



Plastic Free Community Award

Transition Buxton has been working hard with partners across the town to achieve Plastic Free Community status as part of our commitment to Buxton becoming a more sustainable community.

Now, we are excited to announce that Buxton has joined a network of 165 communities across the UK who are leading the way to tackle throw away plastic at source. The town has been awarded Plastic Free Community status by marine conservation charity, Surfers Against Sewage (SAS), in recognition of the work we have done to start reducing the impact of single-use plastic on the environment.

The response from everyone has been fantastic. We now have businesses, schools and community groups throughout the town working to reduce their single use plastic, waste and emissions. Partners have committed to; removing polystyrene packaging, replacing plastic with cardboard, refilling and reusing plastic containers, one school has even removed a million plastic bottles from waste each year and installed water fountains.

Derek Bodey commented *"It's been a wonderful community effort to reach this milestone but it's only the start. I want to thank the Transition Buxton Plastic Group for all the hard work and effort they have put to get here. However, we want more and more businesses and community groups to sign up - the journey continues definitely continues"*

Rachel Yates, SAS Plastic Free Communities Project Manager, said: *"It's great to see the work that Buxton has done to reduce the availability of avoidable plastics, raise awareness and encourage people to refill and reuse. We have over six hundred communities across the UK working to reduce single use plastic and the impact it has on our environment. Every step those communities and the individuals in them take is a step towards tackling the problem at source, challenging our throwaway culture and encouraging the habit and system changes we need to see."*

Derek Bodey, Community Lead, Plastic Free Buxton: plastic@transitionbuxton.co.uk

£20,000 from National Lottery Heritage Fund for Wild Weeks & Conference

We are thrilled to share the news that we have secured a National Lottery Grant to support both Buxton and Moorlands Wild Weeks as well as our Youth COP Climate Conference this year. With thanks to local schools and organisations for supporting our application and the players of the Lottery we look forward to inspiring children to experience, study, enjoy and look after our environment, nature and wildlife. Wild Weeks 15 May – 30 June 2023. Look out for info about the autumn conference in a future newsletter. Frances Sussex, education@transitionbuxton.co.uk



REWILDING HOGSHAW SIDINGS

Starting the process of rewilding Hogshaw Sidings embankment (the old tip) was a lovely way for three community groups to come together on the morning of 27 March. The Friends of Buxton Station (FoBS) were joined by kind folk from Friends of Hogshaw and Buxton Civic Association's Woodland Group.



Together, we lifted three "hippo" bags of mostly plastic litter, pulled up and composted around 180 dead trees and stood a large number of fallen trees back upright, replacing their damaged "rabbit-proof" protection. More work to rewild the plot of land will follow with High Peak BC's permission and input from Network Rail's Consultant Ecologist.

Network Rail constructed the embankment when excavating the sidings in 2019, operating under strict Planning Conditions to enhance the habitat imposed by the then Secretary of State for Transport. One Condition required a clear 5-year Ecological Management Plan, under the control of a Project Ecologist. The former tip site is owned by High Peak Borough Council, who have provided permission for FoBS to undertake rewilding activities.

FoBS have sought advice on their plans from Steve Orridge, an Amateur Buxton Naturalist and Hollie Fisher of Derbyshire Wildlife Trust. The litter pick was Stage 1 of the plan, further investigation on soil pH and "wetness" will guide the future planting and seeding to provide fruiting and flowering plants to help our local pollinators.

Thanks to the FoBS Team – Janet Brereton, Roy Jeffreys, Ruth Humphrey, Jenny Humphrey, Dennis Drabble, Kirsten Williams, Steve Orridge, Martin Knapp and Sue Mellor. Thanks Friends of Hogshaw Team – Hugo Edwards, Jax Palmer, John Boardman & Gil Boardman. Thanks BCA Woodlanders - Sheila Stubbs, Keith Wood, Helen & Colin.

Written with grateful thanks by David Carlisle, Chairman, Friends of Buxton Station, 27 March 2023

BIF TOP PICKS FOR 2023

Buxton International Festival (BIF) has long attracted a fascinating range of high calibre speakers on a wide range of topics and issues including nature and the environment, politics and history. 2023 is no exception, our top picks are:

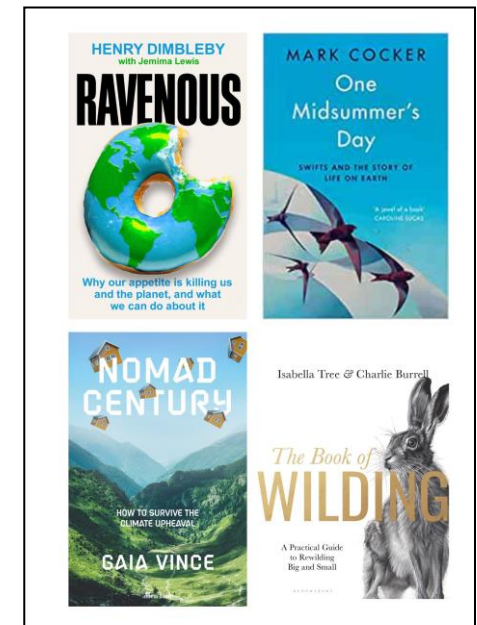
Gaia Vince discusses her book **Nomad Century** suggesting that migration is not the problem – it is the solution, Friday 7 July, 4-5pm, in Pavilion Arts Centre, £12 <https://buxtonfestival.co.uk/whats-on/gaia-vince>

Henry Dibleby & Jemima Lewis talk about **Ravenous: Why our appetite is killing us and the planet, and what to do about it**, Thurs 13 July, 10-11am, Pavilion Arts Centre, £12 <https://buxtonfestival.co.uk/news-and-blog/food-tsar-henry-dibleby-blames-uk-supermarket-culture-for-recent-food-shortages>

Isabella Tree, **The Book of Wilding: A Practical Guide to Rewilding, Big and Small**, Saturday 22 July, 10-11am, Pavilion Arts Centre, £12 <https://buxtonfestival.co.uk/whats-on/isabella-tree>

and of course Buxton's very own Mark Cocker, **One Midsummer's Day: Swifts and the Story of Life on Earth**, Saturday 22 July, 4-5pm, Pavilion Arts Centre, £12 <https://buxtonfestival.co.uk/whats-on/mark-cocker>

Take advantage of the opportunity to hear some excellent speakers and support BIF to continue to thrive for years to come.



RECYCLING TOYS

We have recently signed up to a new Terracycle scheme for broken and damaged toys and games. This category includes items from all brands in plastic, metal, wood, cardboard or paper (examples are shown in the picture). The following items are not accepted:

- x Electronic toys and games
- x Batteries and battery operated toys and games
- x Baby and toddler furniture (e.g. car seats, high chairs, bouncy seats etc.)
- x Toy vehicles (e.g. bicycles, scooters, skateboards)
- x Toys and games in good condition
- x Soft toys

The important point to note is that you will just be able to drop off these items at one collection point (the location of which we are finalising at the moment). PLEASE DO NOT PUT THESE ITEMS IN ANY OF THE EXISTING COLLECTION BINS AROUND THE TOWN. Watch this space for where you can recycle your broken toys!



'WE ARE BUXTON' FORUM

The We Are Buxton Forum is made up of 7 active local groups working collaboratively for our collective benefit. The groups meet every 6 weeks or so and for alternate meetings we are joined by senior HPBC and DCC Members and officers. The Forum, currently Chaired by Transition Buxton, is proving really useful and practical in lots of ways. Two topics worth mentioning here are:

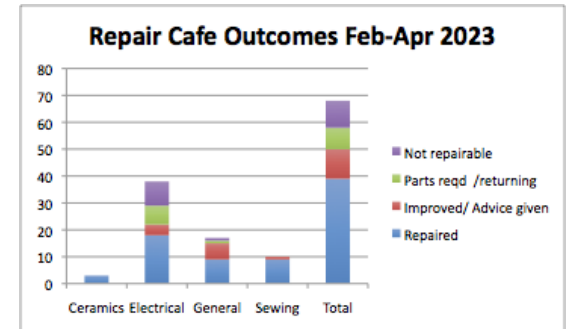
- Bountiful Buxton (working title); we are in early stage discussions about a possible not for profit / community unit in The Springs that would support local vibrancy and well being.
- As a place with no Town or Parish Council we feel that HPBC elected Members for Buxton Wards should meet and work together for the town, regardless of party. To date they take part in lots of Borough wide meetings and meet by party, but not by town. We have been asking candidates in the May elections to respond to this request in hope of changing this.

We Are Buxton is also engaged with HPBC about the plans for improvements in the Spring Gardens area using Future High Street grant funding, and other possible changes to our built environment, review of the Local Plan, as well as issues like High Path. Transition Buxton will continue to speak up for environmentally positive priorities at the heart of every plan, project and decision.

