

# Love Luddenden Newsletter

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## Village News

The repairs to the footpath towards Brooke Terrace from the church appear to be complete. As a result the team have been out with chain saws, loppers etc cutting back some of the saplings and branches that are either over hanging the path or the river. A start has been made to remove a tree trunk that was brought down during the floods from higher up the valley. All the work being undertaken will increase the views of the river and also removing obstructions will help the flow of water should we have another wet winter. Wild life, such as dippers, will also benefit as they like fast flowing water but need a clear flight path. If you want to get involved then please check out the Luddenden in Bloom Facebook page where work parties are advertised but you might need your wellies! The Conservation Chipper machine will soon be put to work on all the debris and the wood chips will be used where appropriate around the village.

The plant sale takes place on the 28<sup>th</sup> May from 10am in the car park. We have various perennials that have been grown and donated by villagers along with summer bedding once again from Kitsons. Tomatoes for all locations, cucumber plants, courgettes, beans, peas, some herbs, greeting card and wooden planters will also be on sale along with a raffle. As always the profits from the day will be used to help with keeping the village blooming.

Once again we will be presenting the Ada Brook Trophy for the best house frontage. Judging will take place during August. It doesn't have to be all flowers as lots of veg plants such as beans and peas look great growing up trellis and you can also use things like large olive oil tins for plants instead of pots. The best reason to have a go is that it makes Luddenden Bloom.



## The Plant & Produce Table on High Street

If you can't make the plant sale and we haven't sold out, you may still be able to pick up items from the table. So check it out from Sunday 29<sup>th</sup>.



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## Dates for the diary

Plant Sale in the Car Park  
Luddenden Heritage Day  
Mayors Street Party  
Mayor Making

Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> May from 10am  
Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> June from 10am  
Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> June  
Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> September



## Gardening tips for June

It's not unusual for there to be frosts in June, so keep an ear out for the weather and cover any tender plants. Divide congested groups of daffodils now they have stopped flowering but let the foliage die down naturally. Mow lawns regularly on a high cut setting at first and feed with a high-nitrogen spring/summer fertiliser. French and Runner beans can be sown direct in the veg patch this month. Continue successional sowings of salad crops in small amounts such as lettuce, rocket and radish every 10 days or so. Greenhouse grown plants such as outdoor tom's and sweetcorn should be gradually hardened off in cold frames before planting out into their final positions. Support and tie in all your tall plants and climbers with canes, twiggling branches or other purpose built frames. Earth up potatoes by about 10cm(4inch) when shoots are 23cm(9inch) tall. Keep weeding your garden and checking for pests like snails and slugs and treat accordingly. If you don't want to use chemicals then create a barrier around vulnerable plants by using bran, coffee grounds, grit or wool pellets. Watch out for aphids and the red lily beetle.



## Eric's View

The Magpies have once again been successful and raised a pair of chicks. It's interesting watching from my window how much they are growing and how busy the parents are. Swallows and Swifts are busy feeding over the centre of the village especially on warm evenings when insects are on the wing. Starlings, Robins and the members of the Tit family are still busy using the feeders but I've managed to curtail the Jackdaws robbing all the food with a new feeder, which is aimed at smaller birds. That doesn't mean they are starving as a result but it does help the smaller birds. Orange Tipped butterflies are now regular visitors to the borders along with Honey and Bumble Bees. It goes to show how much you can do to increase wild life to your home by just planting nectar rich perennials most of which don't need a lot of care and attention.



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