

Luddendenfoot Ward Forum

Feedback from the last meeting & some more information:

You asked: Can we have an update regarding the Christmas Lights?

Answer: From Highways

With regards to Luddenden Foot, I can confirm that all Stakeholders, including the power supplier Northern Power Grid, are aware of the concerning issues we have had here in previous years and I can offer my personal assurance that every effort will be made to avoid a reoccurrence.

During the summer months, all festive lights in Calderdale are tested to ensure they safe to use and are working correctly. Any refurbishments/repairs are carried out before their installation in advance of the festive period. At the time of installation, they are tested again to ensure the power supply is suitable and I am assured that at the time of writing, things are as they should be in this regard.

We will be working closely with our new contractor, McCanns, to ensure the festive lighting function is delivered in the best possible manner, and any defects responded to as quickly as possible.

I would ask that if any street lights that carry a feature in the locality are observed as dim or not working please let me know so we can intervene at the very earliest opportunity.

You asked: There were reports on social media that hundreds of bees had died in Brearley Fields. The finger was pointed at council people spraying in the area.

Answer: Safer Cleaner Greener does not carry out any maintenance on the land at Brearley Field, it is the responsibility of the local High school. I know that they have rented some of the land out to a football team but that is a private arrangement.

In terms of spraying around Brearley Fields we only spray the highways in that area which would not cause this to happen. Several colleagues within the council suspect that it could be a lack of food due to the drought that may be causing the death of the bees but are unable to confirm.

Environmental Health will provide some advice around which weed-killers are more environmentally friendly.