

Love Luddenden Newsletter

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Village News

The team is about to start the clearance of all the summer bedding around the village, which once again has provided some colourful displays. A decision has been made to remove the wooden planter at the Corn Mill that is near to collapsing and not to replace it. The hayracks along the Memorial Garden fence will also be removed, as they are difficult to maintain and distract from the long border, which has been so colourful throughout summer. We will be increasing the spring bulbs here once the perennials have been cut back this autumn. We have already bought the bulbs and plants for the village spring display and will be using a red and yellow theme, which really does stand out against the stonework of the village.

Now we have new tenants settled into the "Nellie" we have asked if we can hold an informal Bloom meeting there in October. This is your chance to meet the team and perhaps get involved. The date will be announced on the Luddenden in Bloom Facebook page.

Nigel and his team of volunteers have successfully held a bonfire on the riverbank to dispose of all the material that has accumulated over the months. There is still the task of removing metal and other items and that will be done shortly. We would ask that no one place any further items at this location. Please either compost your own garden waste or take it to Calderdale recycling sites where they will process the material.



Ada Brooks Trophy 2016.

Having been a gold medal winner in the past, this year the combination of vegetable, perennials, annuals and herbs has really been spectacular. So we are please to announce that Dilys and Richard at Granby House are the Gold Medal & Ada Brooks Trophy Winner for 2016. Congratulations to them both. Other gold medals have been awarded to Chapel House, 4 Church Hill and 10 Church Hill. All gold awards will have received a framed certificate by the time this newsletter has gone out. Very well done to all villagers for making Luddenden Bloom for another year.



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The Plant & Produce Table on High Street

Once again thanks to everyone who have placed items on the table. The goods placed here have help raise over £300, which all goes to help keep the village blooming.



Gardening tips for Autumn

Clear out your greenhouse of any tomatos and ripen green ones on sunny window sills. Wash all the glass down to rid it of pests and then prepare it for when you need to bring in any frost tender perennials. If you want to increase the tempreture during cold spells use sheets of bubble wrap as insulatation. Pot up you favourite geraniums from tubs and baskets and place them inside the greenhouse if you want to use them for taking cuttings in the spring. I overwintered one called Apple Blossom and they have performed brilliantly throughout summer. It also saves you money. A sunny windowsill will also suffice but make sure you keep the soil fairly dry. I'm still picking runner and french beans, and if the weather remains mild will hopefully still be harvesting them until the end of October. Plan you spring displays now as there are plenty of spring bulb bargains currently available in garden centres.



Eric's View

The heron is still regularly visiting the river near the church. There are still a few swallows feeding in small flocks over the village but these will soon be on their way south. The warm September has brought several butterfly species such as Peacocks, Red Admirals and Small Tortoiseshells to the gardens. These love nectar rich plants such as Michaelmas Daisies. Unfortunately the down side to this time of year is the amount of wasps that are appearing as a result of their nests gradually going into turmoil as this years queen comes to the end of her life. Hedgerows are certainly providing lots of food for small birds at the moment so my feeders are not being visited too much, but it is as mentioned before, important to keep them topped up as winter approaches. Listen out for Robins singing round the village at this time of year as they stake out their territories.



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