



LUDDENDEN CONSERVATION SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

JUNE 2019

LAST MEETING

At the last meeting, Mr. Alec Boyd, who is a Project Officer for the Yorkshire Wildlife Trust came to talk to the Society about some of the river restoration projects which are being carried out on the River Calder and its tributaries, and the Calderdale Greening project, and how we as a Society could fit into this. He made the point that whereas 50 years ago the River Calder would frequently be all shades of colour and there was little life in it, the opposite is the case now. The river boasts many different species of fish and water bugs which only live in clear conditions. We talked about the Luddenden Brook and various improvements which could possibly be made, and some of our members will keep in touch with him.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

There have been no new planning applications to Calderdale since our last newsletter

IN BLOOM PLANT SALE

Due to an oversight by the editor, the plant sale was not mentioned in the last newsletter. However, on a gloriously sunny morning at the end of May, vast numbers of people turned up and by 11.30am almost all the stock had been sold, and a profit of £1200 made. The Bloom group do a fantastic job of providing floral decorations throughout the village in summer, and the money made at this sale goes to pay for the flowers. Well over £1000 is spent annually, and we are very lucky that there is such a dedicated team of workers who so transform the village. Thank you Bloomers! Anyone who would like to join them in their labours will be welcomed with open arms, just ring Trevor Oaten on 883417.

OPEN GARDENS DAY

The ninth Luddenden Open Gardens day will be held on **Saturday 29th June** from 11am until 5pm, and this will be the biggest so far. 18 gardens from both sides of the Luddenden valley will be open, ranging in size from small cottage gardens and an allotment to an Elizabethan garden at one of the oldest houses in the area. Refreshments will be available to purchase at some gardens, so come and (hopefully) sit out in the sun and enjoy yourself in this beautiful valley of ours. Tickets are £6 on the day or £5 in advance from members of the Society. You can book in advance by ringing 885141. Tickets and a guide to all the gardens can be obtained on the day from the Luddenden Car Park on Luddenden Lane. Free transport will be running to take you to whichever garden you wish, so you don't have to worry about walking all the way to Booth or up Stocks Lane.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be on **Thursday 27th June at 7.30pm** in the Lord Nelson. **Everybody welcome.**



Photographs taken at a previous Open Gardens

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