



Saddleworth White Rose Society

In the County of York

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It is the intention of the Saddleworth White Rose Society to produce a quarterly Newsletter and to this end contributions by members, in the form of letters and articles of general interest etc., would be most welcome.

The Society was formed on 16th June 98 and a committee was elected by those present. The intention was, and still is, to let people know that by living in Saddleworth they still live in Yorkshire; contrary to what many people have been led to believe. In order to publicise this fact we decided to set out the following aims:

To reinforce Saddleworth's geographical, historical and commercial links within Yorkshire.

To get a white rose grown and named "Saddleworth". To promote the Saddleworth white rose via merchandise supplied to local outlets in the form of pens, caps, T-shirts, car stickers, key-rings, postcards, jotters, diaries, self-adhesive labels etc. To liaise with other bodies within Saddleworth for the white rose promotion and to operate stands at all Saddleworth fetes and fairs to promote membership and merchandise.

To gain recognition of Saddleworth with the Yorkshire Tourist Board. To get the place name Saddleworth as the official postal destination.

We are currently working on these aims and have made some progress with the white rose. After a country wide search we finally located a rose breeder in Huddersfield who has a white rose in the process of development. Although a new variety takes some years to develop and this rose still has some trials to go through we are hoping to launch it during the Saddleworth millennium celebrations next year. The total costs of this exercise, including development costs and registration of the name, are expected to be in the order of £500. We plan to launch an appeal in the next few weeks to sponsor the Saddleworth White Rose Project. Please help us make the Saddleworth White Rose a success by helping us identify sponsors for this, our inaugural project

The Saddleworth White Rose Society is a member of the Campaign for True Identity (CTI), a movement dedicated to restoring the identity of the English Counties. Other organisations affiliated to the CTI and supporting its aims are the Association of British Counties, the Yorkshire Riding Society, Friends of Real Lancashire, Unite Craven, Bowland Back in Yorkshire and the Sedbergh Society. So we have some good friends and allies in our campaign. The CTI hold regular meetings and the next meeting will be held on Saturday, March 20th at the Spread Eagle, Sawley, near Clitheroe. A group of us will be attending and members wishing to join us should contact Roy Bardsley (Saddleworth 878768).

There are many things to be done and an active interest in the Society from any member will be helpful in pursuing our aims.



The photograph shows one of the new boundary signs erected by Saddleworth Parish Council at County End and sponsored by local firms. We hope many more of these will appear in the not to distant future.

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