

LUDDENDEN CONSERVATION SOCIETY**NEWSLETTER**

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The Society hopes everybody had a very Happy Christmas, and wishes you all a Happy New Year.

CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

The Society would like to thank all those people who contributed to the fund for the Christmas lights in December especially the Lord Mayor's fund, who donated a sum of £ 50, thank you very much. In all, we collected just over £ 350, which enabled us to position more lights in the village centre (namely the ones spanning across the river on either side of the bridge), and also at new positions at the back of Diamond House on Duke Street; the entrance to Bluebell Walk and the corner of the old school opposite the Lord Nelson. We trust the lights managed to brighten up the dark winter nights for you. Of course, last but not least, we would like to thank all those people who allowed us to connect into their electricity supply, it was very much appreciated. Furthermore, we would also like to thank all the people who helped put up, and, take down the lights, sometimes having to risk life and limb to get them in the required positions.

NEXT MEETING

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YORKSHIRE IN BLOOM

After receiving a high commendation in last year's Best Kept Village Competition, the Society is sure that everyone in the village would like to see the good work undertaken to continue, to keep the village looking as good as it did last year. In trying to keep the momentum going, and with an eye on this years ' Yorkshire in Bloom ' Competition, it would be nice if we could maybe plant a few extra flowers in and around our gardens. Or, if you don't have much garden to speak of, you could maybe fix a hanging basket on the wall, where previously there was none - anything that will add a splash of colour here and there on to an otherwise bland spot. There will also be a number of Work Groups organised by the Society for the coming Spring months which you may want to help with (see below), which will endeavour to address some of the larger areas of tidying up works that were brought to our attention last year. Remember, ' many hands make light work ' and the more people that turn up to help results in more work getting done, and in a quicker time.

MURGATROYD'S MILL

It has been noted recently that the Mill is falling further into disrepair, and it may only be a matter of time before there is an accident there or it becomes so bad that the only option may be to knock it down. To try to ensure that this does not happen, the Society is going to write to the owners to ask them of the intentions. However, we thought it might be an idea to ask the villagers what they would like to see happen to this once fine old mill - should it be turned in to apartments or flats?; or should some use be found for it as a tourist attraction as with Walkley Clogs?. If you have an opinion on this matter or an idea for its future use, please come along to the next meeting, where we will be glad to listen to your point of view

NEXT WORK GROUP

A work group has been organised for this coming Sunday, 22nd February, to weed and clean the ginnel running along the river from Broad Flaggs to the new development on High Street. Anyone interested in lending a hand should meet at Broad Flaggs at 10am. Please bring along some rubbish bags for the disposal of the weeds and debris.

– Thank you –

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The next meeting will be held on Thursday, 26th February at 7.45 p.m. at the Lord Nelson.