

LUDDENDEN CONSERVATION SOCIETY



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PLANNING APPLICATIONS

No new planning applications had been submitted to Calderdale during the last month, nor have any previous planning applications been approved. However, the Society has been advised that Britannia Developments have appealed to the courts regarding the decision of the Government Inspector to uphold Calderdale's refusal to give them planning permission for more houses at Delph Mills, Luddendenfoot. The decision can only be challenged on the grounds that there were flaws in the manner in which the appeal was conducted, and the decision cannot be altered, although an order can be made for there to be a fresh appeal hearing.

CHRISTMAS WALK

The tenth annual Christmas Treasure Hunt Walk will take place on Thursday, December 28th. This is now a real village traditional event, and as usual, the walk will be between 2 and 3 miles, and will be suitable for push chairs. There will be a number of questions to find the answers to, and pie and peas, home-made vegetarian options, flapjacks and other similar fare will be available afterwards. The walk starts (and finishes) at the Methodist Church at the junction of High Street and New Road at 11am. For the last two years, almost 100 people have started this, and it is the ideal way to shake off the Christmas excesses, and get to know people if you are new to the village.

NEW ROAD NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

The New Road neighbourhood watch meeting was mentioned in the last newsletter, and both the Community Constable Mandy Hurd and her Community Support Officer were present. Both were very aware of the trouble that is being caused all over Luddenden and neighbouring areas at the moment by a group of youths, not all from this locality. They emphasised that any vandalism, damage or verbal aggression towards people in the village should be reported to police. Whilst it may seem that nothing happens as a result, in fact, it gives them evidence to call in extra policing facilities to deal with it. This has happened recently, and police patrols are much more in evidence at the moment because of this, so please do report anything of this nature. The number for non-urgent matters is 0845 6060606

HALIFAX LANE PLAYGROUND

A hoped-for grant from the Calderdale Community Foundation for new playground equipment has not been given, so the Conservation Society decided to give an additional donation of £800 at the last meeting to make the total up to the £8892 cost. Previously, a very substantial bequest which the Society had received for work in the village from the late Mrs. Murgatroyd had also been donated to this fund. The new equipment will be put in place sometime in the first half of 2007.

THANKS TO OUR HELPERS

The Society would like to thank all the people who have helped in the many activities over the last year, particularly at this time the people who deliver your newsletter every month. At times, this means going out in weather where they would much prefer to be somewhere warm and pleasant, so we do thank them all very sincerely. The Society would also like to thank all those many people, often with no connection to the Conservation Society, who have tried to do their bit to make the village the attractive place that it is for us all to live in. Finally, we wish all villagers a very happy and peaceful Christmas, and a new year filled with love and all the good things of life.

The **Next Meeting** of the Society is on **Thursday, January 25th 2007** in the **Lord Nelson** at **7.45pm**. **Everyone welcome.**

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