

Love Luddenden Newsletter

The  Friendly Village

Britain in Bloom & Yorkshire in Bloom Village Gold Medal Winners

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Village News

People from outside of Luddenden have been commenting on how good the village looks with all the house frontages full of flowers that are enhanced with the begonias that have been used this year in the planters. Thanks to everyone for continuing to make our village a great place to live.

Another incident of fly tipping took place on Halifax Lane. If anyone sees anything suspicious please try and obtain vehicle registrations and pass them onto the police.

Sad to say that yet again I have been contacted by residents over the issue of dog fouling. This time its on the various paths and tracks that lead to Midgley Rec. Walkers, families with young children along with responsible dog owners, use these popular paths. I have on more than one occasion mentioned the health issues around dog faeces, and the fact that other village residents are having to clear up the mess. So I would ask again that those people who appear to be ignoring the fact that it is a criminal act and you can get fined if caught, to start taking responsibility for the mess the pet you are supposed to love leaves.

Due to an issue around the Village Facebook Page, I have been left with no alternative but to temporary make it a closed group as opposed to a public one. People can still request to join, and they will then be able to see what is happening in the village, but will not be able to share posts from the page. Anyone joining the group is asked to read the rules around posting.

Ada Brooks Trophy

We will announce the winner in next month's newsletter once we have produced the certificates and distributed them around the village. For those who can't wait I will place the results on the Village Facebook Page as soon as possible.

The Plant & Produce Table

In view of the large amounts of vegetables being placed on the table, I suspect it has been a very good year in villagers veg plots. Thanks again to everyone for supporting this initiative that helps to raise funds for village planting.

Jobs for September

With the days starting to shorten, now is the time to cut out the growing tip of your tomatoes and remove some of the leaves to encourage fruits to ripen. Keep picking crops such as cucumbers and French and Runner beans to encourage further cropping and don't forget to keep feeding everything not only in the green house but pots, planters and hanging baskets. Dig up and store any remaining potatoes and onions you have. Keep dead heading flowers and removing weeds from your borders. Cut back perennials once they have flowered and mark any clumps that will need digging up and splitting in the autumn. Start planning for next year, as spring bulbs will soon be hitting the garden centres.

Wildlife

Swifts after a successfully breeding season are now flying south for the winter but you can still see plenty of Swallows and House Martins about. Butterflies such as Red Admirals, Peacocks, Tortoiseshells, Commas and Cabbage White have been busy in my garden along with various members of the bee family. The more nectar rich plants you can grow the better for wildlife in the garden. Lone Badgers have been reported in some gardens. I'm no expert, but believe these may be juveniles looking for new territories after leaving the family home. When driving on village roads at night please slow down and watch out for Hedgehogs



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