

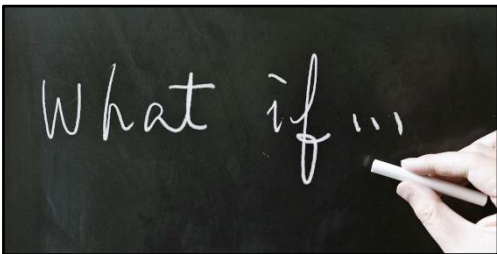
# Chairperson's Welcome

JEAN BALL, 6TH JANUARY 2021

## What if things turned out okay?

What if we make the changes required to restore the natural environment and our own wellbeing?

Can you imagine what life would be like in Buxton in 2030 if we spend the next 9 years positively changing how we operate collectively and individually?



It has been said that *'if you can't imagine it, you can't create it'*. So, let's take stock of where we are, imagine where we want to get to, then work out what we have to do to get there.

That's what we will be doing this spring.

First, we will work through the three stage process, as designed by the Transition Network UK, internally within Transition Buxton to create our vision and plan for the next few years. Then, building on the excellent Buxton 2020 work led by Buxton Town Team 5 years ago, we aim to engage the imaginations of as wide a range of Buxton stakeholders as we can to create a 2030 Vision for Buxton, and to set a route map for our community for the next 10 years that we can all support.

We hope that all our Members will participate in the internal sessions, two of which will largely replace the monthly Members evening meetings on Tuesday 11 February (What is) and 9 March (What next), with a session in-between on Saturday 27th February (2:30-5pm, What if), all on zoom. We know that this is quite a commitment in terms of time, but this is important and valuable work that is worth making the time for.

The whole town version, The Big Buxton Conversation, will all happen on one day with breaks, Saturday April 24, 10am to 3pm. We hope to be able to host this as a hybrid event with some people on site in a central Buxton venue and most participants via zoom. New Mills held a similar 'whole town conversation' just before the 1st lockdown last year which you can read about here:

<https://transitionnewmills.org/nm2030/>

Look for more information coming out on our website and Facebook page over the coming weeks and months.

# Transition Buxton

Towards a sustainable community

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### TRANSITION NETWORK UK SUMMIT

3rd – 20<sup>th</sup> March

Transition Network UK is hosting a summit with lots of webinars and online gatherings. You can register for free and attend any events which interest you. Visit <https://transition-bounceforward.org/what-next-summit-2021-save-the-date/> for more information.



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## THE MEAT-LESS REVOLUTION

Charles Huff

The vegan revolution is gaining momentum. Over 500,000 people signed up for this year's Veganuary, 100,000 more than last year. The Guardian newspaper reported that one in four Britons were planning to eat more vegan food at Christmas and supermarkets were reporting strong sales of alternatives to festive staples, with some "limited edition" alternatives to the turkey centrepiece selling out and they were right as when we went back to buy more there was none left.

This is fantastic news and highlights an area that Transition Buxton is keen to focus on more regularly in the future. We have, however had two excellent mini-seminars on the subject.

***Many surveys suggest that by far the largest way of reducing one's own carbon footprint is to stop, or greatly reduce, one's consumption of meat and animal products, particularly those from ruminants such as cows and sheep.***

There was a time, not long ago, when the great argument against a plant-based diet was that, "vegan food is bland". Sometimes it was true and, even today one can find unexciting meat-free food but one can also buy tasteless chicken and very dull pork pies.

The Internet and bookshops are now bursting with exciting vegan recipes and many of them are taste sensations and if you love the taste and texture of meat there are some remarkably good substitutes. For example one local supermarket sells a Steak Bake that is mouth-wateringly good and, if you love the taste of meat you could be easily fooled into thinking that is what you are eating. So if you have not yet been tempted, give meat-free a try, maybe join the veganuary revolution; it could help the climate and might even do you good.

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## DISPERSED COMMUNITY ORCHARD

Ben Evans

We are delighted to welcome Jasper Clements (pictured), age 14, to the Transition Orchard Care Team as part of his Duke of Edinburgh Award. Look out for more about our youngest active Member in a future Newsletter.

The picture is apple tree planting at Gadley Lane (one site of our 'dispersed' orchard) on 19th December 2020. We now have nine trees growing on this site, which is tended by Tree Guardians Dan Rhode and Robin Edwards.

