

Luddenden officially launched its Britain in Bloom 2013 campaign on Thursday 25th April when Brenda, our co-ordinator, ably assisted by the local brownies and their leaders made various bug huts for use in gardens and specially identified sites around the village. Then on Thursday 9th May in wet and windy conditions the brownies, along with several bloom team members, went around the village and sited these very useful hand made homes in chosen locations that should promote a good take up by village insect life and help their numbers recover from the inclement weather of the past 12 months. The bug homes will be monitored to see which insect life has taken up residence. It is hoped various bumble and solitary bees that are such important pollinators will have found them to their liking. Many thanks go to the village brownies and their leaders for their enthusiasm and continued support of our "bloom efforts".

The riverbank finally had the wild meadow seeds sown on it and a recent check show that germination is taking place. The team would like to thank St.Mary's who own the riverbank for their support in this project. We would also like to point out the dangers of rivers so please visit this area with care. The seeds provided by the RHS for this year's campaign to help promote Edible Britain have been passed to the Gardening club as it was felt they could use this generous donation to better effect than the team. So happy sowing to them and we will let you know how they get on later in the year.

Thanks to Brendan Campbell of Airs Asbestos who has kindly offered sponsorship to the village this year. This generous donation will be used to replant the two planters on High Street outside the old paper shop with perennial herbs to further help the RHS's theme this year of Edible Britain.



The plant and produce table on High Street is really taking off this spring. Everything the team and villagers have been placing on it has quickly sold. There has been a report that 4 gnomes have taken up residents looking for good homes!

The First Plant Sale - Despite the weather the plant sale on Saturday 18th May was once again well supported by people far and near and over £700 was raised to help continue providing bedding for the village displays. Thanks to everyone on the day for coming to buy what was on offer and for villager's generous donation of plants along with their spare time that helps make this annual event so successful. Don't forget the second plant sale on **Saturday 1st June**, which will include summer bedding. If you have any plants to donate please contact the team as we are always looking for more stock.

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Gardening tips for June

Watch out for pests and diseases. With the recent showers we have been experiencing slugs and snails are now on the move. Also the red lily beetle has started to appear so check your plants regularly. June is the time to plant out summer bedding in your pots, tubs, hanging baskets and the borders. We will have a good variety of plants available at the next plant sale. Mow and feed your lawn regularly. Tie in climbing and rambling roses and remove any suckers. Now is also the time to plant directly into veg plots sweet corn, french and runner beans, peas, courgettes, squashes, pumpkins and any greenhouse grown tender vegetables. Sow lettuce and other quick growing salad at regular intervals to ensure you have plenty to pick during the summer. Protect your soft fruit from birds. Give the greenhouse a clean and then either by using growbags or large pots, plant up indoor tomato and cucumbers. If we do get a heat wave ensure plants are watered first thing in the morning or late evening to cut down on evaporation.

And finally ... Remember that one year's seed is seven year's weed! When weeding, retrace your steps to make sure you haven't missed the ones staring you in the face. Little and often is the way to keep on top of things.

Volunteers

Both the Bloom Group and Barry Dyson (mobile 0777 199 7405) of the cemetery group are still looking for extra pairs of hands to help with ongoing work.



Dates for the diary

2nd Plant Sale in the car park
Open Gardens
Village Judging (date to be advised)
Mayor Making
Britain in Bloom Awards

Saturday 1st June
Saturday 6th July
29/07- 09/08
Saturday 7th Sept
Saturday 12th Oct



Eric's View

I now have a new roaming village reporter named Derek who is providing me with a detailed list of what wildlife has been spotted around the village. The first full report can be found on the website www.luddenden.com on my Eric's View link. In my back garden bumblebees are now frequent visitors and I have also seen Comma, Tortoiseshell and Orange tip butterflies. On Wednesday 16th I spied my first Swifts of the season. Derek confirmed to me he saw them on Monday 14th which he said is late for their arrival. Keep feeding your garden birds but stop putting out whole peanuts as they can choke hatchlings if taken back to the nest by the parent bird.