

**BUXTON TOWN TEAM
PROJECT PROPOSAL FORM**

1. Name of Project: **Walking & Litter Picking Group**

2. Brief Description:

To form a walking group that will go out litter picking once a month.

3. Aims:

(Specify exactly what the project is intended to achieve. This must fit in with Town Team objectives)

To choose a different walking route in and around Buxton each month and clean up all the litter.

To encourage a sense of pride, ownership of and responsibility for the town and surrounding area

To improve the sense of community by creating a group with a common goal

4. Detail of what is involved:

(The more detail you can give the less chance of queries and consequent delay)

We will contact HPBC Town Clean Team to check what is already done, discuss how this would fit in and arrange for their help and support. We will then identify routes around the town and immediate area which need particular focus but which will also make for an interesting walk.

To expand participation beyond membership of the Town Team we will contact schools, colleges, voluntary bodies and local clubs that use the outdoors (eg walking, cycling, fishing, climbing clubs) for volunteers.

We will organise a different walk on the first Sunday of each month, which will take in stretches where litter picking is needed. Bags, disposable gloves and litter pickers will be provided. The route lengths will vary, but will probably be between 2 and 5 miles. Walks will generally start and finish in Buxton, taking in areas of the town that need cleaning. Arrangements will be made for collected litter to be picked up by HPBC for disposal. If large pieces of waste are found arrangements will be made for later collection and disposal.

As time goes by we would hope to increase the membership of the walking and litter picking group, with the possibility of creating more than one group so that more than one area each month can be litter picked.

5. Alternatives Considered:

(If there were other ways of going about the project, why did you reject those and choose this?)

Litter picking could be arranged on a more ad hoc basis, but a regular walking group will attract regular participants and also reach out to different people in the town.

6. Timescale:

(Specify start date, completion date and any particularly important dates along the way)

Planning can with immediate effect. This will include the following:

- discuss the proposal with HPBC, arrange loan or donation of equipment and collection of waste
- carry out a risk assessment
- check that the proposals would be covered by our existing insurance
- research suitable walking routes for at least the first six months

January - advertise the group via websites, Facebook etc and the local press

Sunday 1st February - first walk, starting at 11am.

Ongoing on the first Sunday of each month.

7. Expenditure:

(Give full breakdown of estimated costs, whether firm quotations or level of accuracy; indicate timing)

None envisaged.

Rubbish bags and disposable gloves will be sought from HPBC or Keep Britain Tidy.

We will seek loan of litter pickers from HPBC and High Vis jackets from Buxton Town Team.

Advertising the group's programme will be done through Facebook, Twitter and various websites.

8. Income:

(Is there any scope for generating revenue for the Town team, if so please specify)

None identified.

9. Other Organisations:

(If this is a joint project, what other organisations are involved and how?)

No other organisations will be involved in organising the walks, however we will aim to advertise them on the websites of eg Vision Buxton, Explore Buxton, Keep Britain Tidy and so on.

10. Funding offered from elsewhere:

(If other organisations are willing to contribute - how much, what for, any provisos?)

No financial support required but we anticipate donation or loan of consumables and equipment.

11. Project Team Leader: Karen Beresford

(The leader is responsible for delivering the project on time and within budget, and for regular progress reporting)

12. Other Project Team Members:

(List everyone who is working on this project, and their specific role if any)

John Moss, others to be recruited.

13. Skills Check:

(Refer to Appendix. List all the skills this project will need and indicate who on the team has them)

Links with the press -

Social media -

Links with young people, schools, college and university -

Links with clubs, societies and other voluntary groups -

Health & Safety and First Aid -

14. Success Criteria:

(How will you measure the success of the project?)

A walk takes place every month over a twelve month period, with at least 6 (number of) people taking part each month.

The number of people taking part in litter picking walks increases over the period.

A brighter, cleaner Buxton - before & after pictures to demonstrate this.

Positive media coverage.

Positive feedback from local residents.

New friendships formed with-in the group.

15. Any other Relevant Information:

Adopted as a Town Team Project:

Signed by



On behalf of the Town Team Board

Agreed Budget: £50

as contingency if needed.

Date:

11/12/14.