

LUDDENDEN CONSERVATION SOCIETY



NEWSLETTER – MAY 2007

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The planning application to convert Kershaw House to apartments was discussed at the last meeting, and it was decided to object to this on the grounds that there were too many apartments in the development.

Since then, the Society has been informed that the appeal by Britannia Housing to the High Court to be allowed to build about 30 houses at the rear of the existing development at the old British Furtex site has been successful. At the previous public enquiry, the inspector ruled that the land had returned to green area as it had not been in use for almost 100 years, and therefore could not be classed as part of the mill area which could be developed. The judge has ruled that this was not the case, and sent the case back for another hearing, where the inspector has essentially been told that she is wrong and that development should be permitted.

ROPE DRUM ENHANCEMENT

Residents may have noticed that the display at the bottom of Halifax Lane of the rope drum from Oats Royd has recently been enhanced by it being enclosed in a setted area. The materials were paid for by the Society, whilst the work was done by Calderdale Council.

BUS SHELTER ON LUDDENDEN LANE

Permission has been granted to paint the bus shelter along Luddenden Lane, and this will be carried out in the near future by local young people.

OPEN GARDENS DAY

Arrangements are coming along well for the Open Gardens day, to be held on July 7th. There will be 16 gardens and allotments taking part in this year's event, and it promises to be the best of these held yet, so do book it in your diaries if you are a garden enthusiast.

NEW ROAD NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Linda Gaukroger has asked us to mention that there will be a meeting of the New Road neighbourhood watch at the Methodist Church at 8pm on Wednesday, 20th June. As usual, anyone else interested in this will be welcomed along.

NEXT MEETING

Councillor Richard Marshall, who was recently elected again to Calderdale Council, has told us he would like to come along to the next meeting of the Society to meet people in the area, and find out exactly what the needs of the area are. If anyone would like to tackle Councillor Marshall on any such topics, then please come along to the meeting.

Most people usually have a very dim view of local government and our local councillors, but the Society has always felt that our local councillors have been very approachable and always willing to help in whatever way they are able when the Society has needed it. We are very pleased that Councillor Marshall is coming along in this way, and hope that people will take advantage of the opportunity.

The **Next Meeting** of the Society is on **Thursday, May 31st 2007** in the **Lord Nelson** at **7.45pm**. **Everyone welcome.**

Luddenden Conservation Society

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