

LUDDENDEN CONSERVATION SOCIETY



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WATER TURBINE

A short discussion was held at the last meeting regarding the possibility of restoring the turbine which used to supply electricity to Oats Royd mill, the remains of which are situated half way along the river between Luddenden and Brook Terrace. It was decided that this be investigated further.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

A number of planning applications have recently been submitted to Calderdale. These include conversion and extension of existing barn at Shepherd House Farm to a residential dwelling, a side extension at 27 Halifax Lane, a loft conversion with windows to front and rear at 2 Riding Head Lane, and the resubmission of plans by Lanson Developments for the top side of the road at Oats Royd (Murgatroyd's) mill. The latter has been submitted before a public enquiry which is due to take place next month to examine the last application which was turned down by the Calderdale Council. The alterations to the last scheme which was turned down have been described by the developers as "only minor but also an improvement on the previous proposal and its setting". All these plans will be considered by the Society.

In our last newsletter, we mentioned that the planning application to convert Kershaw House to apartments and build houses around it was to be heard by Calderdale. This was turned down on the grounds of lack of places in nearby schools, and the fact that the plans were out of character with the existing building.

PLAYGROUND AT HALIFAX LANE

It was mentioned in our February newsletter that some of the equipment on the playground is to be removed due to new health and safety regulations. These are the 'rocket' (as soon as possible) and the parallel bars in 2007. It now appears that Calderdale will not be able to replace these before about 2015, due to the number of pieces of similar equipment all over Calderdale having to be removed. The Society has recently received a significant bequest, and has decided that this will be spent on the purchase and installation of some new play equipment. The Mayor's Fund is also making a donation, and it is hoped to obtain a grant from the Calderdale Community Foundation, which will bring the total available to about £12 000. A small committee has been set up to look at what will be the most suitable way to use this money, and we will report back when decisions have been made.

NEW WEBSITE

The Luddenden in bloom group have now set up their own website, giving details of what is happening within the bloom group, and also more widely within the In Bloom competitions. The Conservation Society's own website is also being remodelled to make it easier for people to use. This is already widely used and consulted, and receives 'hits' from all over the world, with frequent users, for example, in Australia. It is particularly useful for ex-residents now removed to far-flung parts, and if you have a computer and have not yet been onto the site (www.luddenden.com) do give it a try and see what you think.

SUMMER TREASURE HUNT

Following the success of our Christmas Walk/Treasure Hunt, we have been asked if we could also do one of these on a (hopefully) warm, summer's evening. We have decided to do this on Friday, July 7th, with a barbecue or similar afterwards. More details later, but if you enjoy the Christmas Walk, make a note of the date for this in your diaries.

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