

Hello again Buxton Town Team members.

It's starting to feel very autumnal. There's still time before the end of the year though for lots of fun and interesting Town Team activities.

## **SUNDAY 5th NOVEMBER, 11am-1pm** **LITTER PICKING WALK**

Our monthly outing to whichever area of the town most needs attention. This month it's the Station Road area, so please meet in the car park behind Waitrose, near the Aldi crossing. 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. For more information or to suggest a site for tidying up next month, please contact Karen - [stoop.farm@btinternet.com](mailto:stoop.farm@btinternet.com)

## **SATURDAY 11th NOVEMBER, 10am-12pm** **THE SLOPES CARE TEAM**

New volunteers are always welcome. We do have some tools, but if you have a favourite barrow, lawn edger, trowel or pair of secateurs please bring it along. If you can't make next Saturday, other dates this month are: **Thursday 16th November, Saturday 24th November and Thursday 30th November, all 10am-12pm**. The team are currently engaged in tree pruning, weeding, edging and general maintenance, but are hoping to do some cleaning and repainting of the railings round the war memorial soon. They're also looking at occasional 'trips out' to other green patches in the town that need attention. For more information please get in touch with Jim - [jim.lowe54@yahoo.com](mailto:jim.lowe54@yahoo.com)

## **WEDNESDAY 15th NOVEMBER, 7:30pm, UNIVERSITY DOME** **IDEAS & ACTION MEETING**

The monthly gathering of the Town Team, open to all, when we catch up on all the projects and talk through ideas for new ones. At the last meeting we looked at the process for setting up and running successful projects and at some of the suggestions that came out of our July meeting walkabout in lower Buxton. Some of these will hopefully be developed into a formal project proposal soon. This month John Bishop will be giving a presentation on a novel approach to town planning. He has worked with very young children in the UK, Italy and Scandinavia, getting their perspective on their town and how to improve it. Could this work for Buxton? Come along and see if you think so! If you aren't on the list to receive the agenda and notes of the previous meeting do let us know and we'll add you - [townteam@buxtontownteam.org](mailto:townteam@buxtontownteam.org)

## **BUXTON IN BLOOMIN' WINTER EVENTS**

### **MONDAY 6th AND MONDAY 13th NOVEMBER, 7-9pm, HARTINGTON GARDENS**

We need quality bow tie-ers and star makers to make decorations for the Christmas trees and anywhere else we can safely put them. Please bring scissors and any spare elastic bands you may have. Use the entrance from Fountain Street, up the ramp - the door can't be opened from outside, so please knock!

### **TUESDAY 21st NOVEMBER, DAYTIME, AROUND TOWN**

Help needed to fix bows to the town Christmas trees.

### **WEDNESDAY 27th NOVEMBER (tbc)**

Helpers needed to put up bunting and stars around town.

For more information about any of the above contact Tina - [heathcote.foxlow@btinternet.com](mailto:heathcote.foxlow@btinternet.com) or call 01298 24219.

### **SATURDAY 18th NOVEMBER, 1:30-4pm, ST. ANN'S CENTRE, HARDWICK SQUARE WEST**

We're also running a workshop at the Transition Buxton Traditional Christmas event, making decorations out of recycled materials. We could do with a couple more helpers, but we'd also be delighted to have you come along and make decorations to put up around the town. More information from Janet - [townteam@buxtontownteam.org](mailto:townteam@buxtontownteam.org) or call 01298 71041.

### **SATURDAY 2nd DECEMBER, 4:15-6pm, BUXTON SPARKLES' LANTERN PROCESSION**

Meet near Boots the Chemist in Spring Gardens, people will gather at 4:15pm so the procession can set off at 4:30pm. We need people to help generally with carrying lighted umbrellas, collecting up lanterns, handing out song sheets and so on, plus we need your singing voice! Dressing up (theme is a search to

find Sleeping Beauty) is not compulsory, but definitely encouraged.

In advance of this, Buxton Sparkles are running two **lantern making workshops**, on **Saturday 25th November, 10am-3:30pm at Buxton Museum and Art Gallery**, and on **Wednesday 29th November, 6-8pm, in the University Dome**.

For more information contact Andrea - [andrea.mary.lewis@gmail.com](mailto:andrea.mary.lewis@gmail.com)

And in other news:

### **ASHWOOD PARK**

The team have been mainly working in the Morrisons end of the park, which had been left to itself and become overgrown and a bit of a 'waste-ground'. Trees have been pruned, rubbish cleared and the visibility through to the woodland opened up. After a number of days clearing nettles, brambles, ivy and other undergrowth to prepare the ground, a total of 5,350 bulbs (350 kindly donated by Morrisons Supermarket) have been planted. They are English Bluebells, Wood Anemones, Wild Garlic, Wild Daffodils and Winter Aconites, which should naturalise and create an enduring, beautiful springtime display. Thank you to everyone who has helped; if you're interested in joining the team contact Richard - [richard.lower2@gmail.com](mailto:richard.lower2@gmail.com).

### **CHRISTMAS LIGHTS**

Congratulations to Buxton WI who have, so far, raised over £800 towards lights on The Slopes. Many thanks also to those businesses who have contributed to lights for Spring Gardens and elsewhere. The town is going to be so much brighter this Christmas!

### **ACCESS, PARKING, TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT GROUP**

The group have set up a 'Steering Group' with officers from DCC and HPBC and have started working on a Whole Town Travel Plan for Buxton. One aspect of this work will be a survey of residents' habits for getting around, and we'll be needing your help with this. More information soon.

### **BUXTON MARKETS**

They had a very successful Halloween event last Tuesday, their next special event is the **Christmas Market on 16th December**, opening late. Regeneration of the market, by setting up Buxton Markets CIC, was a key town team project, please support them.

### **PEAK DISTRICT BOUNDARY WALK**

The guidebook has been shortlisted for the Great Outdoors 2017 Book of the Year! You can vote for it at [www.tgomagazine.co.uk/awards/](http://www.tgomagazine.co.uk/awards/) - but only till 15th November, so don't leave it too late. There are also some Peak District shops and cafes up for different awards, have a browse.

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/> If you have a Town Team event that you want to add to the calendar, please email [diary@buxtontownteam.org](mailto:diary@buxtontownteam.org)

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