

**Luddenden Conservation Society**  
**CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**  
**25.09.2008**

After having beaten Britannia at the first Public Enquiry regarding the Mill Dam site at Delph Mill, Luddendenfoot, this was overruled at the second Enquiry on 27.11.07. This was a blow to the Society after all the hard work which had been done. However, the Society has done its best over the last few years in standing up to the large developers i.e. phase 1 and 2 at Oats Royd Mill and Delph Mill. Thankfully things have now settled down to more local issues.

The Society was again able to source a free Christmas Tree for the village, and the Mayor's Fund kindly funded new lights for the tree, and the trees behind the War Memorial, and also in St.Mary's Churchyard. Some seasoned drinkers in the Lord Nelson remarked that the shape of the lights behind the War Memorial formed an Arabic swearword !

The annual Christmas Treasure Hunt took place on 28.12.2007, and as always was successful, also raising money for the Society.

Members have again attended Luddendenfoot Surgery Meetings to put pressure on for maintaining as many surgeries as possible.

A small committee has been set up to look at the impact of "Environmental Green Issues" on the village – they have yet to report.

Rodney was successful in obtaining a grant of £500 from Calderdale Council Community Grant Fund, this enabled the Society to purchase a printer, which has made life easier for Rodney in producing the newsletters.

Members have attended two Area Forums and voiced concerns regarding local issues such as road safety and wheelie bins.

A new sign was produced for the Car Park, this has resulted in the doubling of the money put in the box.

The Society was successful in objecting to the fencing bordering New Snail Quarry. A written statement was submitted, and members spoke at the Public Enquiry on 2.9.08 following which the application was refused.

Luddenden Conservation Society  
Founded 1975; Registered Charity Number 504387  
Officers: Rodney Collinge (President and Newsletter Editor); Trevor Oaten (Chair), Steve Thompson (Secretary); Tony Hillyard (Treasurer), Rick Painter (Planning Applications Officer), Jason Boom (Luddenden in Bloom)

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Wheelie Bins - The Society has made representations against these, and it would seem that the inner village will remain on bag collection, whilst the surrounding estates change to the bins.

In 2008 the Society did not hold an 'Open Gardens', however it has been agreed that we start earlier in the planning for one in 2009.

Our hardy newsletter deliverers and partners attended a 'Wine and Nibbles' evening on 11.09.2008 at the Chairman's house, as a thank you for their sterling work every month – they are much appreciated.

In order to encourage new members and make meetings more interesting, I have reintroduced speakers. The two speaker meetings so far, one of which was followed by a walk, have been very successful, with standing room only. If re-elected I intend to have 3 or 4 speaker meetings in the coming year.

The village did not enter Yorkshire in Bloom this year, however, a big thanks to Jason and his team for all the work which was still carried out, along with the Bloom Newsletter, it is appreciated by everyone in the village.

I would like to thank our President Rodney for producing and editing the Society's newsletter and also for arranging, together with Margaret, the Christmas Walk. Thanks to Tony for diligently keeping our finances in good order and Steve for all his work as Secretary. Thanks also go to Ric as Planning Application Secretary, and Patrick as Web Site manager.

In conclusion, I think the Society has conducted itself, as far as possible, in line with the ideals of a Conservation Area.

Chairman.

Trevor Oaten.