

Thinking Caps On!



As you may know, Transition Buxton is part of the Transition Network. The Network has been awarded almost £6 million to invest. Although the details on timing, criteria, etc., are not yet public; they have given some indication of the broad areas they'd like to fund:-

<https://transition-bounceforward.org/growing-great-ideas-new-funding-announcement/>

So, we all need to get our thinking caps on. Perhaps Transition Buxton members could spare a few moments to have a look and consider what additional activities we might undertake with the support of this funding.

Better still, if you have an idea that you'd be prepared to invest some of your time to develop and deliver a proposal, so much the better. You can get in touch using:- contact@transitionbuxton.co.uk.

Ian Bowns, Chair



Towards a sustainable community

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Dates For Your Diary

Big Buxton Conversation Two: Mon, 8th Nov, 2:30-5:30pm, Methodist Church

Green Drinks: Wed, 17th Nov & Fri, 17th Dec, from 8pm, The Old Sun Inn:
<http://www.greendrinks.org/Derbyshire/Buxton>

Mini-Seminar: Thurs, 18th Nov, 7:30-8:30pm, 'Kermit was Right', Hybrid Pooles/Zoom

Members' Meetings: Thurs, 18th Nov & Tues, 11th Jan, 8:30pm, Hybrid Pooles/Zoom
members@transitionbuxton.co.uk

Plastic Clever Meeting: Wed, 24th Nov, 7:30pm
Zoom: plastic@transitionbuxton.co.uk

Inform & Inspire Meeting: Thurs, 25th Nov & Thurs, 27th Jan, 5:30 pm
Zoom: inspire@transitionbuxton.co.uk

Repair Café: Sat, 27th Nov & Sat, 22nd Jan, 10-2pm, Methodist Church

Year End Celebration: Tues, 14th Dec, 7:30-9:30pm, Green Man Gallery



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Big Buxton Conversation Two



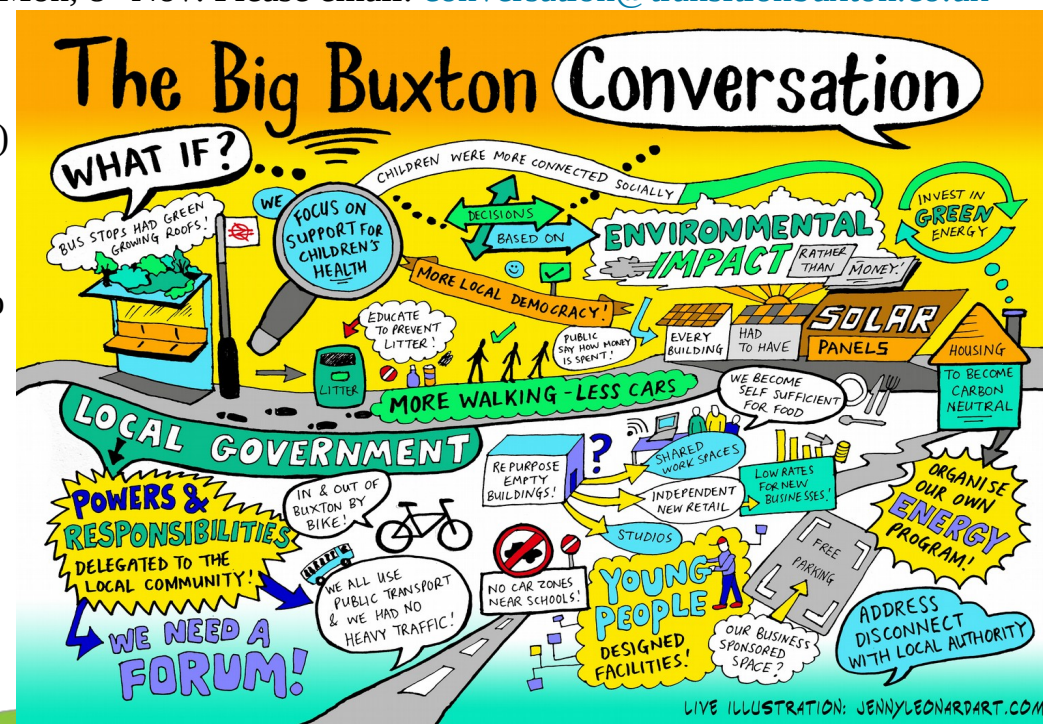
The first ever Big Buxton Conversation on Sat, 24th April 2021 was an inspirational experience for those who were able to participate. So much so that; along with our friends in Buxton Town Team, Vision Buxton, and BCA; we are hosting Big Buxton Conversation Two (BBC2) on **Mon, 8th November**.

