

# BUXTON TOWN TEAM PROJECT PROPOSAL FORM

**1. Name of Project:** Operation Ashwood Park (Phase 2)

**2. Brief Description:**

Further the work already done to clean up and refurbish Ashwood Park and the River Wye, making it a more lively, attractive and welcoming place.

**3. Aims:**

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

To make Buxton and Ashwood Park and the river Wye a better, more-attractive amenity for visitors and the residents of Buxton.

Give a service to the public/community by making things happen that HPBC cannot.

**4. Detail of what is involved:**

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

Cut back over grown hedging, shrubs and brush to neaten and tidy the park environment.

Cut out unwanted saplings and tidy low branches of trees.

Plant native wide flowers and other flora to liven up the park and river environment.

Cut down Yew trees around the tennis & basketball courts.

Paint park furniture, railings and bridges to protect iron-work and enhance the aesthetics.

Improve drainage along paths to reduce flooding.

Clear litter and debris from the park and river.

Work with HPBC to find a solution to the closed bridge across the River Wye

Do this by:

- organise volunteer days so everyone in the community can help
- organising small working parties
- use volunteer time from students and local business employees
- use the services of Community Payback

**5. Alternatives Considered:**

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

Ashwood park has been significantly improved in the first phase of 'Operation Ashwood Park' led by Claire Millard. We could leave it at that. While there is still interest to do more it is better to use the momentum already gained.

**6. Timescale:**

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

Late 2016 through to 2018.

Important milestones are with the seasons.

Spring gives opportunity to clear weeds & brush and plant herbaceous plants.

Autumn gives opportunity to plant bulbs & corms.

Lower rainfall will be required to allow access to the river.

We hope the cut down Yew trees around the playing courts during the first half of 2017.

**7. Expenditure:**

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

Where possible we hope to have minimal costs – completing work by volunteers and donation of materials/labour.

However the will be costs (estimated) for:

- Paint (<£500)
- Corms, Bulbs & Plants (<£1,000)
- Gravel (<£500)

We will seek grants, gifts and donations to cover these costs, and not expect funding from the Town Team's funds.

**8. Income:**

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

There is no opportunity to generate income

**9. Other Organisations:**

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

We are working alongside High Peak Borough Council and the Waterside Trust

**10. Funding offered from elsewhere:**

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

We will apply for a grant from the Bingham Trust for paint and bulbs.

We will apply for other funding as the opportunity arises

We will request donations of materials from local businesses: e.g. Morrisons, Tarmac, Cemex

**11. Promotion & Publicity**

(What are your plans to promote the project? Note all promotion must have Communications Group approval)

We will use the noticeboard in Ashwood Park to raise awareness of the area and improvement work being done.

We will take photographs and share these through the Town Team’s website and Facebook.

**12. Project Team Leader: Richard Lower**

(The leader is responsible for delivering the project on time, controlling expenditure and regular progress reports)

**13. Other Project Team Members:**

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

Steve Bradshaw, Claire Millard, Helen Davidson, Suzanne Pearson, Janet Miller, John Atkin, Tina Heathcote and many other members of Buxton Town Team.

Volunteers from other groups, student and local businesses.

Community Payback

Specialists: Tree Surgeon

**14. Skills Check:**

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

Physical gardening skills

Tree Surgeon – we are still to identify a suitable professional agreeable to HPBC and who will do it for free.

Landscape Gardening – John Atkin

**15. Success Criteria:**

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

Any further improvement is a success.

We hope to have opened up the aspect of the tennis and basketball courts by felling the surrounding/encroaching yew trees.

Failure would be if the great work that has already be done in the first phase was to be undone, and the area to become less attractive.

**16. Any other Relevant Information:**

We will remain in regular contact with HPBC to ensure we are working together and in agreement.

We will take a lead for the Town Team’s interactions with HPBC, other authorities and businesses on matters associated with Ashwood Park.

**Adopted as a Town Team Project:**

Signed by



On behalf of the Town Team Board

**Agreed Budget:**

£250 —.

**Date:**

21/03/17.