BUXTON TOWN TEAM PROJECT PROPOSAL FORM

1. Name of Project: THE SLOPES CARE TEAM

2. Brief Description:

Form a group to look after The Slopes on a routine basis.

3. Aims:

(Specify exactly what the project is intended to achieve. This must fit in with Town Team objectives) The aims are:

- to enhance the impact and attractiveness of The Slopes
- to contribute to the Buxton in Bloom project
- to promote the work of Buxton Town Team
- to involve volunteers in taking positive action to improve the town
- to foster links with other organisations and volunteer groups in the town

4. Detail of what is involved:

(The more detail you can give the less chance of queries and consequent delay)

The group would meet on a regular basis, either monthly or fortnightly, to carry out maintenance work on the Slopes, including:

- weeding the paths, steps and edges
- picking up accumulated litter
- cutting back the grassed areas to keep the edging stones clear

The group could also in due course take on improvement jobs such as cleaning, repairing and painting/varnishing the benches; providing an information display for the meteorological station; in collaboration with HPBC Parks Dept, developing plans for interesting features on The Slopes.

5. Alternatives Considered:

(If there were other ways of going about the project, why did you reject those and choose this?) None considered.

6. Timescale:

(Specify start date, completion date and any particularly important dates along the way)

The project will start immediately, so as to take advantage of the summer weather. The main work of the summer months will be to clear the paths of weeds and cut back the grass to the edging stones. Progress will be reviewed in spring 2017, and a view taken on whether to develop the project by taking on additional work, or to continue routine maintenance as an ongoing activity, or to discontinue.

7. Expenditure:

(Give full breakdown of estimated costs, whether firm quotations or level of accuracy; indicate timing)

Some tools will be needed: 2 rotary lawn edgers and 2 long handled cutting blades - £50

Refurbishment of benches: paint and varnish - £30

Miscellaneous other items (wood, nails etc) - £20

Therefore total funding requested £100

Wherever local possible suppliers will be asked to consider donations in kind.

the tools could be used elsewhere eg at Ashwood Park.

8. Income:

(Is there any scope for generating revenue for the Town Team, if so please specify) None identified.

9. Other Organisations:

(If this is a joint project, what other organisations are involved and how?)

HPBC have indicated that they are happy for us to take on this work, and budget constraints and shortages of manpower mean they are not currently able to do it themselves.

We would look to work with other organisations such as Scouts and Guides, the Alderbrook Centre, Probation Service and others.

10. Funding offered from elsewhere:

(If other organisations are willing to contribute - how much, what for, any provisos?) None offered to date.

11. Project Team Leader: Jim Lowe

(The leader is responsible for delivering the project on time and within budget, and for regular progress reporting)

12. Other Project Team Members:

(List everyone who is working on this project, and their specific role if any)

So far Janet Miller, Lynda Barker, Phil Sutton; Roddie MacLean, Tina Heathcote have agreed to be involved. Other town team members will be recruited.

13. Skills Check:

(Refer to Appendix. List all the skills this project will need and indicate who on the team has them)

Press releases - Tina

Social media etc - Janet

Horticultural knowledge - Jim, Janet, Tina

Links with HPBC - Janet, Tina

Links with other organisations - Jim, Janet, Tina

14. Success Criteria:

(How will you measure the success of the project?)

All paths edged and weeded by the end of the autumn

Some progress is made on refurbishing benches

At least 10 maintenance sessions take place in the next 12 months

At least 20 Town Team members are involved in volunteering to take part Success engaging with other organisations to provide additional volunteers

Positive press coverage

Positive feedback from local and visitors

Positive, co-operative relationship with HPBC Parks staff

15. Any other Relevant Information:

The Slopes is a central element in the concept of Main Street, making it an interesting and attractive area that people want to go to is key to connecting Higher and Lower Buxton and the Pavilion Gardens.

Adopted	as	a	Town	Team	Project:
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Signed by

J. Estl

On behalf of the Town Team Board

Agreed Budget: £ 100

Date:

18/7/16