The first session in April was forced online, so this next Conversation will be face to face. Indeed, we hope that these might become an annual gathering to ensure our community voices are heard and will influence how our town develops. The session in the Methodist Church on the Market Place on Monday, 8th November will build on the glorious ideas and themes that arose in the first session, but you don't have to have participated in April to join this session. BBC2 is free including goodies from Pig & Pepper Bakery at break time. We know that 2:30-5:30pm on a Monday afternoon may not be ideal for everyone, but our pre-

Christmas options were very limited. Please join us if you can. This is really valuable work which should not be underestimated. Our future is shared. Let's create it together. Everyone who lives, works, studies, owns property, or runs a business in Buxton is invited. We want to hear from you. Thanks to a small grant via the Transition Network UK and the National Lottery Community Fund we are able to offer some travel or childcare bursaries if you need support in order to attend at 2:30–5:30pm on Mon, 8th Nov. Please email: conversation@transitionbuxton.co.uk if this is support that you would like to access.

'We Are Buxton'

The loudest theme that emerged from Big Buxton Conversation One (BBC1) in April was the need for better communication between the various Buxton groups and the Borough and County Councils. Although we are blessed with many passionate local people and voluntary groups doing great work, Buxton does not have a town or parish council so there has been no forum to focus on the town. Following BBC1 we are pleased to be part of a new forum to bring together the two local authorities, and representatives of nine groups; Transition Buxton, Buxton Town Team, Vision Buxton, BCA, Churches Together in Buxton, Accessible Buxton, Buxton Street by Street and the Residents Associations for Harpur Hill and Fairfield. This new group met for the first time in September and will meet again in November and every couple of months. We are quite excited about this change as we firmly believe that communication leads to collaboration, and it is through collective action that we can build our resilience and shape the change we choose. **Jean Ball**



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The “Buxton Cup” has arrived!

The Buxton Cup is a dishwasher safe pint “glass” that can be used again and again, personalized, and, when eventually worn out, it can of course be recycled. So, by using the “Buxton Cup” whilst enjoying your beer (or the beverage of your choice), you can make a difference to the amount of rubbish discarded.



Wherever single use plastic glasses are used at outdoor events and festivals, this cup is the solution. It prevents the need for single use plastic that rarely gets recycled and usually goes to landfill. The reusable Buxton Cup remains a good

idea even if single use plastic glasses are increasingly the compostable versions. The claim that packaging is ‘compostable’ does not mean that it will get composted, and single use just doesn’t make sense when there is an alternative.

Where can you get one?

Anyone interested in selling and using the Buxton Cup or acquiring one, for a donation, you can contact Transition Buxton at plastic@transitionbuxton.co.uk

Currently, you can also buy one in the Pavilion Gardens and we expect there to be more locations soon, such as The Information Centre, Chakra Lounge.

Derek Bodey, Chair, Plastic Clever Buxton

Community Orchard

The autumn planting season is nearly upon us and **we hope to extend the orchard significantly this year**. We have plans to create a new site within the Orchard, planting at least three apple trees at the far end of Sherwood Road - hopefully some more later. We will also be planting more trees at the Cote Heath Park site, which will make this our biggest ‘mini-orchard’; and at least another three trees at Gadley Lane.

We shall be needing more people to act as **Tree Guardians**, to look after a group of trees. It only takes a few hours a year. If you have knowledge about pruning and general maintenance of fruit trees we would be especially interested to hear from you.

Would you like to sponsor a tree to help us grow the orchard?

Some people have given tree sponsorships as gifts. If you are interested drop us an email.

On Monday 11th October Ben Evens joined the meeting of the Derbyshire Community Orchard Network with a presentation about our own dispersed community orchard which was warmly received. It was also - good to hear of other ventures in the county, from embryonic to well-established.



Finally, if you know of a possible new site for orchard trees, please contact us at orchard@transitionbuxton.co.uk

In whatever way you would be prepared to help, we would love to hear from you. Remember, the orchard is a community orchard. We plant and look after it and the fruit is free to anybody who wishes to take some.

