

LUDDENDEN CONSERVATION SOCIETY



NEWSLETTER – OCTOBER 2009

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Since our last meeting, two applications have been allowed (a telecoms cabinet opposite Rose Cottage, High Street, and trees pruning at 76/77 High Street). One has been turned down – a telecoms cabinet outside 48 Carr Field Drive.

There have been two new applications. The first 09/01208/FUL to prune trees at Laurel Bank, Stocks Lane and the second 09/01279/LBC to convert one large apartment to 2 small ones on the ground floor at Oats Royd mill (west side i.e. on the top side of the road). The Planning Committee of the Society met to consider the latter, and have objected to it, on the grounds that planning consent was rejected for 41 and 40 apartments by Calderdale when the planning application was first made. It was then allowed after an appeal, when the Inspector ruled that he would give consent for 40 apartments, and that these must be built exactly according to the plans. It now seems a nonsense if this decision can be overturned by making another planning application when all the fuss has died down. Objections to or comments in favour of the application can be made until the 30th October by writing to Calderdale Town Planning Department, Northgate House, Halifax HX1 1UN, giving the application number.

WINTER HANGING BASKET

The winners of the best hanging basket competition in the summer, Brenda and Barrie McArdle of the Old School, have been presented with their winter hanging basket, presented by the sponsors, Kitson's Nurseries of Northowram.

LAST MEETING

The last meeting was the AGM. The Chairman, Trevor Oaten, in his annual report, mentioned all the activities of the Society this last year, thanked all the people who had contributed to these activities, and the Bloom group for all their hard work. He mentioned that the Society intended holding a Heritage Day on 12th June next year, and concluded by saying that he thought that the Society and Bloom Group had worked hard to fulfil the ideals of a Conservation Area. The officials elected are shown at the bottom of the newsletter. The Chairman thanked Rick Painter for his work as Planning Application secretary, and welcomed his replacement, Rod Atkinson.

ART EXHIBITION AND MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING APPEAL

The Art exhibition run by the Art group which meets at 10am on Monday mornings at the Methodist Church was extremely successful, with good attendances on both the Friday and Saturday. We have been asked to thank all those who came along – just over £200 was raised for the MacMillan appeal. Newcomers to the group, whether experienced artists or people just taking it up are always welcome at the group.

METHODIST CHURCH FAIR TRADE COFFEE MORNING

The Church will again be holding one of their Fair Trade coffee mornings on Saturday, 24th October, from 10am until 12 noon. As usual, a wide range of Fair Trade goods and home-made baking will be on sale.

NEXT MEETINGS

The next meeting will be on **Thursday, October 29th**, at the **Methodist Church** at **8pm**. The November meeting will be on Thursday 26th November, and is one not to be missed. There will be a speaker, John Billingsley from Hebden Bridge, who will talk about Place Legends of the area. John is an extremely popular and well known speaker, and he will be talking about all the old legends and stories of the area, such as that associated with the large standing stone on Midgley Moor, Churn Milk Joan. Make sure you put this down in your diaries, as a good evening is guaranteed.

Luddenden Conservation Society

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