

Hello again Buxton Town Team members,

As usual, Town Team volunteers have been keeping busy. Since the last newsletter we've planted up and hung a dozen hayrack style planters off the Crescent hoardings (they look wonderful); hosted the East Midlands in Bloom judges (see our [Facebook page](#) for a great video); had a few more gardening sessions in Ashwood Park; re-fitted five beautifully restored bright red benches there; did a really good job weeding and fettling round the St Anne's Well area, found ourselves edging the grass along the paths, marvelled at how much better it looked - then realised we had another project...

THE SLOPES CARE TEAM

The idea is to have regular working parties to edge the grass, weed the steps and generally help look after the Slopes. It's the key link between Higher and Lower Buxton, we want it to look attractive! Jim Lowe is co-ordinating the project, and has arranged some dates in August:

Thursday 4th August, Thursday 11th August, Saturday 20th August, Thursday 25th August - all 10am-12noon.

Please come and help, we'd be delighted to see you. Meet at 10am at the top of the Slopes outside the Town Hall. Wear gardening clothes. We are getting some tools for the group but if you have anything you think would be useful (lawn edger, hand fork, trowel, spade, wheelbarrow) please do bring it along. More information from Jim - jim.lowe54@yahoo.com

SUNDAY 7TH AUGUST, 11AM-1PM

LITTER PICKING WALK

Our regular monthly outing to tidy up whichever area of the town most needs it. This month we're meeting at the entrance to Morrisons, as Dukes Drive is due for another clean up; if there's time and/or enough people we can check out the steps from Ashwood Park up to Fairfield as well. Hoops, bags and litter-pickers are provided, please dress appropriately, wear sturdy footwear and bring gloves, a wheelbarrow is useful if you have one. We're always on the lookout for places in need of attention, if you've a suggestion let Karen know - stoop.farm@btinternet.com - or ask her to add you to the circulation list so she can let you know where to meet up each time.

THURSDAY 11TH AUGUST, 7:30PM, ASHWOOD PARK

IDEAS & ACTION MEETING

The main monthly gathering of the Town Team, which everyone is welcome to attend. This month we'll be focussing on the 'Action' side of things, as in we're not having a meeting as such, we're going to be active. On the agenda is weeding and digging; planting; clearing of saplings, brambles and bindweed; trimming hedges; cleaning, varnishing and painting park benches. Meet in the park just below the Wye Bridge, dress for the outdoors and bring any tools that you think might be useful. After the meeting we'll adjourn to the Wye Bridge for a general chat and well earned refreshment. And don't forget, if you aren't already on the circulation list for the agenda and notes, let us know and we'll add you - townteam@buxtontownteam.org

And there's various ongoing projects that need your help:

CATCHING COACHES - WHENEVER YOU CAN, TO END OCTOBER

We want to make a case for more coach parking in Buxton - there's only 11 spaces in the town - but to do that we need to know how many of them come here. The TIC have records of the ones that book in with them, but a lot of them don't. So please, when you're out and about, if you see a coach parked

up, let us know. We've set up a survey - <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/PT9LVBS> - to record date, time, place and some details about the coach company. If you have a smart phone you'll be able to fill it in there and then, otherwise make a note of the relevant information and do it when you get home. Or take a photo showing the information and email it along with time and date to coachsurvey@buxtontownteam.org

TALKING SIGNPOSTS - DAILY TO 31ST AUGUST

If you could spare a bit of time helping visitors find their way around Buxton, why not become Talking Signpost? Visitors love having a real person to talk to, and are delighted to discover parts of the town they would never have known about otherwise. There are plenty of gaps in the rota as so many people go on holiday this time of year. Email John (jacjansen02@gmail.com) for instructions on what the role entails, then go to <http://doodle.com/poll/538vzwpet9yx3e6p> and fill in the rota with your chosen dates and times.

BUXTON MARKETS REGENERATION - LEAFLETTERS NEEDED

Buxton Markets are still recruiting a team of people to hand out leaflets on market days (Tuesdays and Saturdays 10am-12pm) and would be very grateful if you could spare a couple of hours to help out. Let Janet know if you'd be able to help (townteam@buxtontownteam.org) and we'll send you the link.

ASHWOOD PARK ONGOING GARDENING

There's frequent sessions doing all sorts of work in the park, let Claire know if you want to join our team of regular volunteers - c.e.millard@sky.com

Last but not least, Friends of Buxton Station have asked us to let you know that they're one of the Waitrose Green Button causes this month. They're doing a grand job of improving the station, and would welcome your support.

That's all for now, there'll be more news and information next month. As ever there's more information about what the Town Team has been doing on the [website](#) and on our [Facebook page](#).

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