

BuxtonTownTeam CIC - Ideas and Vision Group

**SCHEDULE OF IDEAS**

Update on progress February 2013

Classification: **AP = action project**

RP = research project

DP = delegated project (these are expected to be dealt with by the other agencies, identified in brackets)

LT = long term aspirations

MT = medium term issue (may be a project later)

Notes: (1) *Project Team members listed in italics.* (2) Progress indicated by highlighted numbers.

Legibility

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| 1. | Support the council's way-finding scheme                          | LT | Awaiting HPBC (Town Team cannot finance this)   |
| 2. | Temporary signposting at critical spots (outside the station etc) | MT | It would be nice to have some for next summer's Festival season                             |
| 3. | Establish a single "Main Street"                                  | -- | This is an aspiration driving several different projects                                    |
| 4. | Produce a decorative Parish map                                   | AP | Project approved and well under way<br><i>Joe Dugdale, Eric Tilley and Emma Fairbrother</i> |
| 5. | Augmented reality project (App for phones etc)                    | DP | Now reported as expensive.  |
| 6. | Tourist Information Centre – alternative outlets                  | AP | Interim measure needed until Crescent is completed – Needs leader                           |

Build on Buxton's assets

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| 7.  | Maximise benefit from arts and cultural events                     | }  | LT/RP Ask University to audit events first  |
| 8.  | Extend the season with other festivals (or conferences)            |    |   |
| 9.  | Exploit the opportunities afforded by the surrounding countryside  | DP | (Comms Group) Investigate collaboration with Visit Peak District                    |
| 10. | Greater emphasis on Heath and Beauty – for tourists and locals     | LT | Link to opening of the spa in The Crescent  |
| 11. | Exploit the history and fine architecture – training for residents | }  | MT/RP Audit walks available – do we need to revise existing leaflets?               |
|     | - guided walks   |    |   |
|     | - leaflets for self guiding  |    |   |
| 12. | Short tour marked out for visitors?                                | AP | At the concept development stage<br><i>Roddie MacLean, Pat Chapman, Mike Bryant</i> |
| 13. | Call the Town "Buxton Spa"   | LT | Link to opening of the spa in The Crescent  |

Help poorer residents

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| 14. | Really affordable housing        | DP | (Council) We noted that students' needs had made this issue worse       |
| 15. | Daily needs at reasonable prices | DP | (Traders) Locally sourced fresh food and essentials should be available |
| 16. | Employment                       | DP | (Council)   |
| 17. | Affordable leisure facilities    | DP | (?)   |

### For visitors

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| 18. | Retail related to arts, outdoor pursuits, quality clothing and fine food | DP | (Council and Traders) New Retail Investment Prospectus noted              |
| 19. | Equipment hire (incl. electric bikes)                                    | LT | Buxton needs investment to access Peak District bike network              |
| 20. | Promote a wide range of overnight accommodation                          | LT | The Crescent is under way and Premier Inn is currently seeking sites here |
| 21. | Novelty public transport   | DP | (Entrepreneur) Netta Christie launching tram (No BTT input needed)        |
| 22. | Adequate and accessible public toilets                                   | DP | (Council and developers)  |

### For local traders\*

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| 23. | Lobby regarding Rents  | MT/RP | Need to identify landlords as a first step. Some work under way.  |
| 24. | Shop Local Scheme  | AP    | Preparatory research is being undertaken by University Students   |
| 52. | Christmas Shopping Crawl   | AP    | Completed except for review and evaluation by Ideas Group<br><i>Jean Ball, Neil Scowcroft</i>   |
| 25. | A simple Retail Guide to help visitors find all the shops was proposed | DP    | (Buxton Traders)  |
| 26. | Pop-up shops   | AP/DP | Green Man Gallery trading successfully. Financially independent!<br><i>Neil Scowcroft, Julie Collins, Alan Thompson, Durham Grigg, Nina Lubman with support from Adrian Brown</i> |
| 27. | Rolling programme of retail incubators                                 | RP    | In early stages<br><i>Alan Thompson, Pat Chapman, Roger Floyd, Sam Copley</i>   |
| 28. | Re-launch of the Market  | DP    | (Council) Rachael Quinn has made a start on this.<br><i>It has been suggested that Julian Cohen might take this on.</i>   |
| 29. | Pavilion Gardens issue of balance (Coach parking see no. 34)           | RP    | Past discussions were inconclusive – needs more work.   |
| 30. | Charity shops and the concessions they receive.                        | MT/RP | Possibly lobby Government to revise rate relief.  |
| 31. | Promoting Buxton through branding and use of all available media       | AP/DP | Communications Group are working with Vision Buxton and University.   |

### To increase footfall

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| 32. | Bring the Library into the town centre | LT/RP | Ascertain County Council's intentions – perhaps use British Legion |
| 33. | Street entertainment                   | MT    | Easy licensing arrangements need to be set up.                     |

### Parking

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| 34. | Parking problems (availability, cost, control and coaches) | AP | A meeting was held on 25 <sup>th</sup> February 2013 – notes have been circulated |
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### Learning and research

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| 35. | Learning from others (including visits and market research)      | DP | Each Project Team should do or obtain the research for their project                   |
| 36. | Take advantage of Government and other support for the Town Team | -- | Town Team Partnership arrangement now in place and various learning are being offered. |

## Public Realm

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| 37. | Ensure the streets are clean                          | MT | Promote voluntary litter picking etc. – report problems to council   |
| 38. | Support VB's Community Statement on Spring Gardens    | DP | (Vision Buxton) Anxiety about link with Tesco or similar development |
| 39. | Reduce signage and other clutter                      | DP | (HPBC & DCC) Understood to be under way with a general review        |
| 40. | Promote planting of trees and flowers                 | MT | Needs link to other development                                      |
| 41. | Vehicles in Spring Gardens                            | DP | (Council & Police) Police action is under way.                       |
| 42. | Extend pedestrian friendly area beyond Spring Gardens | MT | Proposals need working up – Janet Miller to lead?                    |
| 43. | Make The Slopes more inviting to promote use          |    |  |

## Planning

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| 44. | Contribute to the Local Plan                   | AP | There will be a further round of consultation. |
| 45. | Neighbourhood Plan for Central Buxton          | MT | Joe Dugdale to lead                            |
| 46. | Plan for the former Nestlé bottling works site | MT | Await outcome of meeting re retail decline     |

## Community sustainability and wellbeing

Note It was agreed that the ideas regarding "Community wellbeing" listed in the original schedule should underpin all the work of the Town Team.

## Cooperation with Derby University and Buxton College

Note Sarah Rawlinson now a regular member of the I & V Group

## Promote public transport

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| 47. | Buxton to Matlock rail link                | LT    |   |
| 48. | Improve existing bus and rail services     | MT/RP | To be discussed at a meeting with DCC         |
| 49. | Regular transport up and down Terrace Road | MT/DP | Netta's plans will not address this initially |

## Promote Buxton through a variety of media

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| 51. | Town Team Spring Fair | AP/DP | Approved and in advanced planning stage<br><i>Janet Miller, Joe Dugdale, Jean Ball, Suzanne Pearson, Sarah Rawlinson, Sam Copley</i> |
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## Further Ideas

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| 53. | People's Supermarket                                 | DP | Details and Business plan awaited.                               |
| 54. | Walking and cycling routes                           | MT | Needs work soon.   |
| 55. | Arts and culture hub in British Legion and Town Hall | DP | Project being worked up by Trevor Osborne (may need BTT support) |

MFB 26<sup>th</sup> February 2013. (26% of ideas are highlighted)