

LUDDENDEN CONSERVATION SOCIETY



NEWSLETTER – SEPTEMBER 2006

BRITANNIA PLANNING ENQUIRY

The public enquiry to determine whether Britannia Housing would be allowed to develop land at Delph Mills, Luddendenfoot behind the old British Furtex Mill, to provide 30 more dwellings, was heard by a Government Inspector at the beginning of September. The main case was put by a Calderdale barrister, but this was supported by the Conservation Society, Councillor Peter Coles (Luddendenfoot ward Councillor) and local residents. We were somewhat disappointed by the case put forward by the barrister, and thought that the others put forward a much better case against the development. The result will be announced within a few weeks time.

VANDALISM AND DRUG DEALING

At the moment, there is a group of teenagers from the Luddendenfoot area who have been very troublesome and involved in quite an amount of vandalism from Luddendenfoot all the way up the valley to Luddenden. There have also been a number of reports recently of drug dealing being observed, particularly in the Conservation Society car park, where dealers are meeting people by arrangement, dealing and making a quick getaway. If anyone witnesses either of these types of antisocial behaviour, please report it to the police, in the latter case with the numbers of the cars involved. This week, the police have had a big anti-drugs operation in Halifax and part of their intelligence is based on members of the public ringing them up with numbers of cars involved.

SATELLITE NAVIGATION SYSTEMS

This has been discussed at each of the last two meetings, where the problems caused by these systems sending large lorries down unsuitable country roads where they get stuck have been considered. There are two providers of information for the systems, and they can be contacted to point out this unsuitability, and to put blocks on these roads being used. This has been done with regard to some of the local roads, particularly around the village and the Stocks Lane/Birch Lane hairpins. Anyone requiring information on how to block other similar routes can contact Jason Boom.

BBC RADIO PROGRAMME

The BBC radio programme involving Luddenden has had its date of being on air changed yet again, and will now be broadcast at 11am on Monday, 25th September (and this information may be too late for people to hear it). Apologies if this is the case, but down to BBC changes, and outside our control.

NEWSLETTER DELIVERY ON CARR FIELD

Jim and Hazel Sheard, who have been delivering newsletters on Carr Field for the last 12 years, are no longer able to do this and it will now be done by Brigitte McArtney. Many thanks to Hazel and Jim for their work over this time.

METHODIST CHURCH FAIRTRADE COFFEE MORNING

The Methodist Church will be having a coffee morning at the Church (at the junction of High Street and New Road above the Lord Nelson) to sell Fair Trade goods, cakes and plants on Saturday, September 30th. Please do support this way of trying to give people in poorer countries a fair rate for their produce. The Church would also like to thank all those people who have been buying plants, organic fruit and vegetables from their stall at the front of the Church, it has so far raised about £350 for their funds this summer.

The **Next Meeting** is on **Thursday, September 28th, 2006 in the Lord Nelson at 7.45pm.**

Luddenden Conservation Society

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