

Hello again Buxton Town Team members.

Another month gone by and lots has been happening and more's coming up soon. First things first:

BUXTON TOWN TEAM CIC GENERAL MEETING - ADJOURNMENT

TUESDAY 16TH May, 7:00pm, UNIVERSITY DOME

The meeting on 11th April took place, and those present enjoyed hearing all about our achievements in 2016. Unfortunately though, we were just short of being quorate, so all the 'business', ie approval of last year's minutes and voting on the resolutions, had to be adjourned. For everyone's convenience it was decided to adjourn to the next open meeting date in the diary, which is the May Ideas & Action Meeting. Proxy forms for the 11th April meeting are valid for the adjournment, so there's no need to send in another one if you can't attend. We will hold the adjourned General Meeting at 7pm (or 7:30pm if we are again not quorate, as allowed for in the Articles) and then move on to Ideas & Action (see below).

Moving on to other dates for your diary:

MONDAY 1ST MAY, ALL DAY, ALL OVER TOWN

BUXTON SPRING FAIR

It's here! The big event of the year, and (dare I say it?) the weather forecast is looking pretty OK. We have over 140 stalls booked in (a bit down on last year's high, so we've been able to allow people a bit more space) with music and entertainment all day at Hardwick Street (by Argos), The Crescent (Old Hall end) and outside the Town Hall. So once again the town will be buzzing and we hope everyone has a fantastic day. There's details of the programme and the usual Fair Map on the [Facebook page](#). We are a bit short of marshals, so if you could help out, especially from 7:45 to 10am, Roddie would be very pleased to hear from you - roddievm@mac.com

THURSDAY 4th MAY, 10am-12pm

THE SLOPES CARE TEAM

The team have been out throughout April, carrying on with the weeding, pruning, cleaning etc, and now have permission to (very carefully!) clean the moss off the urns. We're also hoping that we'll be able to arrange for the benches to be varnished and painted soon. If you can't make next Thursday, other dates in May are: **Saturday 13th May, Thursday 18th May, Saturday 27th May, 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

SUNDAY 7th MAY, 11am-1pm

LITTER PICKING WALK

Our regular monthly outing to tidy up whichever area of the town most needs it. This month it is the end of Ashwood Park and the steps up to Fairfield again, so meet at the Morrisons end of the park. 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

TUESDAY 16TH May, 7:00pm, UNIVERSITY DOME

IDEAS & ACTION MEETING

The main topic this month will be two linked presentations - Vision Buxton's proposal to set up a Business Improvement District (they've commissioned a feasibility study) and The Local Plan and Neighbourhood Planning. As well as that we'll have the usual update on projects, and expect to have two new project proposals to talk through: **Market Place Improvements** - thanks to a donation of £500 from the University of Derby, we are drawing up plans to install planters with attractive flowering plants and greenery; **Cemex Volunteer Project** - Cemex have a programme whereby all their staff do a day's community work every year, which adds up to a lot of volunteer hours, and we're working with them to develop a plan of activities which will bring big improvements to Buxton.

WEEKEND 10TH & 11TH JUNE, 10am - 5pm

BUXTON GARDEN TRAIL 2017

The list of gardens has been finalised (there are loads of them!) and the maps will be on sale towards the end of May. Put the date in your diary, and spend a happy weekend looking round some of Buxton's loveliest gardens, and enjoying the music, art and refreshments on offer in many of them. Don't forget that the date was chosen to coincide with the RHS Show at Chatsworth, and there will also be a special plant and garden section on Buxton Market on the Saturday. For more information get in touch with Jo - joanddaveholdway@gmail.com or to have a stall on the Saturday market contact Peter - peter@buxtonmarkets.co.uk

SATURDAY 17TH JUNE, 9am - 8pm **PEAK DISTRICT BOUNDARY WALK GRAND OPENING**

This is going to be another Big Event! We'll have an extended market all day and into the evening, with an outdoor activities theme as well as lots of food and drink sellers. Music and dancing on the Town Hall front. Different groups of walkers will be completing each of the 20 stages of the walk during the day, and we'll be tracking their progress through the day on the Market Place. There'll be a send-off for them at 10am, the walk will be formally opened at noon, then all the walkers will be welcomed back to Buxton at 6pm for a celebratory party. If you'd like to help out with the event in Buxton, please get in touch with Tina - heathcote.foxlow@btinternet.com If you'd like to walk one of the twenty stages of the walk as part of the 'first footers' team, please contact Julie - julie@cprepeakandsyorks.org.uk Or just put the date in your diary, invite all your friends and come along to enjoy the festivities.

OPERATION ASHWOOD PARK

Our friends from the Community Payback team did a fantastic job painting a good stretch of railings along the river bank - they'll hopefully be back soon to do the rest of them. We have a volunteer with a metal detector to locate the buried drain covers (thank you Thomas!) and we have a tree surgeon lined up to cut back the yews. There's also rumours of an interesting sculpture being erected in the park at some stage ... Work will start again in earnest once we've got past the Spring Fair - more clearing of saplings and brambles, path edging, river clearing and more. If you'd like to get involved please get in touch with Richard - richard.lower2@gmail.com

BUXTON IN BLOOM

Entry forms for the Bloom competitions are out and about or you can download them from [the website](#). The theme is Very Very Vibrant and Hot Hot Hot! and you can enter for: Best Garden; Best School Garden; Best Hanging Basket(s) or Planter(s); Best Flowerpot Person(s). We're planning on having extra flowerpot people out and about in shops and in the public spaces, and there will be a Flowerpot Person Trail Map so you can go round and visit them all. Viv is organising workshops to make flowerpot people and other decorations. We're also encouraging people to adopt a patch of ground that needs tidying and planting, if you see anywhere you think needs attention and could help provide that, please get in touch. More information on all of this from Viv - just4viv@hotmail.com
Oh and the planters for the back of The Springs and the Crescent are being planted up and should be out in position soon ready for the summer.

In other news:

BUXTON RAILINGS CLEAN, 25TH APRIL

This went brilliantly! While this is a Town Team project, it is largely organised by the Buxton & Leek College Public Service students. Over 400 schoolchildren took part, with great enthusiasm, taking responsibility for keeping their town clean and tidy - large sections of the railings are looking hugely better as a result. The tradition railings day blizzard conveniently came through at lunchtime when everyone was taking a break. Thanks to everyone who helped organise the day and to all the children who did such a great job.

Last but not least ...

APTT GROUP - COACHES AND CAR PARKS

Remember last year's Catching Coaches survey? We're still collecting data on coaches that come to Buxton, so please, when you're out and about, if you see a coach parked up, let us know by filling in the survey at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/PT9LVBS> or email us the information (photo plus time and date) to coachsurvey@buxtontownteam.org

Also a reminder that we can improve the visibility of Buxton's car parks if people 'review' them on google maps. 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, 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/> And if you have a Town Team event that you want to add to the calendar, please email diary@buxtontownteam.org

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