

Hello again Buxton Town Team members,

December already, and it does feel as if winter has arrived. This then is the last monthly update for the year - but there's still a few things going on before we relax into end of year festivities.

IDEAS MEETING

TUESDAY 9TH DECEMBER 7:30 PM IN THE BUCKINGHAM HOTEL

This is the core of the Town Team's activities, the monthly open meeting where anyone can present their ideas for making Buxton a better place. If everyone likes it and there's a team willing to work on it, and if it fits in with our objectives, then we'll adopt it as a project and make it happen. This month we'll be looking back on everything we achieved in 2014 (an amazing amount) and look forward to plans for 2015. Then there's the usual updates on ongoing projects, and some new ones to talk through, including a brand new idea for a monthly Wombling Walk. All of these ideas need people to work on them, so please come along and get involved. If you have an idea to bring do let us know in advance so we can make sure there's time on the agenda. And if you don't already get the full agenda and notes of the meetings just let us know so we can add you to that list.

ARTISAN MARKET, ON THE MARKET PLACE

SATURDAY 6TH DECEMBER, 10am-4pm

Last month's Artisan Market was really great, the weather was fine and even a bit sunny, and there were loads of good things on offer. The weather looks at least as good for this Saturday, and as an added attraction Denise has promised to bring a snow globe! Apparently you can get inside and have fun in the snow.

We will be having a Town Team stall again, to let people know about the Town Team and what we do, and also sell our maps, tea-towels and jigsaws. These all make lovely christmas gifts, so do call in at the stall and buy something. And if you can spare an hour or two to help on the stall, we can definitely use you, please call Philip on 214571 or email treasurer@buxtontownteam.org.

BULB PLANTING, ST JOHN'S CHURCHYARD

SATURDAY 6TH DECEMBER, 11am-12pm

Janine has a big bucket of bulbs going spare and is donating them to brighten up the churchyard, but needs a hand planting them. If you can join us for an hour, that would be wonderful; if you have a few spare bulbs you can add to the mix, even better. Wrap up warm and bring a trowel if you have one, more information from Janine - 07979 888033 or email janinekaihau@hotmail.com

AND ANOTHER TOWN TEAM STALL, IN THE GREEN MAN GALLERY

SATURDAY 13TH DECEMBER, 11am-3pm

The Green Man Gallery (top of Terrace Road, behind the Museum) have offered us space for a stall selling the maps, tea-towels and jigsaws, so here's another chance to buy your Town Team christmas gifts. And why not have a look round the gallery as well while you're there? There's some lovely things on display (and for sale) and it's great to see this so long derelict building back in use. And again, if you can spare an hour or two to help on the stall, Philip would be delighted to hear from you, especially if you could be there in the afternoon - 214571 or treasurer@buxtontownteam.org.

FLIGHT OF THE SNOWBIRDS

Proof that winter has arrived! Several small flocks of milk bottle snow-birds with glittery beaks are flying around the bottom of the Slopes, looking very festive. Thanks to Tina and her team for producing them and hanging them up. And thanks to H&L Electrical who so kindly took down the Spring Gardens summer bunting that was too high for us to reach.

MORE ABOUT THE MARKET

The group looking at ways to regenerate the regular market put in a lot of hard work last month writing a full business plan and submitting a 'Pre Qualification bid' to take on the operation of the markets. The basic idea would be to set up a separate Buxton Market CIC, which would buy its own stalls, employ a part time manager and run a different specialist market every Saturday alongside a revitalised twice weekly regular market. This proposal has been submitted to HPBC and we will hear on 5th January if they want to discuss the idea further, so we have our fingers crossed for that one. Meantime, if you'd like to get involved in this project, or if you want more details of our proposal, let us know.

MORE ABOUT THE CRESCENT DEVELOPMENT

Fantastic news, the Heritage Lottery Fund said Yes! They've agreed to fund the project with an extra £11.3 million. Many, many thanks to all of you who took the time to email Richard Tuffrey with your support, and to share our facebook appeal far and wide, we're told it made all the difference. We're now just waiting for the last bit of the funding jigsaw to fall into place, the £2 million from the Local Enterprise Partnership, which will hopefully be confirmed any day now. Fingers, toes and eyes all crossed for that one!

Don't forget there's always more information about what the Town Team has been doing on the [website](#) and on our [Facebook page](#).

Last but not least, and if we don't see you before, here's wishing you all the very best for christmas and the new year.

Janet, Tina, Andy and John,
Your Town Team Communications Team