

LUDDENDEN CONSERVATION SOCIETY



NEWSLETTER – FEBRUARY 2007

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

There have been no new planning applications since the last newsletter, nor has anything been heard over the Britannia Housing appeal to the High Court over the Luddendenfoot development. Incidentally, with regard to this, it has been pointed out by one resident that although all the official papers for the Britannia development at Luddendenfoot have referred to the site as the former Delph Mills, this is quite incorrect. Delph Mill was the mill at the opposite side of Luddenden Lane (the ex-Coach and Horses car park), and that the British Furtex mills were Luddendenfoot mills.

GARDENS DAY

Arrangements have now been made for 15 gardens to be taking part in the Open Gardens day on July 7th. There will be a mini-bus running between the different sites, which will enable all cars to be left in the car park. Refreshments will be available at a number of sites, and it promises to be a good day for all garden and plant enthusiasts. Make sure that you book the date in your diaries.

FALLEN TREES

It was reported at the last meeting that the high winds in January have brought down a number of trees, and left them across the river along the bridleway to Booth. As usual, the council, rivers authority etc are all claiming that it is someone else's job to clear these, so if this is not sorted out, the Society decided that we would see if it is possible to do this ourselves.

NEW PLANTERS

The Society has provided a new planter for the steps at the side of the road on the left at the bottom of Halifax Lane, which has been made by a local craftsman. This will be filled with Tete-a-tete daffodils and tulips, and should add some colour to the road at that point.

VANDALISM AND DOGS

There has been a welcome reduction in vandalism in the village and surrounding areas since the beginning of the year. This is mainly due to an increased police presence, and villagers are urged to continue phoning the police if they see any vandalism or anti-social behaviour taking place. This enables the police to keep on providing more people on the beat in the area.

There has, however, been a great increase in the amount of dog poo around, and we have had complaints from some residents of Bluebell Walk that this is very much the case there. They ask that owners who do take their dogs through Bluebell Walk clear up any mess their animal leaves behind, as it is quite dangerous as far as young children are concerned, as well as being very unsightly.

FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT February 26th to March 11th

The Churches Together in Luddenden are holding a coffee morning entitled 'Brew for a Better World' from 10am to 12.30pm on Saturday, 10th March in the Methodist Church Hall (at the junction of High Street and New Road). A variety of Fair Trade and other products will be available to buy.

The **Next Meeting** of the Society is on **Thursday, February 22nd 2007** in the **Lord Nelson** at **7.45pm**. **Everyone welcome.**

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