

## HELLO AGAIN MEMBERS OF BUXTON TOWN TEAM

The month of May whistled past in a bit of a blur, here we are in June and officially summer already (though the weather might make it seem otherwise). There is as always lots going on, so here's a quick update and an invitation to get involved in events coming up soon.

### 1. IDEAS & VISION GROUP MEETING, TUESDAY 10TH JUNE, 7:30PM IN THE BUCKINGHAM HOTEL

This is **the Monthly Meeting of the Town Team** - all the ideas get discussed here, we agree on priorities, and set up the project team that actually get things done. This month we will be looking at the full list of ideas, hopefully adding some new ones, maybe parking others, and getting some actions on the go. Plus a bit of a brainstorm on events and decorations for Christmas with Buxton Sparkles. If you don't already get the agenda and meeting notes, please let us know and we will send them. We look forward to seeing you.

### 2. ARTISAN MARKET TRIALS

The first trial is this **SATURDAY 7TH JUNE in Spring Gardens**, the second will be on **SATURDAY 5TH JULY on the Market Place**. Both run from 10am-4pm.

The markets are being organised by The Market Co (the team who have been running successful Artisan Markets in various Cheshire towns for the last three years), the Town Team are facilitating and with help from the University of Derby, evaluating them. If (as hoped) the markets become a regular feature, we want to ensure the most benefit to residents and businesses in Buxton. So we'd encourage all of you to come to the markets and let us know what you think.

Plus if you could spare us an hour or so, we are looking for **volunteers to staff a Buxton Town Team Stall** at both markets, let us know if you can help.

### 3. BUXTON ILLUSTRATED MAP



One of our earliest projects was to commission an artistic map of the town, which incorporates key points in the town's history, buildings and people. **The map is now complete and on sale**, as a full colour A1 sized poster. Our thanks to the artists (Zoe Badger, Thomas Hope, Martin Olsson, Lucy Brockman, Kate Aimson, Doug Agnew and Claire Barone).

If you'd like a copy, the poster costs £12, or you can have it ready-to-hang in a black glazed frame for £40. **Email us or call Philip on 01298 214571**, or pick one up at either of the Artisan Markets.

### 4. TALKING SIGNPOSTS

You may remember the trial project during the festival Fortnight last year, you may even have been one of the 'talking signposts', helping visitors find their way and get the best from the town. A group of us met up a couple of weeks back and collected lots of ideas on how to expand the idea this summer - longer time period, additional locations, guided tours of key buildings - and are now shaping these into a project proposal. We will be looking for volunteers, both to join the project planning team, and to help out over the summer, if you are interested in either **please get in touch with Tina -**

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### 5. BUXTON IN BLOOM



We've entered the **East Midlands in Bloom competition**, for the first time in five years, and a small team is busy producing for the judges' visit in July. Alongside this is the Local Competition, and entries have been flooding in (for Best Front Garden/Hanging Basket/Pub or Hotel/Commercial Premises/Street) but **it isn't too late** to take part, or to nominate someone else. **The closing date is 27th June.**

**[You can download the entry form here.](#)**

## 6. ATCM 'TOWN TEAM OF THE YEAR' AWARD

The Association of Town and City Management hand out a number of awards each year, there's [more information about this on their website](#). We had our arms twisted into applying for 'Town Team of the Year', duly filled out the application form, and found that actually this was a useful exercise, looking back on what we'd achieved in our first eighteen months and explaining our approach to things. We'll try and get the application posted on the website soon. We don't know exactly how many other Town Teams applied but anyway - **we have been shortlisted**, alongside Cookstown, Maryport and Sevenoaks. We find out whether or not we've won at a shindig in Dundee on the 26th of June. Keep your fingers crossed for us please.

## 7. BUSINESS RESEARCH PROJECT

Transition Buxton has been working on an '**Economic Blueprint for Buxton**' - a thorough assessment of current economic activity as a means to identify opportunities to strengthen the local economy. Part of this involves **a survey of local businesses**, if you are involved in such, we'd encourage you to spend a few moments completing the questionnaire via this link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/Q67F6H5>  
Please feel free to share this link with other local businesses.

All the best for now, next update in about a month - unless something urgent crops up before then.

Janet, Joe, John, Rachel, Richard, Roddie, Sarah and Tina

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.