

BuxtonTownTeam CIC - Ideas and Vision Group

SCHEDULE OF IDEAS

Update on progress December 2012

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/DP | At the development stage
<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
<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) Contact Netta re her plans |
| 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 | Work on hold until after Christmas
<i>Roger Floyd, Neil Scowcroft</i> |
| 52. | Christmas Shopping Crawl | AP | Under way and going well
<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 | Pilot at Green Man Gallery is under way.
<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
<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. |
| 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. | Buxton Brand | AP/DP | Needs working up with Buxton Traders |
| * Note | A meeting to discuss all the issues related to retail decline and town centre land use has been arranged for 21 st January 2013 | | |

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 has been arranged about these issues on 18 th February 2013 |
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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 Town Team | -- | Town Team Partnership arrangement now in place |

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) Authorities need to take action | |
| 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

Ongoing

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

Ongoing

University's plans need to be confirmed.
Sarah Rawlinson now a regular member of the I & V Group

Note

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 the transport meeting in February |
| 49. | Regular transport up and down Terrace Road | MT/RP | See if Netta's plans provide this (see 21) |

Promote Buxton through a variety of media

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| 50. | Website, social media, traditional marketing | AP/DP | Discussions with Vision Buxton are well under way
<i>Some members of the Communication Group</i> |
| 51. | Town Team Spring Fair | AP/DP | Project Team established
<i>Janet Miller, Joe Dugdale, Jean Ball, Suzanne Pearson, Sarah Rawlinson, Sam Copley</i> |

Further Ideas

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| 53. | People's Supermarket | DP | Details and Business plan awaited. |
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MFB 7th December 2012.