

Hello again Buxton Town Team members.

We've had our first snow of the winter, and Christmas is nearly upon us, so if you've been meaning to get involved with Town Team activities all year and not quite got round to it, now is the time!

## **DECEMBER IDEAS MEETING**

### **THURSDAY 10TH DECEMBER 7:30PM IN THE RAILWAY HOTEL**

The main monthly gathering of the Town Team, everyone is welcome to attend. Because it's the last Ideas Meeting of the year, we'll get the 'business' done as quickly as we can, then move on to a review of what we achieved in the year, and some activities that Dick has devised for us. Ideas Meetings are always pretty sociable, and quite a few people stay on for a drink afterwards, but the December meeting will be a particularly good opportunity to get to know other members of the Town Team and have a bit of fun together. And don't forget, if you aren't on Janet's list to get the agenda and notes of the last meeting please let us know and we'll add you.

## **LITTER PICKING WALK**

### **SUNDAY 6TH DECEMBER 11AM - 1PM**

The other regular monthly event, where we choose one area of the town and clean up all the cans, bottles, bags and wrappers that somehow accumulate, plus we've now started taking mops and cloths round with us and cleaning up the signage too. This month the River Clearing Team are out on the same day, so we'll clean up Ashwood Park and surrounding area - meet up by the Wye Bridge Pub. As usual litter picking gadgets, bags, hoops, hi-viz jackets, mops and cloths will be provided! Please wear stout footwear and gloves, wheelbarrows are useful if you have one, for loading and carrying. More information from Karen - [stoop.farm@btinternet.com](mailto:stoop.farm@btinternet.com).

## **ASHWOOD PARK RIVER CLEARING**

### **SUNDAY 6TH DECEMBER 10:30AM - 12:30PM**

We did plan on doing this two weeks earlier but it snowed and then froze - not a good combination for working with sharp tools on a river bank! Hopefully there'll be no snow this time but please dress appropriately, and bring saws, loppers, secateurs and other gardening tools if you have them. There'll be refreshments at half time. More information from Claire - [c.e.millard@sky.com](mailto:c.e.millard@sky.com).

Hopefully we'll see you at one or all of the above ð

Now, a quick update on what has been going on since the last newsletter:

## **NOVEMBER IDEAS MEETING**

Another lively and interesting meeting. We had a special focus on gardens and gardening so talked about the new Open Gardens project (see below) and also came up with lots of great ideas for a Garden Fringe Festival in June 2017, to coincide with a new RHS Show starting then at Chatsworth. We also did a little experiment on what resources and hidden talent we have among our membership - more on this in the new year. Don't forget that notes of all our meetings are on the website, in the members' area - <http://buxtontownteam.org/members-area/>. If you've forgotten your user name and password, email Andy ([comms@buxtontownteam.org](mailto:comms@buxtontownteam.org)) for a reminder.

## **NEW PROJECTS**

Following on from discussions at the Ideas Meeting, the Directors have approved two new projects:-  
**BUXTON ON THE MOVE** - picking up on the 2020 Vision conference last year, Tina and team will be organising a second conference in March 2016, focussing on Access, Parking, Traffic and Transport (APTT) in the town, with a view to developing a holistic plan that will meet the needs of everyone who uses the space.

**OPEN GARDENS 2016** - Jo and team will be running an Open Gardens event in June, as a pilot for a hopefully much bigger event in June 2017.

If you'd like to be involved in either of these projects please let us know. There's more details of both on

the website - <http://buxtontownteam.org/working-on/buxton-on-the-move/> and <http://buxtontownteam.org/working-on/open-gardens-2016/>

## **BUXTON MARKETS CIC**

The latest news is that we are recruiting a part time markets manager and the job description is on the website - <http://buxtontownteam.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/08/ManagerJobDescription.pdf>. The closing date is 6th December - so if you're interested yourself, or know someone who might be, there's still time to get an application in.

## **DIRECTOR CHANGES**

Did you know that our Directors are only appointed for periods of three years? Our four founding directors all came to the end of their first term on 22nd November - can you believe that it's over three years now since the Buxton Town Team CIC was set up? Three of them (Janet, Roddie and Tina) have agreed stay on for another stint, subject to approval by the members at the next general meeting. Joe though has decided to take a well-earned break and stand down. Huge thanks for his efforts, in helping set up the Town Team in the first place and then playing a big part in the many successes of our first three years. Of course that means we have a vacancy to fill - someone who has experience working with young people would be particularly useful, if you know anyone who might be suitable, and willing, please let Sarah know - [S.Rawlinson@derby.ac.uk](mailto:S.Rawlinson@derby.ac.uk).

## **A DONATION!**

We had a very welcome £200 donated by a supporter from Dove Holes, who was impressed with what we've done around the town, specifically mentioning gardening and the Tour of Britain bikes. Our sincere thanks - we've put the money towards next year's Buxton in Bloom project.

Last but not least, there's a couple of events other groups have organised, and invited Town Team members to attend:

**HEALTHIER TOGETHER: PUBLIC MEETING THURSDAY 3RD DECEMBER 6PM** in the Pavilion Gardens marquee. As part of reorganising health care, Stepping Hill was recently awarded Specialist (as opposed to general) status, which was good news for Buxton residents. That decision is now under review, which could mean that anyone in need of emergency or specialist care might have to go all the way to Wythenshawe. Come along and have your say.

**BUXTON PRESENT FROM THE PAST: LAUNCH EVENT THURSDAY 10TH DECEMBER 10:30AM** in the Old Hall Hotel. There'll be a brief presentation of the project, which is collecting an audio and visual archive of residents' memories, to bring the town's history to life. Find out how you can get involved, then share your memories over tea, coffee and cake.

As ever there's 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 and John,  
Your Town Team Communications Team