

**BUXTON TOWN TEAM
PROJECT PROPOSAL FORM**

1. Name of Project: **Regeneration of Ashwood Park**

2. Brief Description:

Ashwood Park used to be a beautiful space and now it's sad, dark and not really used as a park, but a corridor between Morrisons and the Wye Bridge. Volunteers, students from Leek College and Derby University and High Peak Borough Council (HPBC) propose to restore the park to some of its former glory. This work will include a general tidy, planting, cleaning, painting and hopefully some tree felling to bring light and colour back to the area. Longer term we would like to set up a Friends of Ashwood Park Group to enable us to apply for grants to carry out more extensive restoration projects, such as railing the whole of the river bank, increase the amount of play equipment and reopen the central bridge.

3. Aims:

The aims are to:

- Make the park a more beautiful, usable and friendlier space that can be used by the whole community.
- Develop a pride and ownership of the park by involving as many members of the community as possible in the project including residents and students.
- Horticultural skills transfer by working in partnership with the park keeper (HPBC).
- Apply for Green Flag status.

4. Detail of what is involved:

The project is divided into short term and longer term goals:

Short term

- Cleaning of the litter, mud and leaves from the paths/tennis courts and edge all the lawn areas.
- Clear, dig and plant perennials in appropriate spaces. Plant bulbs in autumn.
- Paint seats red.
- Reduce snow berries and laurel bushes in height.
- Remove concrete bases at Morrisons end of park and sow wildflower meadow.
- Clear vegetation and saplings from along riversides and clean railings.

Longer term

- Work with the council to remove trees and saplings.
- Clean river banks of vegetation and rubbish from river.
- Plan for the middle bridge (closed off at present).
- Sort out waste baskets and introduce recycling.
- Set up friends of Ashwood Park Group so we can apply for grants to carry out larger projects requiring funding.
- Produce a 5 year management plan and carry out public consultation on park features etc.

5. Alternatives Considered:

None considered

6. Timescale:

Short term goals completed by end of the summer 2015 (except bulb planting which will be completed by October 2015).

Longer term goals timescales will be specified in the 5 year management plan.

7. Expenditure:

None required at present.

Grants will be applied for to fund the longer term projects.

8. Income:

None

9. Other Organisations:

HPBC– there is a requirement to consult, agree and work with the council officers in order to progress the project. The council also provide parks staff to work with and guide volunteers.

Leek College / University of Derby students – Volunteers.

Town Team members and wider community – Volunteers.

10. Funding offered from elsewhere:

N/A

11. Project Team Leader: Claire Millard

12. Other Project Team Members:

Tina Heathcote and Helen Davison
Others as project progresses.

13. Skills Check:

Press releases –TH
Project management – TH, CM
Negotiating skills – TH, CM, HD
Horticulture – CM, TH, HD
Ideas generation – TH, CM, HD
Working with young people – TH, HD
Good links with college and university – TH, HD
Good links with HPBC - CM

14. Success Criteria:

- Improvement to Ashwood Park.
- Entry to Green Flag
- Positive feedback from volunteers, park users and businesses in the area.

15. Any other Relevant Information:

Agreed action plan developed with HPBC.

Adopted as a Town Team Project:

Signed by



On behalf of the Town Team Board

Agreed Budget: £

NIL.

Date:

18/05/15.