

NEWSLETTER JULY 2014

Welcome to the latest news and information from your Town Team.

NEXT IDEAS & VISION GROUP MEETING

The next Ideas meeting will be on **Wednesday 9th July, 7:30pm** in the Buckingham Hotel. The main theme this month is Visitor Attractions, and we will have a number of people from other organisations coming to talk to us about their plans for this summer, and what the Town Team might be able to do in support of these. Contributions confirmed so far will cover Discover Buxton, Heritage Open Days, Buxton Museum Apps Tours and the August Family Festival, but it's likely there will be a couple more. Do come along, you'll be very welcome. We'll be sending out the full agenda and accompanying docs at the weekend, if you don't normally get this but would like to, just let us know.

HIGHLY COMMENDED!

We mentioned in last month's newsletter that we'd entered the Association of Town and City Management competition for Town Team of the Year. We didn't win (Sevenoaks Town Partnership were accorded that honour) but we were Highly Commended. <u>The entry is on the website</u> if you want to read it, it's a good summary of what we've done so far and how we approach things.

ARTISAN MARKET TRIALS

The next Artisan Market is this **Saturday 5th July, 10am-4pm on the Market Place**. As well as checking out the stalls, and the lovely stuff on sale, why not **volunteer to help on the Town Team stall** for an hour or two? It was very useful to have a stall at the June market, there was a lot of interest in what we do, we signed up several new members and sold quite a few of the Illustrated Maps - but we can't do it without people. If you could help, Philip would be very pleased to hear from you - **email treasurer@buxtontownteam.org**

TALKING SIGNPOSTS

Also this Saturday is the start of this summer's Talking Signpost service - the individual volunteers located in the Turner Memorial area, or meeting trains, and assisting visitors with finding their way around and getting the best out of their visit. If you think you could help with this we'd be delighted to hear from you. If you're not sure about it, you can try it out first, alongside someone who has done it before and 'knows the ropes'. If you want to sign up, or just find out more, email signposts@buxtontownteam.org

BUXTON IN BLOOM

Waitrose very kindly donated £100 for troughs and planters to go along the railings outside the back entrance to The Springs and SITA at Waterswallows donated a mountain of compost, for the planters and to fill up the raised bed at the end of Wye Street. We're now in the process of gathering plants for them - if you have anything suitable you could donate, for here or anywhere else in the town, do let us know. Waitrose also have Buxton in Bloom as one of this month's Community Fund recipients so if you go shopping there don't forget to drop your green buttons in our box. Meanwhile we've had towards 40 entries for the local competitions (Best Street/Front Garden/Pub or Hotel/Business), and judging for those will take place next week. The judging for the main East Midlands in Bloom competition will be on Tuesday 15th July.

GEORGE STREET PANELS

You may have seen the rather wonderful jungle on George Street, painted by students from the Community School. Newly installed today is a set of panels painted by students from Buxton & Leek College, and various people have been weeding and planting along there as well, so while there is still a

section of blank panels, all in all George Street is looking very much nicer than it did. Do go and check it out, and if you know of some other corner of the town that you'd like to help get brightened up, get in touch.

WAITROSE SUMMER BALL

As well as sponsoring the Buxton in Bloom project, Waitrose of course also sponsored the Spring Fair via the Community Fund - they've looked after us well. They've asked us to let you know about their **Summer Ball, on Saturday 25th July, 7pm till late in the Octagon, Pavilion Gardens**. Tickets cost £20, available from the Waitrose desk, and all proceeds will go to the Alzheimer's Society.

That's all for now!

All the best from Janet, Tina, Andy, Emily and John, Buxton Town Team Communications Group



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PS Feel free to forward this email to anyone you think might be interested in getting involved in Buxton Town Team activities.

PPS It's your town team and we want to keep you informed, but if for any reason you don't want to receive emails from us, just let us know.