

Hello again Buxton Town Team members.

It was wonderful to see so many of you at the General Meeting last week. For those who couldn't make it, we appointed a new director, Claire Millard (which takes us up to our full complement of nine), had a review of the 15 months since the last general meeting and then a look forward including launching the report on the 2020 Vision Conference.

In the more immediate future ...

APRIL IDEAS MEETING

TUESDAY 14TH APRIL 7:30PM IN THE RAILWAY HOTEL

NOTE THE NEW VENUE!!!

This month's focus will be on our green spaces. We are very lucky to have so much green space in the town, and also a number of groups whose mission is to look after it. So as usual we will bring in a few people to tell us what's going on on their patch, and then we'll have a bit of a discussion and see how the town team can help. There'll also be the usual update on current projects and the chance to air new ideas, but do please let us know if you want to raise something so we can make sure there's time on the agenda. If you aren't on the circulation list for the agenda and notes, and want to be, let us know and we'll add you to the list.

And a sneak preview - at the May and June meetings we will probably be looking at leisure activities and market regeneration - not sure which way round yet.

LITTER PICKING WALK

SUNDAY 5TH APRIL 11AM - 1PM

Yes it's Easter Sunday, but we'll be gathering cans, bottles and wrappers, rather than chocolate eggs! Meet in **Cote Heath Park** near the skateboard park, we'll clean up the park itself - there's lots of stuff collected in the hedges - and then some of the surrounding area, maybe even as far as Duke's Drive. As usual litter picking gadgets, bags and hi viz jackets will be provided, but please wear stout footwear and gloves. Suggestions of where else in the town is in need of attention are very welcome, contact Karen - stoop.farm@btinternet.com.

BIG BUXTON SPRING CLEAN

SATURDAY 25TH APRIL 10AM - 12 NOON

We'll meet at the foot of the Slopes, near the Turner Memorial, and from there spread out across the town in all directions, scrubbing signs, polishing post boxes, burnishing bins and benches. All are welcome, feel free to spread the word and invite your friends and acquaintances, the more of us there are the cleaner the town will be. More information from Tina - heathcote.foxlow@btinternet.com

BIG BUXTON RAILING CLEAN

TUESDAY 28TH APRIL 10AM - 3PM

We made a good start on the Pavilion Gardens railings last year, with the help of staff and students from Buxton & Leek College, Buxton Community School, St Thomas More School and St Anne's Primary School. But as noted in [Andy's wonderful video](#), there are a lot of railings in Buxton! This year we have even more schools lined up to help, but more people are needed. Please join us - meet on the Promenade near the Opera House. More information from Helen - helen113dav@btinternet.com

BUXTON SPRING FAIR

BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY 4TH MAY 10AM-5PM

Applications have been piling in, so if you want a stall for whichever organisation you are involved with, please get in touch soon. Application forms for stallholders and performers are on <http://buxtontownteam.org/buxton-spring-fair/> We are also recruiting helpers for the day - to help set up (from 6am!) and welcome stallholders, patrol during the day, man the Town Team stall, and clear it all up at the end. We are still rather short of helpers so if you could join the team for any part of the day, please get in touch with Janet - townteam@buxtontownteam.org

BUXTON IN BLOOM 2015

It's that time of year again! We've entered Buxton into the East Midlands in Bloom competition, and entries for our own local competitions are now open, [full details and entry form on the website](#). As well as encouraging everyone to enter - hundreds of flowerpot people please! - Janine and her team will be looking for volunteers to judge the various categories in early July. We are also looking for donations of plants to brighten up bare corners around the town, and volunteers to plant them. If you can help in any way please get in touch with Janine - janinekaihau@hotmail.com

NESTLE SITE DEVELOPMENT

The latest update is that HPBC have commissioned consultants to carry out a thorough review of the claims in the application, particularly around the impact on the rest of the town centre. This means that the date when the application will be heard has gone back. The website says it will be 20th April, we suspect it may be later than that, but we'd still encourage you to [send in your views as soon as possible](#), if you haven't already done so.

Last but not least, the Rotary Club have asked us to tell you about their **SCHOOLS INTERVIEW PROJECT**. They send volunteers in to both St Thomas More School and Buxton Community School, to conduct mock interviews with pupils about to move into the 6th Form, college or other training. This is enormously helpful for the students, and rewarding for the interviewers. If you have some relevant experience and would like to know more please contact John Drury - rotaryinterviews@hotmail.co.uk

Don't forget - if you have an idea you want to bring up at the next Ideas Meeting it does help if you email us to make sure we allow time on the agenda.

And there's always more information about what the Town Team has been doing on the [website](#) and on our [Facebook page](#).

That's it for now, hope to see you soon,
Janet, Tina, Andy, Emily and John,
Your Town Team Communications Team