

LUDDENDEN CONSERVATION SOCIETY



NEWSLETTER – MARCH 2007

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

There have been two new planning applications since the last newsletter. The first is to convert the old junior school, 25 High Street, into 4 self-contained apartments, with space for vehicles around the rear. Any observations or objections on this have to be with the Planning Department by the 13th of April. The Society did discuss this application at the last meeting, as the plan had been lodged with Calderdale between the time of the newsletter going out and the meeting. No objection or comments were made. The second planning application is a revised design for the detached dwelling and garage which has already been given planning permission on land adjacent to 2 Bank Terrace. The revised plan shows the dwelling about 1 metre higher, but on exactly the same 'footprint' of land as the previous. Comments have to be made to Calderdale by the 6th of April. A number of comments have been made to the Society regarding the felling of trees at that spot in preparation for building. When the previous application was granted, the Head of Recreation, Trees and Streetscene accepted that many of the trees growing out of the cliff face were now so tall with shallow base that "it is only a matter of time before increased wind resistance causes the trees to dislodge and blow over". A tree management scheme to retain some trees and plant others was accepted as part of the plan.

NEW ITEMS ON PLAYGROUND

At the time of preparing this newsletter, work has almost finished on the re-equipment of the playground at the bottom of Halifax Lane. The finance for this has come from a variety of sources. A large part has come from a bequest from the late Mrs. Murgatroyd to the Society, whilst the Society has also provided £850. An equal amount has been provided by the Mayor's fund, St. Mary's Church has donated £500, and the playgroup £600. Calderdale, whilst not providing cash, have provided manpower to do the work, equivalent to over £1000, so this has been a real community effort, and one of which the village can be proud.

YORKSHIRE IN BLOOM

The separate newsletter gives all information on our In Bloom entry, and all that we need to say is that we hope that everyone in the village will support the entry as best they can. As well as making our own surroundings so much pleasanter for everyone, research shows that house prices in areas which are In Bloom winners are some 20% higher than in other comparable areas, so you are not only increasing the enjoyment to be had from our surroundings, you are also increasing the value of your house very greatly too.

RAINBOW GROUP

The girl's uniformed organisations in the village (Rainbows, Brownies and Guides) are all extremely successful, with a huge range of activities for the girls. Unfortunately, the leaders of the Rainbows (the youngest group) are not able to continue after this summer, and unless new leaders can be found, the group will cease to exist. This would be a great loss to the village. If anyone feels that they could help in this respect, please either go along on Wednesday evening to look at what is involved (6.30pm) and talk things over with the current leaders, who will continue to offer help and advice to new people.

The **Next Meeting** of the Society is on **Thursday, March 29th 2007** in the **Lord Nelson** at **7.45pm**. **Everyone welcome.**

Luddenden Conservation Society

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