

Luddenden Foot Community Association

Newsletter – July, 2013

Dear Members

As it has been 3 months since Luddenden Foot Community Association (LCA) took over the management of the Civic Institute, I thought this may be an opportune time to update you on what the directors and volunteers have been doing during this time.

In April we marked the Asset Transfer by having a celebration lunch to which we invited board members from when the LCA was formed, volunteers and user group members. It was an opportunity to thank all who had helped to achieve this milestone.

We also ran another successful family craft event which was enjoyed by children and parents alike!

In May we held a Community Open Morning to obtain views of the community regarding plans for the development of the building. We hope to display some of the newer plans within the building later this year and to develop suggestions made by attendees.

Volunteers and 3rd Halifax (Luddenden Foot) Boys Brigade (who use the Civic Institute) got involved in clearing a neglected piece of land adjacent to the Rochdale Canal towpath to create an area where a piece of sculpture will be located later this year (keep a lookout for improvements in the village).

In June class 5 pupils and staff from Luddendenfoot Academy spent a morning creating a garden on land adjacent to the Civic Institute. It is great that children want to get involved with the development of the building.

During the last 3 months our small band of willing volunteers have painted, gardened, fixed windows, plastered, cooked, cleaned and ran coffee mornings, and also manned a tombola stall at Midgley Gala. We are delighted with the work that they have done for us and for helping to keep the doors of the Civic Institute open!

We are also extremely grateful to have the support and guidance from Sophie Michelena (Locality) and Jae Campbell (CMBC) who have helped with funding applications and management advice.

The board of directors have attended seminars and training days to help us develop skills and to give us information on the possibilities of developing the Civic Institute. We have been fortunate to be awarded training days with the Plunkett Society to develop a social enterprise (we very much wish to develop ideas for a community café and shop). Furniture has been provided by Lloyds Banking Group to enable us to create an office area which can be hired by local small businesses as a venue for meeting clients.

We are also making connections with other voluntary organisations, businesses etc in Calderdale and will be developing these links in the next few months.

We are excited about the potential of the building and plans to develop it but we do need you help to realise some of these plans for the future of the building. If you would like to get involved please visit our website:-

www.luddendenfoot.org

and it will provide you with information on how to become a member or how to hire the facility.

I look forward to updating you further on our work at our Annual General Meeting on Saturday, 28th September 2013.

Regards

Heather Hartwell

(Luddenden Foot Community Association – Secretary)