

Hello again Buxton Town Team members.

Another month gone by, take no notice of the snow this morning, spring really is on the way. So as always there's lots of activity for you to join in with:

SATURDAY 4th MARCH, 10am-12pm **THE SLOPES CARE TEAM**

The team are coming to the end of their moss cleaning phase now, but there's still a bit to do, and everyone is welcome to join in. If you can't make this Saturday, other dates in March are: **Thursday 9th March, Saturday 18th March, Thursday 23rd March, all 10am-12pm**. We do have some tools, but if you have a favourite barrow, scraper or wire brush, please bring it along. Jim is in discussion with HPBC about what other work needs doing, such as refurbishing benches, so watch this space. For more information please get in touch with Jim - jim.lowe54@yahoo.com

SUNDAY 5th MARCH, A DOUBLE TREBLE BILL!! **ASHWOOD PARK 10:00am-12:00noon**

Continuing the great work that's been done over the last two years opening up the park, the focus is on lopping, pruning, trimming and clearing rubbish. Meet by the bridge below the Wye Bridge, where the two rivers converge. Dress up warmly and wear gloves and stout footwear; we have some tools but feel free to bring your favourite secateurs, loppers or bow saw. More information from Richard - richard.lower2@gmail.com

LITTER PICKING WALK - 11am-1pm

Our regular monthly outing to tidy up whichever area of the town most needs it. Meet at the Morrisons of Ashwood Park, for a clean up round there, along Dukes Drive and up towards Staden. Dress up warmly 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

ASHWOOD PARK AGAIN 1:00pm-3:00pm

Whether you took a break for lunch, or went off litter picking, there's an afternoon session in the park, lopping, pruning etc. Meet by the upstream bridge again.
A special medal for anyone who manages to join in with all three sessions!

TUESDAY 14th MARCH, 7:30pm, UNIVERSITY DOME **IDEAS & ACTION MEETING**

Our main monthly get together, which everyone is welcome to attend. All this work we've been doing getting the Slopes and Ashwood Park into a better state, but we're aware that there are other places we haven't touched that are in an equally neglected state. Plus we've started to wonder how to manage the ongoing upkeep in the long term. It came up at the Townskeeping discussions in January, there are a few ideas floating around and it deserves a more in depth look, hopefully a Plan will emerge. There'll also be the usual updates on projects and town matters, please come along, maybe volunteer to help out with something. 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, don't forget the following:

TUESDAY 11th APRIL, 7:30pm, VENUE tba **GENERAL MEETING**

No Ideas Meeting in April, instead we will have the General Meeting for all our members - a full report on activities and finances for 2016, a chance to ask questions, meet other members and generally get involved. Formal notifications will go out in late March, but please put the date in your diary now. Just one other thing - we are looking for a couple of new directors to replace people who have moved or have reached the end of their term; if you think you might be interested, or want to suggest someone else, please get in touch with Roddie - roddievm@me.com

TUESDAY 25TH APRIL - BUXTON RAILINGS CLEAN

This will involve all the local schools, as well as students from Buxton & Leek College and the University. If you could help with either the advance planning or on the day, Suzanne would love to hear from you - suzannepearson.art@googlemail.com

MONDAY 1ST MAY - BUXTON SPRING FAIR

Applications are open and starting to come in, so please make sure you spread the word to all your contacts - clubs, charities, traders, community groups etc are all welcome to take stall space and we're always on the lookout for musicians, dance groups and other performers. For more information or to get involved please contact Richard or Linda - richard.lower2@gmail.com or springfair@buxtontownteam.org

WEEKEND 10TH & 11TH JUNE - BUXTON GARDEN TRAIL 2017

If you have a garden you love and want to show off to visitors from all over the country, this is your chance. To be included, or for more information generally, get in touch with Jo - joanddaveholdway@gmail.com

SATURDAY 17th JUNE - PEAK DISTRICT BOUNDARY WALK LAUNCH EVENT

Plans are coming along well, invitations are going out to local community groups, businesses, civic dignitaries and more, and we'll be signing up traders and organisations for the special outdoor activities market soon. If you'd like to help out with the planning and organising, or for more information, get in touch with Tina - heathcote.foxlow@btinternet.com

BUXTON IN BLOOM

Great news, a team has come together, the project proposal has been written and the project will be going ahead again this year after all. We'll have application forms in the next few weeks, so get those gardens and hanging baskets sorted - the theme is 'very, very vibrant and hot, hot, hot!' - and start dreaming up places you could install a few flowerpot people. As well as the horticultural side of things we'll also be organising some craft sessions to make decorations for the town. For more information or to get involved, contact Viv - just4viv@hotmail.com

There's still some other projects we'd like to see go ahead though, if someone would just step forward to make them happen:

PROJECT LEADERS WANTED!!

EAST MIDLANDS IN BLOOM: Previously part of Buxton in Bloom, but if it's to happen this year it will be run separately. Entering Buxton in the East Midlands in Bloom competition involves organising and hosting the judges' visit in July and pulling together a portfolio of everything horticultural, community and sustainable that has happened in the town in the last 12 months - lots of town team projects but also initiatives by Buxton Civic Association, Transition Buxton, the Serpentine Community Farm, Fairfield Community Wildlife, University of Derby, churches, gardening groups, schools, businesses etc.

BUXTON SPRING CLEAN: While we're on top of the litter-picking now, a lot of the signage and street furniture around town is looking decidedly grim. We need another 'grot-spotting' exercise to identify what needs doing, set a date for the clean, recruit helpers via our huge network of businesses and sister organisations, gather together the cleaning materials and allocate jobs to the hoards who turn up on the day.

TALKING SIGNPOSTS: Visitors to the town love having a real person to talk to, who knows the town and can point them to things they might otherwise miss. We need someone to co-ordinate the volunteers over the summer (we use a doodle-poll so it's not onerous) and to keep them motivated, and supplied with town guides, tabards, signs and badges.

If you think any of these sounds like your sort of thing, please volunteer your help. They're all projects we've run before, so the templates are there, and there will be lots of help and support. Get in touch and we'll talk you through what's involved - townteam@buxtontownteam.org

LAST BUT NOT LEAST - APTT GROUP

Ever since last March, a group of us have been working on the ideas that came out of the Buxton on the Move Conference. That's now been formalised as the Access, Parking, Traffic & Transport Group, there's more detail on the website - <http://buxtontownteam.org/working-on/buxton-on-the-move/> One small thing we picked up on is that most of Buxton's car parks weren't showing up at all on Google Maps, so visitors had no idea where to go when they arrived. We've managed to get them all marked now, but most don't show up until you zoom right in.

Apparently the way to improve this is for people to review them - which is **where you come in. Please go to www.google.co.uk/maps/** and type Buxton in the search box, zoom in till you find a car park (especially Wye Street/Spring Gardens, Sylvan Park or Market Street), click on its name and then, in the left hand panel, on Write Review. Ideally say something nice and give it a few stars. Thank you!

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/>

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