

Hello again Buxton Town Team members.

Spring really has arrived now, we know that for sure because our crocuses are out! See the video on [our facebook page](#), or it's [on You Tube](#). While they're happily flowering away, spelling Buxton, there's lots of other things needing your help and input. First, dates for your diary:

SATURDAY 1st APRIL, 10am-12pm

THE SLOPES CARE TEAM

Now the weather's a bit milder we've expanded our activities into cleaning signs, railings and bins, digging out blocked drains and washing down benches ready for painting and varnishing. There's lots of that to do, as well as keeping on top of the weeding, and everyone is welcome to join in. If you can't make this Saturday, other dates in April are: **Thursday 6th April, Saturday 15th April, Thursday 20th April, Saturday 29th April, all 10am-12pm**. We do have some tools, but if you have a favourite barrow, scraper or wire brush, please bring it along. For more information please get in touch with Jim - jim.lowe54@yahoo.com

SUNDAY 2ND APRIL, 11am-1pm

LITTER PICKING WALK

Our regular monthly outing to tidy up whichever area of the town most needs it. Meet at the A515 junction with Dukes Drive and the Harpur Hill road, for a clean up round there and up towards Staden. Dress appropriately and wear gloves and stout footwear; litter-pickers, bags and hi viz jackets are provided, a wheelbarrow is always useful if you have one. More information from Karen - stoop.farm@btinternet.com

TUESDAY 11th April, 7:30pm, PALACE HOTEL

BUXTON TOWN TEAM CIC GENERAL MEETING

This is the once a year meeting for all the members, when we'll look back on what was achieved in 2016, the accounts for the year will be presented, and you'll be able to ask the directors any questions you have about how the organisation is doing and plans for the future. We'll also be saying Thank You to three directors who will have stood down (Sarah, Claire and Tina) and with members' approval, welcoming two new ones (Jim and Matthew). Formal notifications went out to all the members last week, along with proxy forms - obviously we'd prefer you to be there in person, but if you really can't be, please send this in so your vote can be counted. If for some reason your notification failed to arrive, please let us know - townteam@buxtontownteam.org

TUESDAY 25TH APRIL - BUXTON RAILINGS CLEAN

Plans are being finalised, with help from Public Service students at Buxton & Leek College. We hope that all the local schools, as well as the University, will be involved, we may have help from a few local businesses as well. But there are a lot of railings! We've never yet managed to clean all of them in a day, but maybe this will be the year that we do - with your help! Please set aside a couple of hours (or more!) to help out on the day, Suzanne would love to hear from you - suzannepearson.art@googlemail.com

MONDAY 1ST MAY, ALL DAY, ALL OVER TOWN

BUXTON SPRING FAIR

Only a month to go! Applications for stalls are still open, if an organisation you're involved with hasn't sent a form in yet, please ask them to do it soon - forms can be downloaded from [the website](#), or contact springfair@buxtontownteam.org On the day we will be needing lots of marshals, if you could spare some time between 6am and 7pm (the busiest time is between 7:45 and 10am) Roddie would be very pleased to hear from you - roddievm@mac.com

In other news:

OPERATION ASHWOOD PARK (PHASE 2)

A lot of work has been done in the park and it's looking hugely better that it did a couple of years ago when we first started on it. Claire was the project leader, but has moved out of town, so we have approved a new project (Phase 2) which Richard is leading. Work will start again in earnest later in the month - more clearing of saplings and brambles, path edging, painting railings and more. We're also still looking for someone who has a metal detector, to help locate drain covers buried under the grass. If you'd like to get involved (or you know someone with said metal detector) please get in touch with Richard - richard.lower2@gmail.com

BUXTON IN BLOOM

As announced last month, we found a project leader (thank you Viv) and we're running local competitions for Best Garden, Best Hanging Basket(s) or Planter(s), Best School Garden and Best Flowerpot Person(s). You can also put your flowerpot people on a Flowerpot People of Buxton Trail Map, whether or not they're in the competition. The theme is Very Very Vibrant and Hot Hot Hot! There's an entry form you can download from [the website](#), or hard copies will be out and about in town from next week. As well as the competition, we're encouraging people to adopt a patch of ground that needs tidying and planting, or to decorate their house, their business, or just a dull corner of town that needs brightening up - we'll be running workshops on how you can do this easily and cheaply. More information on all of this from Viv - just4viv@hotmail.com

Looking a bit further ahead, don't forget the following:

WEEKEND 10TH & 11TH JUNE - BUXTON GARDEN TRAIL 2017

It's still not too late for your garden to be included, but you'll have to be quick. For more information get in touch with Jo - joanddaveholdway@gmail.com

SATURDAY 17TH JUNE - PEAK DISTRICT BOUNDARY WALK GRAND OPENING

Local community groups, businesses and civic dignitaries have been invited, we've started to recruit traders for the special outdoor activities market, plans are coming together and it's going to be an amazing day. If you'd like to help out with the event in Buxton, please get in touch with Tina - heathcote.foxlow@btinternet.com If you'd like to walk one of the twenty stages of the walk as part of the 'first footers' team, please contact Julie - julie@cprepeakandsyorks.org.uk

Last but not least ...

APTT GROUP - COACHES AND CAR PARKS

Remember last year's Catching Coaches survey? We're still collecting data on coaches that come to Buxton, so please, when you're out and about, if you see a coach parked up, let us know by filling in the survey at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/PT9LVBS> or email us the information (photo plus time and date) to coachsurvey@buxtontownteam.org

Also a reminder that we can improve the visibility of Buxton's car parks if people 'review' them on google maps. Please go to www.google.co.uk/maps/ and type Buxton in the search box, zoom in till you find a car park (especially Wye Street/Spring Gardens, Sylvan Park or Market Street), click on its name and then, in the left hand panel, Write Review. Ideally say something nice and give it a few stars. Thank you!

That's all for now. As ever there's more information about what the Town Team has been doing on the [website](#) and on our [Facebook page](#), and specifically for upcoming events, don't forget the diary - <http://buxtontownteam.org/calendar/> And if you have a Town Team event that you want to add to the calendar, please email diary@buxtontownteam.org

Hope to see you soon,
Janet, Tina, Andy, John and Matthew,
Your Town Team Communications Team