

# LUDDENDEN CONSERVATION SOCIETY



## NEWSLETTER – JULY 2006

### **YORKSHIRE IN BLOOM SUMMER JUDGING**

The summer judging took place on Thursday, July 21<sup>st</sup>, and the village was looking quite splendid. A big thank you to all those people who put out hanging baskets, tubs or special displays in their gardens, and all who helped with the work that has taken place in the village, particularly Jason, the coordinator. The results will now be expected at the beginning of September (5<sup>th</sup>).

### **SUMMER TREASURE HUNT**

As mentioned in our last newsletter, the Society organised a summer treasure hunt walk at the beginning of July. About 35 people came on this on a perfect summer's evening, and the first prize was taken by the Oaten party. About £115 profit was made for Society funds.

### **BRITANNIA PLANNING APPEAL ENQUIRY**

The appeal by Britannia Housing against Calderdale's failure to consider their planning application for houses on the site of the old British Furtex mill at Luddendenfoot opened on July 4<sup>th</sup>, but was postponed until Friday, September 8<sup>th</sup> when it emerged that Calderdale had failed to notify interested parties of the enquiry. Calderdale stated that they would make sure that before the next date, everyone who had submitted a comment regarding the plans to build houses there would be notified.

### **OTHER PLANNING MATTERS**

The Society has frequently commented upon the plan to convert the part of Oats Royd mill (Murgatroyd's) on the top side of the road into apartments. The initial plan was for 68 apartments, and in stages, this was reduced to 40. When this was turned down by Calderdale, following vigorous objections by the Society, the developers decided to take this to a Government appeal, and a public hearing was heard. The decision of the Government Inspector was announced at the beginning of July, to allow the development to go ahead. The Society is disappointed with the decision, but feels that without their active opposition, the original plan for 68 apartments would have been granted, rather than the 40 now.

The plan to build houses at Thorn Bank at the top of New Road (which will include a widening scheme for New Road where traffic gets stuck) has also been given the go-ahead by Calderdale.

At the last meeting, a plan to build a dormer at the rear of 2, Riding Head Lane was discussed, and it was decided (with nobody voting against) to object to this, on the grounds that one of the attractions of the Conservation Area is the absence of dormer windows. It was felt that if this was allowed, it would act as a precedent, and that many other applications would soon follow. This view has been upheld by the Calderdale Planning Committee, who have refused the application, effectively ruling out the building of dormer windows in the Conservation Area.

### **JERUSALEM FARM**

Two items have come up over this. The proposal to upgrade a footpath from Jerusalem Farm to Saltonstall Lane at The Hullett to a Bridleway has been turned down. This has the effect of barring horses and powered motorbikes etc from the path. A second issue was discussed when it was discovered that Calderdale propose to fill in the dam below Jowler Mill (where the banking collapsed) with rock-filled wire baskets (similar to those at the side of motorways). The Society has written to Calderdale to object vigorously to this, as we feel that it is completely out of character, and is destroying the heritage of the area. We hope that other people will write to Mr. D Turner at Calderdale Engineering Services, Northgate House, Halifax to express their opposition to the idea also.

### **THANKS TO PAUL COOPER**

Over the last few years, the Luddenden Conservation Society website has been sponsored by local firm PC Developments. The owner Paul Cooper is now leaving the village and moving to Bridlington. We would like to thank Paul for all the work that he has undertaken for the Society, and to wish him well in the future. The sponsorship of the website has now been taken over by another local firm, Rockmill Webspinners, and we would like to welcome them and thank Patrick Gordon for his support of the Society.

The **Next Meeting** is on **Thursday, July 28th, 2006 in the Lord Nelson at 7.45pm.**

Luddenden Conservation Society

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