

Hello again Buxton Town Team members.

Oh my goodness, doesn't time fly!?! In less than four weeks it will be 2018 - so here's a last chance to cram in a few Town Team activities before we say goodbye to 2017.

THURSDAY 7th DECEMBER, 10am-12pm
THE SLOPES CARE TEAM

The team have been helping out with fixing the christmas lights on the Slopes, but are now back to routine tree pruning, weeding, edging and general maintenance. If you can't get along to help out tomorrow, other dates this month are: **Saturday 16th December, Thursday 21st December and Saturday 30th November, all 10am-12pm**. New volunteers are always welcome. We do have some tools, but if you have a favourite barrow, lawn edger, trowel, pair of secateurs or loppers please bring them along. For more information get in touch with Jim - jim.lowe54@yahoo.com

MONDAY 11th DECEMBER, 7:30pm, CHESHIRE CHEESE IDEAS & ACTION MEETING

The monthly gathering of the Town Team, but December is a bit different because it's Party Time. So we relocate to the Cheshire Cheese, and we'll look back on what we did in 2017. In fact, seeing as the Town Team has just passed the amazing milestone of Five Years, we'll look back on the last five years of achievements. And have a drink and a laugh and play a few games. If you haven't been very involved in Town Team activities before, this would be a really good opportunity to get to know other members and find out more about what we do and how much fun it all is! We'd love to see you, do please come along.

SUNDAY 7th JANUARY, 11am-1pm
LITTER PICKING WALK

Our monthly outing to whichever area of the town most needs attention. Ashwood Park, around Morrisons and the steps up to Fairfield are due for a bit of a clean up, so please meet at the Morrisons end of the park, near the bridge. 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

Now, for a bit of a look back on what's been going on:

BUXTON IN BLOOMIN' WINTER

Lots of fun evenings at Hartington Gardens produced the most enormous pile of sparkly silver triangles, these have now been fixed to the lamp posts through the town as well as the tops of the Christmas trees. The trees are also festooned in bright red bows, so they look lovely all day not just at night when the lights are on. Thanks to fundraising by Buxton WI and donations from various businesses in town, we've fixed lights in the trees along Spring Gardens and up the Slopes, as well as in the main Market Place tree - and the weather station on the Slopes is looking particularly lovely with twinkling lights, tinsel and flowers, thanks to sponsorship from Buxton Rotary Club. Various other organisations have joined in as they did last year to decorate specific places around the town, keep a look out and see how many you can spot; many thanks to all of them.

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

A truly magical event, and hugely enjoyable too - hundreds of people paraded through Buxton, many dressed for the occasion, searching for Sleeping Beauty and singing as they went. Rumour has it the prince found true love somewhere in the Pavilion Gardens - aaaah!

Last but not least, don't forget Buxton Markets' special **Christmas Market on 16th December**, open till 7pm. Buxton Markets is more than just a sister organisation, it's our baby, so please support them.

That's all for now, other than to wish you all a Wonderful Christmas and a Very Happy New Year.

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

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