



# Transition BUXTON

27<sup>th</sup> March 2012

Buxton Portas Pilot Working Group  
c/o Richard Silson  
St James Terrace  
Buxton SK17 6HS

Dear Richard,

On behalf of Transition Buxton, the co-ordinating group is delighted to be working alongside other organisations and individuals developing a plan to ensure that our town has a healthy and secure future. With a voting membership of over seventy and a further three hundred people involved to varying degrees, Transition Buxton represents a significant (and growing) sector of the local community.

One of the key objectives of the Transition Towns movement is to bring people together to work out how communities can continue to thrive in the face of climate change and increasingly limited and expensive natural resources. We believe that our community has a wealth of talent and the capacity to develop an environmentally and economically sustainable and resilient model for the future. We are very pleased indeed therefore that the Portas Pilot opportunity has galvanized such a broad cross-section of individuals and groups in Buxton to come together to develop a shared vision for our town. Transition Buxton is pleased to be a part of this process and we look forward to being part of the Town Team when it is formally established.

We believe that the proposals included in the Portas Pilot Application will redress Buxton's slide towards clone town, encourage local independent businesses, retain money and skills in the local economy, and also provide a model that other similar towns could adopt. Achieving Portas Pilot Town status will enable our ideas to become reality more quickly and more efficiently than could otherwise be achieved, and we wholeheartedly support this bid.

Yours sincerely

Janet Miller,  
For the Transition Buxton Coordinating Group