

Love Luddenden Newsletter

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Village News

Many thanks to everyone who supported the Plant Sale on Saturday 20th. Once again villagers and people from the surrounding area did us proud. The exact amount raised on the day has yet to be calculated, but we will post this on Facebook and in the next month's newsletter. We would also like to express our appreciation to all those who raised and provided the various plants, given their time up on the day and Kitsons who once again brought summer bedding to the event on a sale and return basis.

The team are now on with the planting up all the hayracks and planters with the summer flower scheme of begonias and reviewing what to do in the autumn with the steps to nowhere at the Corn Mill as this is once again proving a problem site. The Winding Wheel Garden on High Street has been having a bit of a makeover and new perennial plants have been bought from "In Bloom" funds to improve the planting scheme.



The Plant & Produce Table is proving very popular and raising a good sum of money for the village from the various donations that people are leaving. Due to the weather this spring, some summer bedding that villagers have grown and was not quite ready to be sold at the village plant sale, will shortly be finding its way to the table. So keep a sharp look out for what's available, as it tends to go fast.

There are still ongoing issues around criminality in the Luddenden, but thanks to our Neighbourhood Watch Co-Coordinator and villagers who are being very proactive, things hopefully will improve. The police have also increased their presence in the village when possible. The car park is still an issue as mentioned before but even here things are slightly better. So keep your property secure and report any non-urgent issues to the police using 101 or if more serious the 999 phone numbers.

Keep up to date with what is happening in Luddenden by checking out the various Facebook Pages or the Luddenden website.



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Dates for the diary

Luddenden Village Open Gardens

Saturday 1st July

Check out the various Facebook Pages for more events such as the Luddenden Mayor, Luddenden in Bloom and the Midgley Community Room and Shop



Gardening tips for June

Hopefully for the gardener, frosts are now over for the summer, but do keep an ear out for the weather forecasts just in case there is an odd plunge in temperature. Bedding can now be put out but ensure you keep dead heading, feeding and watering to prolong the flowering period. Salad crops and outdoor tomatoes can be planted in the veg plot along with french and runner beans, corgettes and other members of the squash family. Earth up your potatoes to increase the crop and keep on top of the weeding by regular hoeing. Watch out for pests like green fly and slugs and take appropriate action using an environmental product. In the greenhouse stake and tie in your cordon tomatoes and cucumbers and keep them well ventilated on hot summer days. Don't forget you can use all sorts of containers to grow salad crops like lettuce, radish and hanging basket tomatoes as long as you make drainage holes in the base. Home grown food tastes far better than shop bought produce and helps keep your bills down.



Eric's View

Well summer is here as swallows and swifts are flying above the village at long last. A dipper is on the river feeding its young and can often be seen on the stretch between the weir and the bridge into the cemetery. Several young robins are now visiting my feeders so it looks like they are having a successful breeding season. Plenty of bumblebees and honey bees visiting the flowers, but apart from some orange tipped butterflies I haven't seen any other species in the garden. The dawn chorus is still very musical and even the late evening bird song is magical this year although our resident Tawny Owl always has something to say. As been mentioned before in the newsletter it is still important to feed the birds but please avoid whole peanuts as they are liable to choke chicks in the nest if taken back by the parent.



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