

Hello again Buxton Town Team members,

It doesn't seem that long since the last newsletter, but that doesn't mean there isn't lots to tell you about - and lots of things coming up that you can join in or help out with:

**FEBRUARY IDEAS & ACTION MEETING**  
**TUESDAY 9TH FEBRUARY 7:30PM IN THE OLD CLUBHOUSE**  
**NOTE CHANGE OF VENUE!!!**

The main monthly gathering of the Town Team, which everyone is welcome to attend. We have a presentation about putting Buxton on the map of Accessible Town Centres, and with the Buxton on the Move Conference coming up soon there might be more discussion on how to make the town friendly to all its many users. Then with the better weather hopefully on the way, maybe it's time to think about what we can all do to help out and get active, so among other things we'll have a revised skills audit for you to look at and comment on. On the 'business' side we are expecting to have at least one Project Proposal to consider as well as some Closing Reports for completed projects. And as usual there'll probably be a couple of other things that crop up between now and the 9th that we'll add to the agenda. 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 7TH FEBRUARY 11AM - 1PM**

This is the other regular monthly event, which takes place on the first Sunday each month, and again all are welcome to come along and help clean up a small part of the town. This month's target for a clean-up is the A515, one of the 'gateways to the town' that Buxton Civic Association were talking about at last month's Ideas & Action meeting. Meet at the bottom of the road up to Harpur Hill, opposite Duke's Drive. Dress warmly, wear sturdy footwear and bring gloves, a wheelbarrow is always useful if you have one. For more information email Karen - [stoop.farm@btinternet.com](mailto:stoop.farm@btinternet.com). For the March meeting (Sunday 6th March) the area round George Street, the Crescent and Water Street has been suggested. The layby on the A6 by Lover's Leap, and up the stream a bit, has also been mentioned as in need of attention. Don't forget if you spot somewhere in and around the town that needs attention, get in touch with Karen and ask her to add it to the list.

**BUXTON ON THE MOVE: THE CONFERENCE AND A PUBLIC LECTURE**  
**WEDNESDAY 9TH MARCH 10AM - 4PM**

Plans are going well for this, we've an impressive array of speakers lined up, there's been lots of interest from organisations and corporations wanting to send delegates, and a few Town Team members have volunteered to help out on the day and listen in - it's just a shame we don't have capacity for every one in the town to come along. The good news though is that Martin Cassini, a well known film producer and campaigner for traffic system reform, has agreed to stay on and deliver a public lecture in the Dome at 6pm. More detail on this next month but in the meantime here's a link to Martin's website - <http://www.equalitystreets.com/>. "Instead of priority, let there be equality." Love it!

**MARCH IDEAS & ACTION MEETING**  
**THURSDAY 10TH MARCH 7:30PM**

We haven't worked out the agenda for this yet, but with the Conference taking place the day before it's a safe bet that will feature in there somewhere. If there's anything you particularly want the meeting to address that we haven't looked at recently please tell us!

**BUXTON TOWN TEAM CIC GENERAL MEETING**  
**WEDNESDAY 13TH APRIL 7:30pm VENUE TBC**

It's that time of year again, when we look back at the previous year's activities, present the company accounts and formally appoint new directors ... but of course we'll make sure there's an interesting presentation or debate or something as well as the formal business! Formal notifications will be going round the membership soon but please put the date in your diary.

Please note we are doing this instead of the April Ideas & Action Meeting.

## **BUXTON MARKETS RELAUNCH SATURDAY 30TH APRIL**

Plans for the taking over of the markets in Buxton are also going well. We've been interviewing a really impressive selection of candidates for the Markets Manager's job and are in the process of confirming appointments - more news soon! People have started to join as members of the company (we'd encourage all of you to do the same - <http://buxtontownteam.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/01/FormMemLoan02A5.pdf>) and to loan money to Buxton Markets CIC to help with the start up costs. We're starting to recruit traders and getting lots of interest. Last but not least we've fixed the date of the New Market Launch - the Saturday before the Spring Fair. Also that weekend there's the Big Session in Buxton Folk Festival and a Beer Festival in the Gardens Marquee, so definitely Buxton's Big Weekend!

## **BUXTON SPRING FAIR MONDAY 2ND MAY 9AM - 5PM**

Work moves apace, a team of University of Derby students are on board organising the performance venues and invitations to apply for stall space will be going out this week. If you or your organisation want to be involved in any way and aren't already on the Spring Fair contact list, email Janet - [townteam@buxtontownteam.org](mailto:townteam@buxtontownteam.org).

Hopefully we'll see you at one or more of the above ☺

Now, some news about what has been going on since the last newsletter:

## **JANUARY IDEAS & ACTION MEETING**

A good lively meeting and a good turnout. We started off with a fun word game to break in the new year. There was an in Support Project to consider and several Closing Reports. Then we had presentations from Buxton Civic Association about their Places & Spaces project, and from Transition Buxton about a very ambitious idea to install a huge raft of floating solar panels on Waterswallows Lake - more about this on their website <http://transitionbuxton.co.uk/node/614>. 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.

## **DIRECTOR NEWS**

As mentioned before, we were looking for a new Director to fill the vacancy left when Joe retired - and we've found one! Suzanne Pearson has bravely agreed to join the board of Directors, and has been co-opted subject to ratification at the general meeting. Congratulations to Suzanne, we're looking forward to working with her.

## **NEW 'IN SUPPORT' PROJECT - GEOTASK**

This is the phone app that collates information about where people shop, how long they stay in which stores, and the routes they take around town. The project is being led by Vision Buxton; following discussion at the last Ideas & Action Meeting the Directors have approved Buxton Town Team support for it. The idea is that the information will be useful in helping businesses improve their existing offer and in attracting new retailers to Buxton. People who sign up to the app will be eligible for vouchers from companies ranging from Pay Pal to Marks and Spencers. Our 'in support' role is to make sure our members know about it and how they can join in, so if you think you might be interested please see the Vision Buxton website - <http://www.visionbuxton.co.uk/news/geotask-find-out-more-about-smart-phone-shops-survey>.

## **YOUNG VOLUNTEERS**

Until now we've had to say that anyone under 18 had to bring their own responsible adult with them. We realise that teenagers aren't always terribly keen on having Mum or Dad in tow (!) so we've worked up a policy statement and confirmed that it doesn't invalidate our insurance cover. So while those under 14 still need to bring a responsible adult, those aged 14-17 can come on their own so long as their parents confirm that they've read the policy statement and that the activity is appropriate

for their son or daughter. If you want a copy please ask Janet ([townteam@buxtontownteam.org](mailto:townteam@buxtontownteam.org)) as we haven't yet worked out where on the website it would make sense to put it!

### **SEEKING A MINI-CAM**

We've an urgent request from the Buxton Conference project team. Jim has volunteered to ride around town on his bike, filming what the roads are like from the cyclist's viewpoint. To do this we need a mini camera that can be mounted on a helmet. If you have one or know someone who has, the team would really appreciate being able to borrow it; they promise to be really careful and return it undamaged. If you can help please email Tina - [heathcote.foxlow@btinternet.com](mailto:heathcote.foxlow@btinternet.com).

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, John and Matthew,  
Your Town Team Communications Team