

Yorkshire in Bloom Village Gold Medal Winners 2004,2007 and 2010

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"November comes and November goes, with the last red berries and the first white snows. With night coming early, and dawn coming late, and ice in the bucket and frost by the gate. The fires burn and the kettles sing, and earth sinks to rest until next spring." - Elizabeth Coatsworth author of children's fiction and poetry



News from the village

Over the last few weeks the team has been busy putting the village to bed for the winter. All the tubs, planters and hayracks have now been planted for spring in the red, white and blue theme as mentioned last month. The entrance to Bluebell Walk has had several dozen English Bluebell bulbs planted along with some for-get-me – knots and the Memorial Garden flower bed that the team overhauled at short notice before the judging has been enhanced with 140 assorted spring bulbs of varying varieties and colours. There are several jobs to be completed such as tidying the sub-station and car-park so no doubt you will see work parties taking place around the village over the next few weeks.

Calderdale have done their best with a colour scheme for the cenotaph to compliment what the team has done. They have also undertaken the annual task of keeping the roads, paths and drains clear of leaf fall.

On November 12th as a result of Calderdale's blooming success in not just Britain in Bloom but Yorkshire as well, the Mayor of Calderdale Councilor Dr Nader Fekri JP hosted a reception at the Town Hall in recognition of all communities' efforts during 2011. Two of the bloom team attended and had a jolly good time meeting up with other local "bloomers".

On Thursday 17th November the RHS held a Britain in Bloom Forum where your newsletter editor spoke about community-led greening and how you the villager have taken things onboard and made such a difference to Luddenden.

The website is gradually being updated with information about wildlife and you can also email the team with anything you come across on your walks. Photos' of village wildlife if you send them will be added to Eric's view page. How to make Christmas Wreath instructions have been uploaded so give it a go you could win a fair trade hamper.

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Flower Pots Required

Thanks to everyone who made donations to the appeal. We go through quite a few over the course of a year so if you have any spare don't take them to the re-cycling but let the team have them - especially 1/2 and 1litre pots which can be left at Badger Cottage on High Street.



Gardening tips for November

Check stakes and ties are secure on trees and climbers. Move containers of winter bedding to a sheltered spot when conditions turn very cold. This month is the last chance to plant new rose bushes and spring bulbs. Transplant shrubs that have outgrown their position. Lift and store dahlia tubers once their leaves are blackened by frost. Use cloches to protect winter peas, beans and salads. Spread compost or well rotted manure on your veg plot to break down over the winter months so as to provide a good growing medium for next year. In the green house water plants only sparingly and watch out for any slugs or snails that creep in to overwinter. On warm days open windows and door to help ventilate and keep the air as dry as possible to stop plants rotting off.



Dates for the diary

Christmas Wreath Competition 2011- December -Win a Fair Trade Hamper



Eric's View

I now have a friendly robin in the garden that seems to have made it his winter territory. Very smart bird if you ask me as there is always something in the feeders for him to eat and he sings very well for his supper. Blue, Coal, Great and Long-tailed Tits have been busy flying in and out of the garden but that robin can be a bit of a bully if he is about and will chase other birds off. Fieldfares & Redwings appear plentiful this year and are busy eating the wild fruits and berries off village trees.

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