

Hello again Buxton Town Team members,

Another month has gone and it's nearly November, so here is your monthly update on Town Team news and events.

### **ARTISAN MARKET**

#### **SATURDAY 1ST NOVEMBER, 10am-4pm, ON THE MARKET PLACE**

Last month's Artisan Market sadly had to be cancelled due to very high winds. The forecast for this weekend is much better, no hurricanes and maybe even a bit of sunshine, so don't miss it this month. Loads of good things on offer.

We really want the market to be a success, and are helping in whatever way we can. This includes having 'Talking Signposts' out on Artisan Market days, to direct people, hand out leaflets and encourage them up the hill. If you could help with this please let Tina know - [heathcote.foxlow@btinternet.com](mailto:heathcote.foxlow@btinternet.com)

Plus we will be having a Town Team stall again, and could really do with a couple of extra people to help staff this in the afternoon. If you could help for an hour or two, Philip would be delighted to hear from you - [treasurer@buxtontownteam.org](mailto:treasurer@buxtontownteam.org).

### **IDEAS & VISION MEETING**

#### **MONDAY 10TH NOVEMBER 7:30 PM IN THE BUCKINGHAM HOTEL**

The main topic this month will be Communications. Involving you, the membership, in Town Team activities is absolutely key to getting things done, but how best to do this? We do want your views, so if you haven't already filled out the survey please do it now - <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/WJGNFWJ> We'll share the results of this, and also some rather wonderful 'vox pops' that the team have been collecting around town. Plus of course there will be the usual updates on projects, and some new ideas to talk through - restoring Ashwood Park, planting bulbs and wildflower areas, making the Railway Station more welcoming ... All of these projects need people to work up the detail and help make them happen, so please come along and get involved. If you don't already get the full agenda and notes of the meetings just let us know so we can add you to that list.

### **TOWN TEAM MERCHANDISE - THE MAP, THE TEA-TOWEL, NOW THE JIGSAW**

You've seen the Illustrated Map created by local artists, and the Tea-towel featuring the gorgeous view down Hall Bank - the latest offer is the Illustrated Map available as a jigsaw. Perfect as Christmas gifts (and Christmas is frighteningly close!) or just as a treat for yourself. They'll all be available on the Town Team stall on Saturday, as well as in selected retailers around the town, or contact [treasurer@buxtontownteam.org](mailto:treasurer@buxtontownteam.org). All proceeds go towards projects to benefit Buxton.

### **MARKET PLACE DECORATIONS**

Our small but dedicated team of bottle-cutters have met a couple of times, and produced a veritable flock of snow-birds to hang in the Market Place and on the Slopes, and maybe elsewhere if we can produce enough of them. It would be nice to add other festive shapes as well, but we do need more helpers, especially as we want to get them hung in place to coincide with the Christmas Lights switch-on on 21st November. It's a fun way to spend a winter evening, everyone is welcome, so do join us - no previous experience required, we will show you how! Next cutting session is Monday 3rd November 7:30pm in the Buckingham Hotel, all welcome. For more information contact Tina - [heathcote.foxlow@btinternet.com](mailto:heathcote.foxlow@btinternet.com) Longer term, there's a small group working on ideas for planters, benches and other features to make the area generally more attractive. Let Mike know if you'd like to help with this - [mike.f.badman@gmail.com](mailto:mike.f.badman@gmail.com).

## **MORE ON THE MARKET**

Another small group has been exploring ideas to regenerate the regular market, looking at what has been done in Matlock for instance and talking to other market operators. HPBC have just announced a tender exercise to outsource operation of all the High Peak markets, so we may well be putting in a bid as part of that - more on this very soon. If you have ideas of your own, or would like to get involved in this project, let us know.

## **MORE ON THE NESTLE SITE DEVELOPMENT**

In a joint meeting with Vision Buxton, four Town Team directors have now met with developers CPG. Both Vision Buxton and Buxton Town Team want to see any development have as positive an impact on the town as possible. CPG are clearly doing their best to put together a supermarket scheme which meets Nestle's requirements and addresses the inevitable issues this raises, but it was disappointing to find that other options have not been explored. The scheme as presented (a supermarket, 6 shop units, 54 bed hotel) was said to be largely as it will be submitted to the planners. It was useful to gain a greater understanding of these proposals but any formal comment will have to wait until we see the detail of the planning application. Meanwhile we do have print-outs of the materials presented at the Old Hall, get in touch if you want to see these or discuss the issues.

## **MORE ON THE CRESCENT DEVELOPMENT**

The Heritage Lottery Fund will be making up their minds very soon about whether to make extra funding available. They came to Buxton a week or so back, and will be here again this week. Whatever your views on the somewhat chequered history of this project, or the detail of the proposals, this has to be the best chance we've got of bringing an iconic building back into use, and seeing it restored for future generations. The HLF need to hear that people in the town care about the Crescent and are looking to them to make this a reality. Please send urgent expressions of support via Richard Tuffrey at High Peak Borough Council - [richard.tuffrey@highpeak.gov.uk](mailto:richard.tuffrey@highpeak.gov.uk).

Don't forget there's always more information about what the Town Team has been doing on the [website](#) and on our [Facebook page](#).

That's it for now, hope to see you soon,  
Janet, Tina, Andy and John,  
Your Town Team Communications Team