Ben Evens & Robin Edwards



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Hard to Recycle

Thanks to those continuing to deposit items at our various collecting points around the town, but please remember only to deposit clean items and those included as part of the various schemes. We cannot just send off any plastic packaging as the schemes exist as a result of sponsorship by companies who specify what items are accepted. For example, our

newest scheme, 'Hygiene Home Packaging' is for any brand of dishwasher, cleaning and fragrance flexible packaging (see picture), BUT NOT laundry detergent packaging. For more details see our website:



<https://www.transitionbuxton.co.uk/recycling/>

Totals for each range of products collected

Scheme	Total collected (kg)	
	To date	Since last newsletter
Crisp packets	245	30
Writing Instruments	54	9
Dental products	43	6
Kids Food Pouches (Ella)	31	3
Biscuit Wrappers	24	5
Confectionery Wrappers	14	2
Pringles Cans	7	1
Cheese Wrappers	6	2
Hygiene Home packaging	0.5	0.1

Veronica Hawthorn, Plastic Clever Group

Plastic Free Update

Our campaign to achieve Plastic Free Community status through the Surfers Against Sewage scheme has had a great month with two really important new supporters:



- Parkwood Leisure who run the Pavilion Gardens have not only qualified as a Business Champion but have also taken on selling and using the Buxton Cup
- University of Derby/Buxton & Leek College have become our latest Community Champion

Our thanks to them both for backing sustainability. They join a growing list of Plastic Free Champions including; Buxton Rotary, Buxton Methodist Church, Buxton Civic Association, JWPotter & Co, Day Zero, Creative Heritage, Wheeldon Trees, Green Man Gallery, Griff House B&B, Friends of Buxton Station, Funny Wonders, Buxton Festival Fringe, Serpentine Community Garden, Buxton & District U3A, and Macular Society.

We still need more! Which is where each of us comes in. Please approach any business or community group that you have contact with and encourage them to get on board. Links to the details here:

<https://www.transitionbuxton.co.uk/business-champion/>

<https://www.transitionbuxton.co.uk/become-a-community-ally/>

This is a collective effort, please help!

Derek Bodey, Chair, Plastic Clever Group



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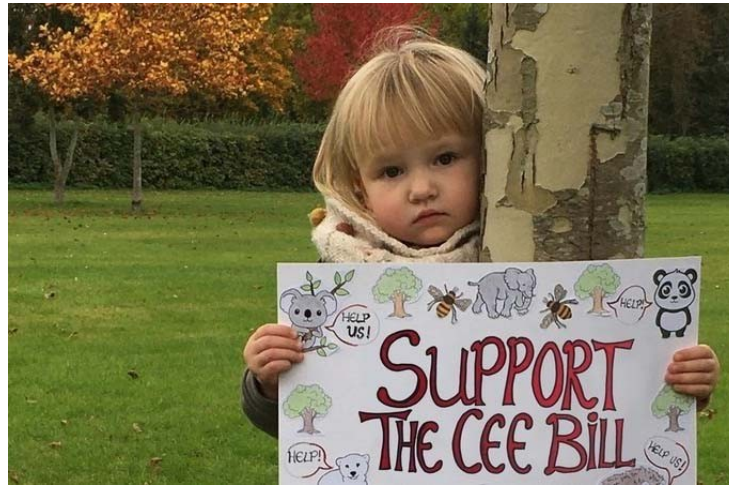


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Support the Climate and Ecological Emergency Bill

In September, Transition Buxton endorsed a High Peak campaign in support of the Climate and Ecological Emergency bill.

Drafted by scientists, legal experts, ecological economists and environmentalists, the CEE Bill is designed to reverse the climate and ecological breakdown we're facing.



Transition Buxton is a hands-on group dedicated to taking concrete actions to make life in our town sustainable, reducing our negative impacts on the planet and increasing our well-being.

But the joint climate and nature emergencies we are facing also demand action at national and international level.

We believe that the CEE bill provides the legal framework that would commit this and future governments to the transformative changes we need.

The Bill requires the UK to take responsibility for its fair share of greenhouse gas emissions, to actively restore biodiverse habitats, and to stop damaging our natural world through the production, transportation and disposal of the goods we consume

It requires the government to seek nature-based solutions, rather than relying on unproven technologies. In our area, this would mean stable and secure investment in the restoration and good management of our peatlands. Recent studies show that millions of tonnes of Carbon are stored in peat in the Peak District. Healthy peatlands are also one of the world's most diverse natural habitats. With restoration of degraded moors and good management, our peatlands could play their part in averting catastrophe!

We are calling on our MP Robert Largan to join the 118 MPs who have pledged their support for the CEE bill.

For more information go to: <https://www.cebill.uk/>

Jane Reynolds

Could you help?

One of Transition Buxton's directors, Frances Sussex, has been working with the Climate Pathfinders Youth Group and has obtained a grant to support more work with young people. We're looking for more volunteers to support this important work so we can continue inspiring future generations.

No big time commitment or experience required, just an interest in supporting children or young people.