Due to the risk of spreading infection, the four proposed Community Orchard working parties, the dates of which had been circulated previously, have been put on hold. Any comments or queries to [communityorchard@transtionbuxton.co.uk](mailto:communityorchard@transtionbuxton.co.uk)



## SUMMER BUXTON WILD WEEKS

w/c 24th May and w/c 5th July

Frances Sussex

There's something for everyone in our Buxton Wild Weeks Schools project, a collaboration with South West Peak and BCA Biodiversity Group planned for this summer.

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*During 2 separate weeks we will have a programme of online and practical activities to engage schools in learning about climate and the environment, wildlife habitats and biodiversity, and action to promote sustainability. The July week will also include community activities.*

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Both weeks will provide an opportunity to share our TB values in Buxton and I welcome your support in making this event a success.

Do email me and I can arrange a chat with you to explain more and see how you might like to get involved, whatever your time, interests, and skills. Our Buxton Wild Weeks Volunteers Zoom is on Weds 3rd Feb 7-8pm, please contact me for joining details.

## NEW CLIMATE YOUTH FORUM

Along with colleagues from other High Peak and Derbyshire Dales Environmental groups we have set up a Climate Youth Forum Supporters Group. We want to establish a Climate Youth Forum to enable young people to have a voice and representation on all issues relating to climate and the environment.

If you have any younger family members who would be interested in helping the formation of this group then please get in touch. At present everything takes place on Zoom.



## SCIENCE WEEK SOIL TESTING PROJECT

We are currently organising our Soil Testing Project with Serpentine Community Garden Society for Science Week in March, having received a £500 Grant from the British Science Association. The aim is to promote an understanding of the value of our soil and how it varies in different parts of Buxton. Participants will gain an appreciation of soil and understand how its pH level, composition and nutrients enable plant and vegetable growth.

I look forward to hearing from you about any of these projects or any other ideas you have about our Education Outreach in 2021.

Thank you, Frances Sussex  
[education@transitionbuxton.co.uk](mailto:education@transitionbuxton.co.uk)

## HARD TO RECYCLE PROJECT CELEBRATES SUCCESS

Over the 18 months it has been operating our project to increase the amount of waste recycled in Buxton has gone from strength to strength. We have increased both the number of collection points and the range of items recycled.

In early 2019 it came to our attention that some nearby groups had set up collection points for a number of items that are difficult to recycle. These are sent to TerraCycle, an innovative recycling company that recycles items that cannot be put in local recycling bins. We decided that this was something Transition Buxton would like to replicate here and this began a search for local businesses and organisations to host a set of recycling bins.

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*By the end of July 2019 we had a set of bins installed in the Sainsbury's branch in Higher Buxton and more recently we have added sets in Iceland and Morrisons. There are also sets of bins in the Dome and at the college's Leek campus and a number of local primary schools have also set up their own collection bins.*

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The full range of items we currently accept in our bins is listed on our website's recycling page. Items for recycling are sent off to Terracycle at regular intervals and the amounts sent are tallied. Towards the end of last year we realised that we had reached the following significant milestones:

- 100 kg crisp packets,
- 20 kg dental products,
- 20 kg Ella food pouches,
- 20 kg writing instruments,
- 8 kg biscuit wrappers,
- 5 kg confectionary wrappers,
- 1 kg cheese wrappers. (a recent addition to the range)

In the Autumn we also redeemed our first points awarded as a result of sending off waste shipments. We were pleased to be able to use these points to support the Serpentine Community Garden Society with a donation of £139.

## MINI SEMINAR SERIES

The mini seminars are free and open to all. To receive joining instructions, go to [Eventbrite.co.uk](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk), type in Transition Buxton to find our page, then register for the session(s) that you want to participate in. Any glitches or problems simply email [awareness@transitionbuxton.co.uk](mailto:awareness@transitionbuxton.co.uk)

All sessions are recorded and available for viewing afterwards.

## 19:30 11<sup>TH</sup> FEB: ZERO CARBON BRITAIN

This month we are delighted to welcome **Paul Allen** from the **Centre for Alternative Technology** (CAT) in Wales. Paul will be talking about the CAT Zero Carbon Britain plan, roadmap, and courses.



## 19:30 11<sup>TH</sup> MARCH: RECYCLING

Joel Rawlin from Alliance Environmental, the firm who handle most of the recyclable waste we generate locally on behalf the High Peak Borough Council area. Learn what actually happens to our 'recyclables', what happens if the wrong stuff gets in the mix, what change might be coming to a wheelie bin near you, and more. We know that recycling is not THE answer, but it is part of the solution, so let's do it as well as it is possible to do it.