

# Buxton Town Team

## Press Release

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### Crawling for Buxton

The Buxton Christmas Shopping Crawl has captured the imagination of local people who have started making their way round independent businesses in the hope of winning great prizes. The Crawl, which is the first Buxton Town Team project, aims to highlight the great range of locally owned and operated businesses in the town and encourage people to use them.

Some well known faces are supporting the project including Bill Weston MBE, Andrew Bingham MP, and Caitlin Bisknell, Leader of High Peak Borough Council.

Bill said: *"The future of our town is in our own hands, our local businesses provide not only important services but jobs for local people, if we want our town to be a vibrant place to live, and equally important a place to visit, we need to look after and use our shops and thereby hopefully encourage new shops to open. Please join the Crawl and give something back to the businesses that help keep Buxton brilliant."*

Andrew is keen to point out: *"We can all see that Buxton has some vacant shops, but compared with many other towns across the country, we are in quite good shape thanks to the great range of small independent businesses in town. The Buxton Town Team are supporting the shops to help themselves by working together on the Christmas Crawl project. Now it is up to all of us to respond by using the local shops as much as possible. I would encourage everyone to check out the Buxton shops for their Christmas shopping before heading off to the big shopping centres - you may be pleasantly surprised. Saving on travelling time, fuel costs and with the chance to win £1000 !! What have you got to lose?+*

Caitlin commented: *"I've already made my Christmas shopping list and, like last year, I will be getting almost everything here in Buxton and the High Peak. We have some amazing independent local shops - selling top quality goods and produce. So please join me on the Buxton Crawl to make sure those businesses, and the jobs and prosperity that they bring to the area, will still be here next year."*

Join Caitlin, Andrew and Bill on the Buxton Christmas Shopping Crawl and you could win £1,000 to spend locally. The second prize is £200 to spend and the third is £100 value including a luxury meal at The Dome courtesy of the University of Derby. Pick up a free Crawl map at any of the participating businesses including the Tourist Information Centre or download it from [www.visitbuxton.co.uk](http://www.visitbuxton.co.uk) Completed maps need to be in by Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2013 and the prizes will be presented at a special reception later in January.

Ends

**Photo Call:** Andrew Bingham MP, Caitlin Bisknell and Bill Weston MBE will be outside Scriveners Bookshop on High Street at **4pm on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> November**.

Buxton Town Team aims to advance the prosperity of Buxton and the well being of our community.

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