

Hello again Buxton Town Team members.

Wasn't June a scorcher! Half the year has gone, lots has been done, there's more on the way as summer (and more typical weather) gets underway. Dates coming up soon, and things we want your help with:

## **SUNDAY 2nd JULY , 11am-1pm LITTER PICKING WALK**

Our regular monthly outing to tidy up whichever area of the town most needs it. This month we'll meet outside the Railway Station, and clean up down Station Road, Aldi, Bridge Street and towards Lightwood Road. Dress appropriately and wear gloves and stout footwear; litter-pickers, bags and hi viz jackets are provided, a wheelbarrow is always useful if you have one. More information from Karen - [stoop.farm@btinternet.com](mailto:stoop.farm@btinternet.com)

## **SATURDAY 8th JULY, 10am-12pm THE SLOPES CARE TEAM**

The team are carrying on with routine maintenance and tidying (now a constant battle with the weeds), very carefully cleaning the moss off the urns and are now preparing the memorial area ready for re-pointing. They've been greatly helped by the volunteers from Cemex, who have cleaned, varnished and painted all but one of the benches. New helpers are always welcome. If you can't make next Saturday 8th, other dates in June are: **Thursday 13th July, Saturday 22nd July, Thursday 27th July, all 10am-12pm**. We do have some tools, but if you have a favourite barrow, scraper or wire brush, please bring it along. For more information please get in touch with Jim - [jim.lowe54@yahoo.com](mailto:jim.lowe54@yahoo.com)

## **THURSDAY 13th JULY, 7:30pm, UNIVERSITY DOME IDEAS & ACTION MEETING**

The monthly gathering of the Town Team, open to all, when we catch up on all the projects and talk through ideas for new ones. This month will be a little bit different: we'll have the usual update on our ongoing projects, but as it's summer and the evenings are light, we're going to get out for an hour and do an inspection of the town, spotting the good, the bad and the surprising. If the weather's really bad, Plan B is a virtual inspection, using Streetview, but make sure you have suitable clothing with you. Hope you can join us!

Looking further ahead, at the 15th August meeting we'll have an update on the Crescent project, and on 11th September we'll go back to the idea of a Neighbourhood Plan and look at the detail of how this could be set in motion. If you aren't on the list to receive the agenda and notes of the previous meeting do let us know and we'll add you - [townteam@buxtontownteam.org](mailto:townteam@buxtontownteam.org)

## **TALKING SIGNPOSTS PROJECT**

The doodle poll is set up, we have somewhere to store the tabards, guides, signs and so on, all we need now is people to sign up for the occasional shift and get out there. It's a great way to welcome visitors to the town and all our volunteers say they've had a great time doing it. Ideally we'd have one or two people stationed in the Turner Memorial area, most days between mid morning and mid afternoon, to answer any questions visitors to the town might have - like where are the nearest loos (!) and where can I buy sun screen? You don't need to be an expert, just have a reasonable knowledge of where things are in the town, and enjoy talking to people. **Kate Needs You To Volunteer!** if you want to know more, or join the team, get in touch with her - [director@creative-heritage.net](mailto:director@creative-heritage.net)

## **BUXTON IN BLOOM**

You may have seen that the Flowerpot People are out and about, people have put out their hanging baskets and our planters behind The Springs and in the Crescent are looking gorgeous again (thank you Staden Nursery!) It's not too late to enter your garden, basket/container(s) or flowerpot person(s), **the closing date is 10th July**, you can download the entry form from [the website](#). If you see a patch of ground that needs tidying and planting, that you'd like to adopt, or if you could help keep the planters behind The Springs fed and watered in dry weather, do please get in touch with Tina - [heathcote.foxlow@btinternet.com](mailto:heathcote.foxlow@btinternet.com). The Flowerpot People Trail Map is at the printers and will be out on sale from 4th July and includes a bird-spotting competition, with tickets to the Christmas Pantomime for the winner. More information on all of this from Viv - [just4viv@hotmail.com](mailto:just4viv@hotmail.com)

### **WEDNESDAY 5th JULY, COMMUNITY SCHOOL PSHE DAY**

Alongside Vision Buxton and others, we're helping out with a project called 'Our Town'. Students will be working on a marketing campaign to promote Buxton to visitors, writing press articles and producing posters and promotional videos. We really need another couple of volunteers to help with this, if you have any experience of marketing, videography or working with young people and are free on the day, please get in touch with Roddie - [roddievm@mac.com](mailto:roddievm@mac.com)

### **THURSDAY 6th JULY, BUNTING HANGING, 10:30AM**

Thanks to Buxton WI we now have 400m of bunting to hang on the railings in town. If you could help with this, meet at the end of Spring Gardens near Iceland. The more people there are, the quicker it will be done! More information from Tina - [heathcote.foxlow@btinternet.com](mailto:heathcote.foxlow@btinternet.com)

### **SATURDAY 8th JULY, CARNIVAL PARADE**

We haven't arranged anything in the way of a Buxton Town Team presence, but it would be good to fly the flag - or rather the banner. If anyone fancies joining the parade - as a Flowerpot Person perhaps? we're open to suggestions - please get in touch with Janet - [townteam@buxtontownteam.org](mailto:townteam@buxtontownteam.org)

Before we sign off, here's a quick update on what the Town Team got up to in the last month:

**BUXTON GARDEN TRAIL 10TH & 11TH JUNE** This went brilliantly well. In spite of not so great weather. Participating gardens reported visitor numbers up by 50-100% on last year, and 649 maps were sold. Huge congratulations to Jo and her team on a very successful project.

**PEAK DISTRICT BOUNDARY WALK GRAND OPENING 17TH JUNE** Highlights of the day were the walker send-off (complete with horse and rider) and the gathering of mayors and other dignitaries from all around the region, who enjoyed a picnic lunch on the market place, thanks to the generosity of local businesses. We had an extended market, musical entertainment all day and lots of fun activities for people of all ages. There was only one problem - it was too hot! How often do we get to say that? A massive thank you to Tina and her team for all the work they put in to make this such a success.

**OPERATION ASHWOOD PARK** A team of stalwarts turned out on 3rd June and did lots of clearing and weeding, and we were out again on 30th June for the Derbyshire Wildlife Trust Day, and cleaned off the old bandstand base - we're going to do something interesting with it! And you may have seen Tarmac's sculpture of a quarryman, there are plans to do a landscaping job around that soon. There's more working parties planned, if you'd like to get involved, get in touch with Richard - [richard.lower2@gmail.com](mailto:richard.lower2@gmail.com)

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](#), and specifically for upcoming events, don't forget the diary - <http://buxtontownteam.org/calendar/> If you have a Town Team event that you want to add to the calendar, please email [diary@buxtontownteam.org](mailto:diary@buxtontownteam.org)

Hope to see you soon,  
Janet, Tina, Andy, John and Matthew,  
Your Town Team Communications Team