

Hello again Buxton Town Team members,

The winter is upon us, but work to improve Buxton carries on. There have been work sessions in Ashwood Park and on the Slopes, we've made a good start on decorating the town for Christmas and we're starting to make plans for next year's activities. Events coming up soon that you may want to join in with ...

SATURDAY 3rd DECEMBER BUXTON IN BLOOMIN' WINTER

It's here, it's tomorrow! Lots of groups and businesses have decorated their chosen spots already and the town is looking massively more festive than it has in years. 'D for Decorating' Day is tomorrow, and it's also the day of Buxton's first ever Christmas Carnival Parade, for which we'll gather on Spring Gardens at 4:15pm. Dress up if the mood takes you, the theme is Peter Pan, and free pirate hats are on offer. We'll set off at 4:30pm - along Spring Gardens, across Terrace Rd, up the Slopes, over the Market Place and down Fountain Street to the Pavilion Gardens - stopping at a number of places on the way to sing seasonal songs. Buxton Sparkles will be providing willow lanterns for the parade and tea lights in the darker sections of the route. There's a special Christmas Market on the Market Place that will be open till late, with a variety of food and drink, a children's ride and other entertainment. In the Gardens there will be illuminated sculptures, paddlers on the lake and more food and drink. More detail on all of this from Tina - heathcote.foxlow@btinternet.com.

ALSO SATURDAY 3rd DECEMBER, 10am-12pm THE SLOPES CARE TEAM

More tidying up on the Slopes - the path edging is oh so nearly completed, most of the tree sprouting has been pruned back, who knows, maybe the team will tie some red ribbons or hang a few decorations in the trees. There will be a few more sessions before the end of the year, but they will be weather dependent - get in touch with Jim - jim.lowe54@yahoo.com We do have some tools, but if you have a favourite hoe, barrow or pair of loppers, please do bring it along.

SUNDAY 4th DECEMBER, 11am-1pm LITTER PICKING WALK

The regular monthly outing to tidy up whichever area of the town most needs it. This month the team will meet at the Railway Station, and do some tidying up around there and down Station Road. Hoops, bags and litter-pickers are provided, please dress for cold weather, 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.

WEDNESDAY 7th DECEMBER, 7:30pm, THE CHESHIRE CHEESE IDEAS & ACTION MEETING

The main monthly gathering of the Town Team, which everyone is welcome to attend. It's the last Ideas Meeting in another amazing year, so time to take stock of what we achieved and have a bit of a celebration, as well as thinking about what's in the plan for 2017. It'll be a lot of fun, do come along and join in. 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

LOOKING FORWARD TO 2017...

SATURDAY 7th JANUARY THE GREAT BUXTON UNDRRESSING

Also known as taking all the decorations down, or risk bringing bad luck to us for the whole of the year.

**WEDNESDAY 18th JANUARY, 7:30pm, VENUE TBC
IDEAS & ACTION MEETING**

Provisionally, the focus will be on 'townskeeping' - what we can do to keep Buxton looking smart and well-loved. More details in the next newsletter.

That's all for now, there'll be more news and information next month. And as this is the last newsletter of 2016, we'll take the opportunity to wish you the very best for Christmas and the New Year.

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