

LUDDENDEN CONSERVATION SOCIETY



NEWSLETTER – JUNE 2006

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 pie and peas, a vegetarian option and home-made cakes available afterwards. The finish will be at Wesley Villa, New Road, and various liquid refreshments will also be available. The walk will start from the Methodist Church at the junction of High Street and New Road (up the road from the Lord Nelson) at 7pm and will be between two and three miles in length as usual, with questions to find the answers to on the way round. The route, however, will not be suitable for pushchairs like the Christmas walk, and will include some of the local footpaths. If you enjoy the Christmas walk, you will find this equally enjoyable.

THEFT OF PLANTS

A number of plants which have been put in the displays in both the village and the Car Park have been disappearing recently, and money will have to be spent on replacement. This has obviously not been done by young people, as they have been carefully dug out, and have not been thrown around afterwards but have totally disappeared. If you see anyone doing this, please ring 883417 or 881452 immediately, or at some point later if that is not possible.

PLANNING MATTERS

The only new planning application to go to Calderdale since the last meeting is for a loft conversion with a dormer window to the rear at 2, Riding Head Lane. Recently, an application was submitted for a loft conversion with two dormer windows at the front and rear at the same address, but this was withdrawn, and the current application submitted instead. All comments on this application should be made to Calderdale by this Friday, 30 June.

The Planning Committee recently turned down the application to convert Kershaw House into apartments and build further dwellings in the car park on the grounds that it would be detrimental to the character and would lead to a demand for school places which could not be met as surrounding schools are full. Britannia Housing apparently submitted a further application for houses on the site of the old British Furtex mill at Luddendenfoot, to extend the present estate further up the valley towards the Bluebell Walk estate in Luddenden. It appears that this was rejected by the planners before it actually went to the planning committee, and Britannia have appealed to the Government over this. The public enquiry into this will take place on July 4th, and any member of the public is eligible to appear before the enquiry. The Conservation Society will appear and be represented at the hearing. In a similar vein to this, it is expected that the decision of the enquiry into the application to build on the top side at Oats Royd mills (Murgatroyd's mill) will be announced shortly.

The **Next Meeting** is on **Thursday, June 29th, 2006 in the Lord Nelson at 7.45pm.**

Luddenden Conservation Society

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