

## LUDDENDEN CONSERVATION SOCIETY



NEWSLETTER – JANUARY 2007

### **APOLOGY**

The last two newsletters have carried an advert by Steve Shimble for plumbing services. The editor of the newsletter wishes to apologise both to Mr. Shimble and to anyone who may have tried to contact him for the fact that the telephone number has been incorrect in both newsletters – it should be 868126 and not 886126.

### **CHRISTMAS WALK**

The Christmas walk was again extremely successful, with almost 90 people taking part on what was a poor morning for going out. The Society would like to thank all those people who did turn out. Three groups were eventually adjudged to be joint first prize winners – the Gibsons, the Davie and Barlow families, and the Riding Head Striders (so – called, shufflers may possibly have been more appropriate!). A profit of just over £160 was made for Society funds.

### **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

Britannia Developments have put in an application to build 21 apartments on the former British Furtex mill site in Luddendenfoot at the rear of the present development at Mill Stream Drive. In the inspector's adjudication for their previous application, the firm were to be allowed to build on what was previously the dam just to the rear of the mill, and this development is on that site. The Society has objected to the development on grounds that it goes somewhat further than the mill dam, that it is too intensive, traffic dangers and the lack of school places in the immediate vicinity.

As mentioned in the last newsletter before Christmas, Britannia have also appealed against the Inspector's decision at the public enquiry regarding their last application. This will be heard in the high court, but has not yet taken place. The court has no power to change the decision of the inspector, but if it feels that the enquiry was not properly conducted, can instruct that there should be another enquiry.

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

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