

**IDEAS AND ACTION MEETING
GREEN MAN GALLERY
12TH OCTOBER 2016 7.30PM**

PRESENT

Suzanne Pearson (Chair)
Kathryn Barton
Carole Rogers
Gina Sheppard
Helen Davison
Jean Ball
John Robertson

Tina Heathcote
Philip Barton
Wendy Wardle
Claire Millard
Ellen Woolliscroft
John Atkin

Andrea Lewis
Sally Booth
Lucy Wardle
Charles Jolly
Jean Todd
Charles Denton

APOLOGIES

Dick Silson
Jim Lowe
Roddie MacLean
Tim Ball

Janet Miller
John Estruch
Richard Lower

Dave Carlisle
Sue Mellor
John Jansen

Welcome was given by Suzanne. An ATTENDANCE/APOLOGIES sheet was circulated. There were no questions or matters arising from the minutes of the previous meeting which had been previously circulated.

CLOSING REPORTS

Janet Miller had previously circulated a report for the Spring Fair. Suzanne made a plea for more volunteers to help with next year's fair. Philip Barton said that £102 of BTT merchandise had been sold at this year's fair.

There were no project proposals.

PROJECT UPDATES

BUXTON IN BLOOM (Claire Millard)

Buxton's entry into East Midlands in Bloom resulted in a Silver Gilt award, scoring 160 points out of 200. (7 points more than last year - which is a huge achievement.) The sensory garden at the Dome received a special judges award. Grinlow Woods glades expansion were also commended

Questions from the floor - what did we fall down on and therefore could improve before next year?

Claire explained there are 3 sections-

1. Horticultural achievement
2. Environmental responsibility: perhaps this is an area we could improve, but we would need more information about recycling in town.
3. Community participation - we did fairly well in this category.

ASHWOOD PARK (Claire Millard)

Ashwood Park was entered into *It's Your Neighbourhood* for a community project award. There are 5 levels so getting a level 3 award at the first attempt is very good. This award came with lots of good advice.

The Bingham Trust has given a grant that is being used to replant the central flowerbeds. There are 200 /300 plants to be put in.

Derbyshire Wildlife Trust has carried out a survey on Ashwood Park. They have found a rare butterfly but now need to follow it up to find out if the butterfly is actually resident or just visiting.

Claire reported that she has been testing the water in the Wye River and Hogshaw Creek for the past few months.

We have applied for £1,000 grant from Nestle to rotovate and reseed the wild flower area, and to provide hedgehog, bird and bat boxes.

SLOPES TEAM (Tina Heathcote)

Volunteers meet every other Saturday and Thursday to tidy up The Slopes.

Buxton Rotary Club has donated 5,000 purple crocus bulbs to the Town Team which will be planted on the Slopes in a pattern signifying the Buxton logo. These will be planted on 22 Oct between 10 and 12. Tina asked for volunteers for crocus planting, Slopes Clearing, Ashwood Park replanting and Litter Picking.

Buxton in Bloomin' Winter (Tina Heathcote)

Many people agree that last year's Christmas decorations were poor. Electric lights are expensive (typically the cost for a very basic design on each lamp-post would be well over £600 per lamp-post). The plan is to encourage people to adopt a tree or railing to decorate with home-made decorations. Buxton WI is planning to make 400m of Christmas Bunting in gold, green and red.

Timetable

- Sat 19 November 'Make your own Decoration Workshop' 2pm . 4pm as part of Transition Buxton's Alternative Christmas
- Sat 26 November Buxton Sparkles 'Make your own Lantern Workshop' (10am to 12.30pm and 1pm to 4pm)
- Week before Sat 3 December decorate the whole town in time for a candlelit procession around Buxton on 3 Dec. starting at 4.15pm
- 7 January 2017 remove all decorations.

The meeting broke up into small groups and looked at the procession map and made prototypes of some of the decorations. Each group was encouraged to draft out flow charts.

Town Developments.

Grove Hotel - some work is being carried out.

Buckingham Hotel - the planning application has been withdrawn.

Markets - advertising agreed on 199 buses.

Highest Market town - piece on Radio Derby.

Buxton Town Team - piece on High Peak Radio

AOB

Philip Barton drew attention to a new tea towel colour (dark red on cream)

The meeting finished at 9.25 pm.

The next meeting will be at the Dome, Derby University on Thursday 10 November.