If you might be interested, please contact Frances on education@transitionbuxton.co.uk.



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Repair Café

Nine Repair Cafés have taken place, starting in September 2019 until the Covid lockdown in March 2020 and; after much discussion and planning around social distancing procedures; restarting in May 2021.

The first few sessions this year have been quieter than before, but numbers are gradually picking up. So far we have processed a total of 282 items, of which 150 have been repaired and a further 42 have been improved, or advice given as to how to fix them e.g. what to ask a specialist repairer to do, or what parts are required (often much cheaper than buying a new item). Only 48 items (mostly electrical) were unrepairable.

Some reasons for repair were frayed wires causing bad connections; broken switches; need for a new plug, fuse or battery; requirement for a judicious application of specialist glue; and sometimes just a bit of fluff in the wrong place! Some of the reasons for non-repair of electrical items were new parts being more expensive than the cost of the item, not being able to gain access to carry out a repair, and damage caused by leaking batteries.

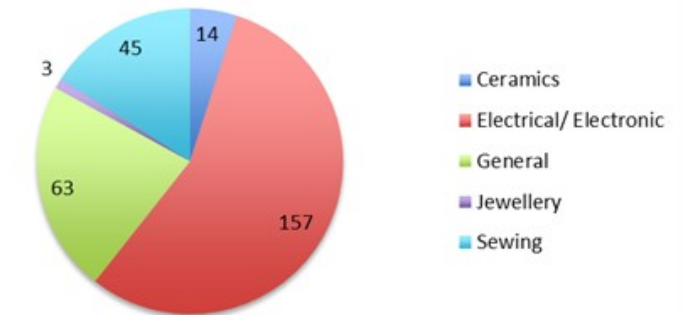
It is estimated that the 192 items rescued from going to landfill represent a saving of over 4.6 tonnes of CO₂ emissions!

We have been proud to repair some treasured items - especially ornaments painstakingly restored to almost new by Gill (our ceramics expert), a few old clocks and a beautiful wooden bagatelle board. Other objects given a further lease of life include sewing machines, vacuum cleaners, radios, CD players, lamps, hairdryers, toasters, hedge-trimmers, bicycles, shopping trolleys and a drone! Not to mention numerous replaced zips, darned holes in jumpers and patched knees in jeans.

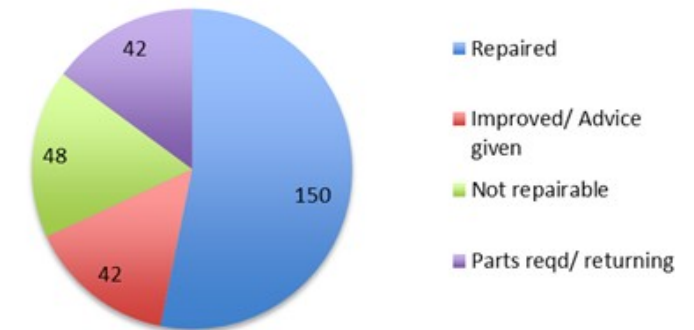
We are fortunate to have such a skilled group of fixers, who enable us to help so many people.

Helen Brown

Categories of items Sep 19-Sep 21



Total items Sep 19-Sep 21



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Education Outreach



Our £2,000 Great Big Green Week Grant from the Climate Coalition has enabled us to buy some education resources for use with schools and community groups and some publicity banners.

We have also used the monies to organise a **Buxton Schools' COP26 Conference** for Thurs, 4th November with students focusing on climate issues and engaging in debates and decision making.

Where has Billie Bee been recently?

Billie Bee has been to the Great Dome Art Fair, then the Buxton Wild Weeks Stall at the Environment Fair in the Octagon, and been to the Brownies and Rainbows where he inspired them to make mini bug hotels from baked bean cans.



Safeguarding

Activities with young people and children is a big part of our Education Outreach. Our TB Safeguarding Policy is reviewed regularly and available on our website. Any TB members who engage with children or young people are asked to inform us and to refer to the Policy. Our TB Insurance covers activities with children and young people.

Frances Sussex

The Climate Pathfinders Youth Forum members had their first stall and live presentation at the Rotary Environment Fair. They have built 2 bug hotels in the New Mills Orchard. 3 of our members have joined the Friends of the Earth planning for their Youth Summit on Green Jobs.

The Brownies and Scouts have been learning about their own carbon footprint and what steps they can take to reduce this. They have also been “thinking outside the bin” and undertaking the 10 R challenge to do lots of things with their rubbish before they put it in the recycle bin.



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