

Hello again Buxton Town Team members,

Where did the summer go? It's hard to believe it's already September! The Talking Signposts have packed away their maps and guide books, the Buxton in Bloom competition has been judged and the winners will be announced this Sunday. The year's not over yet though, there's still plenty of time to get out and have fun with some Town Team activities.

## **SUNDAY 4th SEPTEMBER, 11AM-1PM LITTER PICKING WALK**

Our regular monthly outing to tidy up whichever area of the town most needs it. This month we're meeting at the Railway Station and will have a good clean up around that side of the town. 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 a bit of sign cleaning, brushes, mops and some containers of water would also come in handy. We're always on the lookout for places in need of attention, if you've a suggestion let Karen know - [stoop.farm@btinternet.com](mailto: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.

## **THE SLOPES CARE TEAM**

Our latest project, and we've made a great start with five sessions so far. A good proportion of the paths have been edged and weeded, lots of walls cleaned of moss and a couple of trees looking a lot less hairy! Sessions in September will be:

**Saturday 10th September, Thursday 15th September, Saturday 24th September, Thursday 29th September - all 10am-12noon.**

Please come and help, we'd be delighted to see you. Meet at 10am on the Slopes, we start outside the Town Hall but 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](mailto:townteam@buxtontownteam.org)

## **TUESDAY 13TH SEPTEMBER, 7:30PM, GREEN MAN GALLERY IDEAS & ACTION MEETING**

The main monthly gathering of the Town Team, which everyone is welcome to attend. We manage to do a huge amount as a Town Team but we're very aware that this is limited only by how many volunteers we can get out there doing stuff. So this month, as well as the usual project updates, we'll have a bit of a brainstorm on what motivates people, and what we need to do to attract new volunteers and keep the ones we have feeling valued and enthusiastic. And 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](mailto:townteam@buxtontownteam.org)

## **SKILLS & RESOURCES SURVEY**

In parallel with this we want to find out what skills and experience people have, and what tools and equipment, that they'd be willing to offer to the Town Team to help with our projects. This could be anything from being willing to deliver leaflets around the town, to being a graphic designer, to having a fully kitted out engineering workshop. Please spend a few minutes to complete a very simple survey at <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/6VG3SKK>

## **ASHWOOD PARK ONGOING GARDENING**

There's still gardening, river clearing and bench painting sessions in the park, let Claire know if you want to join our team of regular volunteers - [c.e.millard@sky.com](mailto:c.e.millard@sky.com)

## **BUXTON IN BLOOMIN' WINTER**

There'll be more details soon, and a project proposal at the next Ideas Meeting - the idea is to extend the Buxton in Bloom concept right through the year, and get the town looking great through the winter as well as the summer. A key part of this is decorating it for christmas; we don't mean just lights, they're only any good in the dark and most people are around town in daylight. We want winter plants

in the baskets, bright and colourful decorations across town and best of all a Christmas Carnival parade on Saturday 3rd December, complete with fancy dress, sing-along and other entertainment. If you'd like to be involved in planning and organising this, Tina would love to hear from you - [heathcote.foxlow@btinternet.com](mailto:heathcote.foxlow@btinternet.com).

Meanwhile don't forget:

**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](mailto:coachsurvey@buxtontownteam.org)

**BUXTON MARKETS REGENERATION - LEAFLETTERS NEEDED**

Buxton Markets would still be very grateful if you could help out with a bit of leafletting on market days - Tuesdays and Saturdays 10am-12pm. Let Janet know if you'd be able to help - [townteam@buxtontownteam.org](mailto:townteam@buxtontownteam.org).

Last but not least, you might want to know about:

**HERITAGE OPEN DAYS 8TH-11TH SEPTEMBER**

All sorts of groups are doing all sorts of interesting things, for details check out the Visit Buxton website <http://www.visitbuxton.co.uk/heritage-open-days-september-8-to-11/>

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