

LUDDENDEN CONSERVATION SOCIETY



NEWSLETTER – APRIL 2009

WHEELIE BINS

Many of the complaints to the Council concerning whether households should have a wheelie bin are still not settled, and at the moment it seems to be a very long business to get through to the council on the telephone to discuss the matter. We have been told that if you asked for someone to come out and discuss the situation, they will come out, but will not necessarily come and discuss the situation – they will merely reassess. We were similarly told that there will be no reassessments until the beginning of May, and that it is likely to take up to two months for these to be completed. Finally, the advice for people who have a drive that enters the road at a point where there is no footpath, the wheelie bin should be placed at the side of the drive. However, if this prevents entry to and from the drive to the road, the wheelie bin should be placed just outside the drive on the road in such a position that it will then be possible to go into and out of the drive.

TRAFFIC SPEEDS ON NEW ROAD, STOCKS LANE AND HALIFAX LANE

We said in our last newsletter that traffic speeds were going to be checked with a radar gun around Luddenden either at the end of March, or the beginning of April, and that this will be an ongoing procedure at times throughout the summer, in an attempt to bring about a decrease in speeds. This will now be taking place during the next few days, and the results will be carefully examined to see what further steps may be necessary if this shows up a great deal of speeding.

CALDERDALE IMPROVEMENTS TO COUNCIL GRAVEYARD

The Environmental Project Officer Anne Holdsworth came to talk to the last meeting of the Society about this, and a number of comments were made by people about improvements which it was thought could be carried out. The Society is meeting with Ms Holdsworth to look in the graveyard to give these more consideration, and it was also stated that if grants could be obtained by the Society, more work would be possible. Further consideration will be given to all these points at the next meeting.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Of the four planning applications which it was mentioned had been submitted to Calderdale which were relevant to this area, three are still under consideration. The applications to fell a tree at 18 Bluebell Walk has been allowed. The other three to convert Thorn Bank at the top of New Road to form two detached dwellings, to fell a tree in the Churchyard and building works at The Greave, Pineal Lane, Midgley are still under consideration, although the latter application was declared invalid after submissions by the Society. An application has been submitted for modifications to the house and gable, renovations to workshop and construction of a new garage at 17 Booth Hill.

METHODIST CHURCH FAIR TRADE SALES

The usual sale of Fair Trade goods at the Methodist Church on the first Thursday of the month will be altered for the next two months due to holiday arrangements in May, and elections in June. They will now take place instead on April 30th and May 28th. Fair Trade goods only are on sale, and there is a wide range of both foodstuffs and gifts.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will again be in the Methodist Church at the junction of High Street and New Road on Thursday, April 30th starting at 8pm. Entry is through the door next to the Old School House, and down the stairs inside, or through the main hall downstairs after 7.50pm through the bottom entrance.

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