

LUDDENDEN CONSERVATION SOCIETY

Protecting our environment for
future generations



Welcome to the first newsletter of 2022, with a focus on the lovely environment we're lucky enough to live in and how we can help keep it that way!

Conservation Society Meeting

The first meeting of 2022 was held on 27th January 2022, and we were delighted to welcome a guest speaker. Trevor Bannister spoke about the various different volunteering initiatives he has been involved with across the Calder Valley, with a particular focus on the involvement of large community, charity and workplace groups. We were especially interested in how we may be able to make use of some of these groups during the warmer months in the village: for example in making our footpaths as accessible as possible for residents and visitors alike to enjoy. Watch this space (and indeed, the village!) for activity groups during the summer. We'd love to hear from you if there are particular areas you think may warrant some targeted activity.

We discussed a number of other points during the meeting, including the perennial conundrum of recycling and the potential of an Open Gardens event in 2023. We also talked about the current position of Calderdale Council in relation to the car park toilets and we will continue to engage with our local councillors about this issue.

Our next meeting is on **Thursday 31st March** in the upstairs room at St Mary's at 7.30pm. We are again lucky enough to be able to welcome guest speakers – Adrian Horton from Slow the Flow to talk about natural flood management, and Katie Kimber who will talk about the work of the Mytholmroyd Flood Wardens. We'd love to see you at the meeting.

Exceptional weather and exceptional events

Many of us will have been impacted by the local flooding recently. The culvert under the park temporarily decided it would like to also run down the street and we are enormously grateful to everyone who helped with keeping houses and people safe. Whilst we have an informal "Ludd Fludd" (thanks to Phil Radford for the name...) Facebook Messenger group, we are of course thoughtful about what can and should be done more formally to help us cope with such situations in the future. Katie and Adrian's talks will be very helpful in this respect. We've already bought a "gulley grab" to help us remove material that's blocking gulleys in the roads.

We've also had the collapse of the wall at the junction of Stocks Lane and the High Street. It is an enormous blessing that no one was hurt and we are thinking of the house owners who have lost a significant part of their beautiful garden. We understand this is a complex issue to resolve and there have been a number of specialists on site. Increased signage has been put on the barriers to warn people against moving them and walking across the rocks, which seems to have done the trick. The same cannot be said for the "road closed" signs!

WW1 Commemoration

On 23rd February, we held the last of the commemorations that we've been holding over the past eight years. We've now commemorated all 45 of the men named on the Luddenden & Midgley War Memorial. This last one was for Private Harry Patrick, and we were delighted to be able to welcome to the ceremony some of his relatives, who found out about our project from Facebook. We also discovered that Harry and one of our other soldiers, Sam Binns, were related.



We intend to have a final event to mark 100 years since the memorial was unveiled in April 1923. More information about this in due course.

Dates for the Diary

Saturday 26th March 2022 at 9am - Working Party – Gardening/tidying/planting – meet at the wheel garden/substation at the bottom of Halifax Lane

Thursday 31st March 2022 at 7.30pm - St Mary's Church Upper Room – Luddenden Conservation Society Meeting – see above for details about the two speakers: Adrian Horton and Katie Kimber – All welcome

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