

Hello again Buxton Town Team members, and a very Happy New Year to you all.

You'll have no doubt noticed that our Buxton in Bloomin' Winter project had quite an impact on the town through December, with decorations springing up all over the place. They're all being taken down now, but over the last month we've been inundated with messages from people telling us how much they enjoyed them, so if you were involved, either with Town Team or one of the many other groups who 'adopted a spot', take a bow. As in a bow rhyming with Wow!, not a bit of red ribbon.

Anyway, we hope you had a lovely christmas break, and are raring to get involved in more Town Team activities with the new year. Coming up:

SATURDAY 7th JANUARY, 10am-12pm

THE SLOPES CARE TEAM

The main tidying up on the Slopes has been done, with all the paths now edged and weeded - but there are still a few trees needing pruning back, moss to scrape off the perimeter walls, and we thought the lamp posts and bins would benefit from a bit of a clean as well. Hopefully if the weather is OK we'll start work soon on refurbishing benches. If you can't make tomorrow, other dates in January are: **Thursday 12th January, Saturday 21st January, Thursday 26th January, all 10am-12pm**. For more information, get in touch with Jim - jim.lowe54@yahoo.com
We do have some tools, but if you have a favourite barrow, scraper, wire brush or pair of loppers, please do bring it along.

WEDNESDAY 18th JANUARY, 7:30pm, DEVONSHIRE DOME

IDEAS & ACTION MEETING

Our main monthly get together, which everyone is welcome to attend. As previously advertised, the focus this time will be on 'townskeeping' - how can we get Buxton looking smart and well-loved? As the effects of austerity bite, more and more minor maintenance jobs fall through the cracks and the town looks ever more dilapidated. We can't just sit back and let that happen, it's just too depressing, but at the same time there's a limit to how many hours of volunteer effort we can put in. So the idea of the meeting is firstly to get a feel for the size of the task, and secondly to generate ideas of how to deal with it, maybe even a Plan! We've also got quite a few projects for 2017 that need volunteers if they're to happen, so please come along and join in with whichever you most like the sound of. 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 A BIT FURTHER AHEAD ...

SUNDAY 5th FEBRUARY, 11am-1pm

LITTER PICKING WALK

The regular monthly outing to tidy up whichever area of the town most needs it. The provisional plan for February is to meet at the bottom of Nunsfield Road, and do some tidying up around there and up Fairfield Road - but check next month's newsletter in case we spot somewhere in more urgent need. 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 15th FEBRUARY, 7:30pm, VENUE TBC

IDEAS & ACTION MEETING

Provisionally, we're going to take a wide-ranging look at disability issues, of all sorts. More detail in the next newsletter.

That's all for now. 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