

Hello again Buxton Town Team members,

What happened? Summer unexpectedly came back, and we've had a lovely September, by and large. So lots of opportunities to work on the Slopes, and in Ashwood Park the team seized the chance to do lots of work cleaning and painting bridges, as well as fettling more benches. Meanwhile we had the results of the Buxton in Bloom and East Midlands in Bloom competitions, details of both are on the website - <http://buxtontownteam.org/working-on/buxton-in-bloom-2016/>.

The lovely weather won't last though, so the bunting and the towers of bikes have all been taken down and stored till next year. And we've started planning for winter - see below for our latest exciting new project. There's lots to look forward to between now and the end of the year!

SUNDAY 2ND OCTOBER, 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 in Ashwood Park, at the Morrisons end near the steps up to Fairfield. Hoops, bags and litter-pickers are provided, please dress appropriately, wear sturdy footwear and bring gloves, a wheelbarrow is useful if you have one. 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.

WEDNESDAY 12TH OCTOBER, 7:30PM, GREEN MAN GALLERY IDEAS & ACTION MEETING

The main monthly gathering of the Town Team, which everyone is welcome to attend. This month, we have a brand new project that needs your input - Buxton in Bloomin' Winter. The idea is to decorate the whole town for winter, but with decorations that work in daytime as well as at night - so greenery and ribbons, stars, snowbirds and the like, plus we'll get the flowerpot people back out again in their winter wear. We want your ideas for other cheaply made decorations; your thoughts on places that need decorating; your suggestions of organisations that might like to take on responsibility for decorating specific areas of the town. Plus we need you to test out the templates that we plan to send out to them. And of course we'll bring you up to date with other 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

Since the start of August the team have put in nearly 90 person-hours and are about half way through the edging, weeding and tree-trimming, so huge thanks to everyone who has helped with that. The places we've worked on look so much better now, and we've had masses of positive comments via Facebook and directly from people who come across us on the Slopes. 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 8th October, Thursday 13th October, Saturday 22nd October, Thursday 27th October, Saturday 5th November - all 10am-12noon.

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

The session on Saturday 22nd will be a bit special because the Rotary Club are giving us 5,000 purple crocus bulbs to plant to mark World Polio Day on the 24th, and the near-eradication of the disease worldwide. The significance of the colour is that in many places they dip a child's finger in purple ink to make sure they don't get vaccinated twice. The plan is to plant the bulbs at the bottom of the Slopes, where the floral clock used to be, to spell out Buxton, with a fountain coming out of the 'O'. It'll look brilliant come spring!

ASHWOOD PARK ONGOING GARDENING SESSIONS

There's still gardening, river clearing, bench painting and bridge clearing sessions in the park, and the park is looking ever better! Let Claire know if you want to join our team of regular volunteers - c.e.millard@sky.com

DATES FOR BUXTON IN BLOOMIN' WINTER

As above, we need your input at the Ideas Meeting. Some dates though have been set, so please put them in your diary:

Saturday 3rd December - Decorating Day and Christmas Carnival Parade - People will decorate their selected space in the morning (or the previous week if that suits) then we'll gather on Spring Gardens at 4:15pm. Peter Pan theme, dress up if the mood takes you. At 4:30pm we'll set off - along Spring Gardens, across Terrace Rd, up the Slopes, over the Market Place and along Fountain Street to the Pavilion Gardens. Buxton Sparkles will be providing willow lanterns for the parade and tea lights in the darker sections of the route. We'll stop at a number of places on the way to sing 'Buxtonised' seasonal songs.

Saturday 19th November - Make Your Own Christmas Workshop - St Anne's Community Centre, Hardwick St West, 2-4pm. Run by Transition Buxton, with ideas for seasonal gifts and decorations using recycled materials, including a Town Team workshop 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.

Saturday 7th January - The Great Buxton Undressing! Don't panic - it'll be far too cold for that! But we do need to take all the decorations down, and we're asking people to do it before this date.

More detail on all of this from Tina - heathcote.foxlow@btinternet.com.

TOWN TEAM CALENDAR

The Communications Team are always updating and improving the website, and the latest innovation is a calendar of events - <http://buxtontownteam.org/calendar/> You'll be able to check dates for meetings, work sessions and other events. Obviously we'll continue to send out dates in the newsletter at the turn of each month, but we'll also add in any new dates that are arranged in between times. If you have a date you want adding, let Matthew know on diary@buxtontownteam.org

Don't forget, one month to go:

CATCHING COACHES - WHENEVER YOU CAN, TO END OCTOBER

We're still collecting data, 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

Last but not least, some news from our In Support Projects, fledged projects and sister organisations:

FRIENDS OF BUXTON STATION

The illuminated fanlight has won First Prize in the Small Projects category of the Association of Community Rail Partnerships Awards. They win £250 to spend on yet more improvements to the station. Well done to all concerned.

BUXTON MARKETS REGENERATION

Having established a regular market, phase 2 of the markets development is starting - special add-ons to the Saturday markets. Every first Saturdays will be Craft, Quirky and Vintage, every third Saturday Food & Drink. Saturday 3rd December will be a special Christmas Market to coincide with the Christmas Carnival Parade, when they'll stay open to 8pm. Do please support the market, and if you know someone, or an organisation, that would like a stall, get in touch with admin@buxtonmarkets.co.uk. If you could spare a bit of time leafletting on market days - Tuesdays and Saturdays 10am-12pm - let Janet know - townteam@buxtontownteam.org.

THE BUXTON GROUP ARE CELEBRATING 25 YEARS!

Thursday 6th October, 7:30-9:30pm, in the Old Hall Hotel. Information and displays, all are welcome.

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