

LUDDENDEN CONSERVATION SOCIETY



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WHEELIE BINS

The news about wheelie bins in our last newsletter caused more enquiries than almost anything previously. We apologise for the fact that the number given was incorrect, although this was the number we had been given. If you still wish to complain about the fact that you will be given a wheelie bin, you can ring the Council on 357257 (definitely correct this time) and ask to speak to the appropriate person about wheelie bins. Tell them that you wish to be re-assessed if they confirm that you are down to have a wheelie bin, and ask for someone to come out to do this (which they are legally obliged to do). Also tell them that you wish to be there when this is done so that you can put your case to them. At the moment, there is a huge backlog of people that have to be seen over this, so don't worry if you don't hear for a while.

TRAFFIC SPEEDS ON NEW ROAD, STOCKS LANE AND HALIFAX LANE

We have been told that traffic speeds are going to be checked with a radar gun around Luddenden either at the end of this month, 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. We hope that this will have an effect.

CALDERDALE IMPROVEMENTS TO COUNCIL GRAVEYARD

Calderdale have allocated some money to spend to improve the council graveyards throughout Calderdale, and some of this is to be spent on the graveyard in Luddenden. The Environmental Project Officer Anne Holdsworth is coming to talk to the next meeting of the Society about this, and has asked that if anyone has any comments at all to make about improvements which you think should be done, please let either someone from the Society know or come along to the meeting and put these forward.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

There are four planning applications which have been submitted to Calderdale which are relevant to this area. There have been applications to fell two trees within the conservation area – one in St. Mary's Churchyard and one at 18 Bluebell Walk. The third is to convert Thorn Bank at the top of New Road to form two detached dwellings, including alteration to the roof to form a third floor with rooflights. Any comments on this should reach the Council by 10th April. The fourth follows on from comments we made in our last newsletter, when we said that we had been asked to find out whether building works at The Greave, Pineal Lane, Midgley needed planning permission. An application has now been made, but we gather that further information is required, and are not sure at the time of producing this newsletter when the closing dates for comments (assuming the application is accepted by Calderdale) will be.

NEXT MEETING

Please note that there will be a change of venue for our meetings in the immediate future. The Society has decided that meetings will be held in the Methodist Church, and not in The Lord Nelson, starting at 8pm and not 7.45pm. The room is downstairs, and the entrance will be through the top door next to the Old School, then down the steps and on the left at the bottom. Access is also available through the main room downstairs and through the bottom door, where there will be three steps to go up. Please do not attempt to go through this room before 7.45pm,

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as the Brownies meet there from 6.30pm until 7.45pm. The next meeting will be on Thursday, March 26th, at the Methodist Church.

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