

# LUDDENDEN IN BLOOM NEWSLETTER

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*"The law of harvest is to reap more than you sow. Sow an act, and you reap a habit. Sow a habit and you reap a character. Sow a character and you reap a destiny"* James Allen 1864-1912 British Philosophical writer and author of inspirational books and poetry



## News from the village

The team have been taking a well-earned rest after the build up to judging. Only another month to go and the results of Britain in Bloom 2013 will be announced. Check the website after the 12<sup>th</sup> of October to see how the village fared. With autumn now upon us we are on with our plans for spring 2014 and will soon be going round the village to plant up all the hayracks, tubs etc.

## Ada Brooks Trophy 2013

We were lucky this year in having two Yorkshire in Bloom judges; Jo Birch of Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council and Sue Hoyle a YIB Executive agreed to undertake this task. The criterion used this year was best use of space in the front of a property and the diversity of planting and of pots etc within it. Also taken into account was the RHS 'Growing for Britain' theme and Luddenden in Bloom encouragement for villagers to continue to plant and grow whilst being environmentally aware and the use (where possible) of vegetables in their display.

We are pleased to announce that this years Gold Medal and overall winner is Quarry House on High Street who, on the day of judging, had used a lovely variety of eclectic plant containers, planted mainly with vegetables and supplemented with a few perennial and annual plants. Other Gold medal winners were Quarry House, Granby House, 23 High Street, 8 Riding Head Lane and Double House on Buttress. Silver Gilt Medals were awarded to 2 Croft House, 1 Thorn Lee, 4 Church Hill, 7 Church Hill, Coach House, Applehouse Terrace and 18 Applehouse Terrace. Silver Medals went to 2 Little Box Cottage, 2 Rose Cottage, 12 Railes Cottages, Spring Bank and 7 Riding Head Lane. A full report with other certificate winners along with photo's can be found on the website.

Congratulations to Quarry House and everyone else for helping make Luddenden Bloom. Thanks also to Jo and Sue for judging this years competition. Certificates will have been delivered to everyone by the time this newsletter goes out and it will just remain to have the trophy engraved for Quarry House to hold until next year.

## It's that time again.....

Yes one competition is over and now it's the time to think about your entry and chance to win a Fair Trade goody bag by making your own handmade Christmas Wreath. Autumn is a great time to go out and collect material from woods and hedgerows. So give it a try. Instructions on how to make your own wreath are on the website [www.luddenden.com](http://www.luddenden.com).

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## Gardening tips for October

Daffodil and narcissi bulbs should be planted from September onwards and Tulips during October. There are lots of bargains to be had in garden centres, catalogues and places like The Range and B & Q. If you want hyacinths to flower for Christmas now is the time to buy and plant up "prepared" bulbs. Don't leave borders bare but plant wallflowers, forget-me-nots and other early bedding that is available. Although winter flowering pansies and violas look great in pots unless you can offer them some protection they may not survive a harsh winter. Bellis Perennis is far hardier and is what we will be using around the village. Clear the greenhouse by the end of October of any green tomatoes you may have and ripen on a sunny windowsill. Give the greenhouse a good clean to help get rid of any pests. If you intend to store tender plants in unheated houses insulate the inside with bubble wrap. Sow sweet peas now in the greenhouse for planting out in spring. If you are quick you can still sow hardy varieties of pea and broad bean, cabbage, cauliflower, rocket and winter lettuce, which, as soon as they have germinated can be planted outside under cloches for the winter.

## Polite Request

We have been asked by St Mary's to request that Japanese Knotweed, a non-indigenous plant species that can cause structural damage if not removed from gardens, is not included with other garden waste brought into and dumped on the bonfire on the riverbank. This plant along with Himalayan Balsam (another non native species) should be sprayed or dug up and incinerated on site. If you have a problem with either invasive plant please contact Calderdale Council or the Environment Agency who can give you further advice. Advice can also be found on the RHS website.

## 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

Britain in Bloom Awards  
Christmas Wreath Competition

Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> Oct  
December



**Eric's View** - I've added my friend Derek's blog for this month on the website [www.luddenden.com](http://www.luddenden.com). He mentions the lack of Red Admiral butterflies about so I must be very lucky, as several have been appearing in my garden these last few weeks. Bumblebees are also very busy visiting my sedum flowers. Don't forget to feed the birds so you attract winter visitors to your garden.