

Hello again Buxton Town Team members,

We've been lucky with the weather, a real extended summer, so we've made great progress gardening and painting on the Slopes and in Ashwood Park. There's been lots of planning too, for events between now and the year end, and of course looking further ahead to 2017. But what's in the diary for November?

SUNDAY 6TH NOVEMBER, 11AM-1PM

LITTER PICKING WALK

Our regular monthly outing to tidy up whichever area of the town most needs it. This month the team will meet at Cote Heath park, by the play area. The park itself needs a bit of attention as do some of the surrounding streets. Hoops, bags and litter-pickers are provided, please dress appropriately, wear sturdy footwear and bring gloves, a wheelbarrow is useful if you have one. If you fancy doing a bit of washing signs/phone boxes/bus shelters please bring mops, buckets and water. We're always on the lookout for places in need of attention, if you've a suggestion let Karen know - stoop.farm@btinternet.com - or ask her to add you to the circulation list so she can let you know where to meet up each time.

THURSDAY 10TH NOVEMBER, 7:30PM, UNIVERSITY DOME

IDEAS & ACTION MEETING

The main monthly gathering of the Town Team, which everyone is welcome to attend. This month, we'll be having an in depth look at communications - you obviously know about this newsletter, but there's the website (did you know it had a members' area?), facebook page, twitter, Flickr site, regular press releases, radio interviews, information leaflets, posters and fliers - there's a huge amount goes on behind the scenes! As well as bringing you up to speed on all that, we want your ideas on how we could do things better. As well as that there'll be the usual update on projects and what's going on in the town more generally. 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

THE SLOPES CARE TEAM - WEEKLY SESSIONS

There were another four sessions in October, including a mega-effort on the 22nd when we planted 5,000 crocus corms marking out the Buxton logo and 750 daffodil bulbs up the sides of the Avenue - huge thanks to everyone who helped with that. We're well on the way to finishing the path edging and trimming of overgrown tree bases, and we're keen to get it all done before winter sets in. So we'd love you to come along and join the team, it's fun, it's sociable and it's hugely rewarding! The next few sessions will be:

Saturday 5th November, Thursday 10th November, Saturday 19th November, Thursday 24th November, Saturday 3rd December - all 10am-12noon.

The session on Saturday 3rd December will be a bit special again, because that's the day when we'll be decorating the town for Buxton in Bloomin' Winter, so will decide which trees and lamp posts on the Slopes would benefit most from a bit of brightening up.

Come and find us, you can't miss us in our little blue jackets. We have quite a lot of tools, but feel to bring your own favourites along. More information from Jim - jim.lowe54@yahoo.com

ASHWOOD PARK GARDENING SESSIONS

Work continues - you'll have noticed the central beds have new topsoil and are ready for planting, and some of the bridges and railings have been painted too. Again there's lots needs doing before winter sets in so we'd love you to come and help out. Dates coming up are:

Wednesday 2nd November 1-3pm - planting bulbs and the central beds

Sunday 6th November 10-12am - pruning, river clearing, weeding, litter picking

Wednesday 9th November 1-3pm - planting central beds

Sunday 27th November 10-12am - pruning, river clearing, weeding, litter picking

For more information or to join the team, contact Claire - c.e.millard@sky.com

BUXTON IN BLOOMIN' WINTER

The idea is to decorate the whole of the town centre. We can only do it if lots of businesses, organisations, families and individuals each take charge of a small area. We've drawn up a list of places we'd like to see decorated, you'll find it here - <http://buxtontownteam.org/working-on/buxton-in-bloom-2016/buxton-bloomin-winter/> - check through the 'adopt a spot' list, choose which spot you'd like to take on, and let us know. Then get started making decorations. If you click on 'some ideas' there's a whole load of how-to sheets, for cheap or low cost things you can make, all tried and tested by the last Ideas Meeting.

There's a couple of workshops too (though there may be more dates to come):

Saturday 19th November - Make Your Own Traditional Christmas - St Anne's Community Centre, Hardwick St West, 2-4pm. Run by Transition Buxton, there'll be lots of mini-workshops, including a Town Team one on making decorations for Buxton in Bloomin' Winter.

Saturday 26th November - Willow Lantern Workshop - Railway Hotel, 10am-12:30pm and 1-4pm. Run by Buxton Sparkles, make your own willow lantern that you can then carry in the parade.

And then the big day:

Saturday 3rd December - Decorating Day and Christmas Carnival Parade - Decorate your adopted spot in the morning (or the previous week if that suits you better) then join us at 4:15pm for the Christmas Carnival Parade. Meet at the bottom end of Spring Gardens (Holker Road end) and we'll process along Spring Gardens, across Terrace Rd, up the Slopes, over the Market Place and along Fountain Street to the Pavilion Gardens, stopping at regular intervals to regroup and sing a few seasonal songs. There's a Pirates and Peter Pan theme, please dress up if the mood takes you, and bring your Buxton Sparkles willow lanterns or other festive lighting. More detail on all of this from Tina - heathcote.foxlow@btinternet.com.

Don't forget to take your decorations down after the New Year!

TOWN TEAM CALENDAR

All our events go on the calendar on the website - <http://buxtontownteam.org/calendar/> We'll still be sending out dates in the newsletter at the turn of each month, but sometimes events are arranged in between times and we don't find out till the newsletter has gone out. If you have a Town Team event that you want adding, let Matthew know on diary@buxtontownteam.org

That's all for now, there'll be more news and information next month. As ever there's more information about what the Town Team has been doing on the [website](#) and on our [Facebook page](#).

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