Jean Ball, Chair We Are Buxton Forum

REPAIR CAFÉ

An average of 22 items have come in for attention per Repair Cafe over the last 3 months - a large proportion of which were fixed or improved. People have brought in a wide variety of items, including jewellery, bags with broken clasps, garden tools (a sign of impending Spring?), a large pepper grinder and a toy helicopter, as well as the usual radios, lamps, kettles, etc. We have had more sewing items recently, including darning - perhaps a reflection of people wanting to repair clothes rather than buying new. Although sewing has also included stitching up backpacks and the zip around a suitcase!



We can process more items than we are receiving so please spread the word and bring us your broken stuff. Repair Café sessions are on the 4th Saturday of the month in the halls of the Methodist Church on the Market Place. 10am – 2pm, last item in 1:30pm. No fees, just donate what you can afford and feel is fair.

Helen Brown

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Do You Want a Lamp Post Charge Point Near Your Home or Work?

To support motorists in Derbyshire to make the switch to cleaner, greener vehicles Derbyshire County Council are planning to install up to 500 on-street electric vehicle charging points on lamp posts in areas of the county where residents have no off-road parking. They will run from the electricity supply to street lights.

They are asking residents to come forward to help identify where charge points could be installed by registering their interest.

<https://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/council/news-events/news-updates/news/has-lamp-post-charging-sparked-your-interest-in-electric-vehicles-register-now.aspx>



Library of Things

Waiting is one of the hardest things to do. We're reasonably confident that our Library of Things (LoT) will be hosted at Buxton Library but at the moment we're waiting for Derbyshire County Council's Health and Safety department to approve our proposal. Our proposal has the backing of staff at Buxton library and of their line manager. We have submitted our own risk assessment and the terms and conditions that will apply to the Library of Things and we hope this will speed up the process.



In the meantime, we've been looking around for lockable storage units. Graham Winter has got agreement from the Palace Hotel to let us have some lockers and they are kindly holding on to these for us until we hopefully can move them to the Library. We'll definitely need more, but at the moment are on-hold as we don't have any space to store them. If you know about any storage units whose owners would be happy to hang on to them for a little while, we'd be really interested to hear from you.

We have a good idea of how we'll operate, our membership terms, fees/donations and the types of items that we think will be popular. We're mostly waiting for our home. Meanwhile we are still on the look out for someone to design a logo or brand for the LoT, if you have some design skills you'd be willing to contribute to this initiative we'd really like to hear from you.

One item we have decided to splash out on without more ado is a tablet to run aspects of the LoT, such as inventory, reserving, checking in and out, and membership. We hope to have the tablet with the software installed to demo the LoT to visitors to our upcoming stalls.

Jane Reynolds, Buxton Library of Things inspire@transitionbuxton.co.uk

THE BUXTON FLOWERPOT TRAIL

RETURNS FOR 2023 thanks to the continued support of some of our local Derbyshire and High Peak Councillors. This year, this family-favourite arts trail, which simply aims to bring a smile, will run during July and August.

As ever, all in Buxton and surrounding villages are welcome and encouraged to get involved – households, businesses, schools and community groups – to make a flowerpot creation for the trail. They can be displayed in gardens, on gateposts, door steps or in windows, anywhere so long as they are visible from the pavement / public walkways.

The theme is Gilbert & Sullivan, to celebrate the return of the full international festival to the town – so get thinking pirates, fairies and modern major generals! However, as ever, you don't need to align with the theme - you're welcome to come up with anything you like. Making instructions and videos are available on the funny wonders' website www.funnywonders.org.uk as is an overview of the G&S operas to help with ideas, and details of the festival's flowerpot competition.

Free pots can be picked up at their stall at the Buxton Spring Fair on Monday 1 May, Buxton Market on Saturday 13 May, an outdoor workshop at the Green Man Gallery on the afternoon of Saturday 27 May, 2pm-4pm, or at the Rotary's Summer Fair in the Pavilion Gardens on Saturday 3 June. The deadline to register a location for the trail is Sunday 25 June - email hello@funnywonders.org.uk
<https://funnywonders.wixsite.com/funnywonders/post/buxton-flowerpot-trail-2023>

Ali Quas-Cohen, Funny Wonders

PLANT SWAP STALL

On June 10th we will be holding another Plant Swap Stall. We'll be on Buxton Market from 9AM until 3PM. Tell your family and friends.

If you can spare us an hour (or more) to help look after the stall please email inspire@transitionbuxton.co.uk. If you grow your own plants please consider bringing any spares along to swap or donate.

If you don't grow plants currently, come along, this could be the start of an enjoyable and beneficial pastime.



DIARY

Mon 1 May, Buxton Spring Fair – Cycle Powered Scalextric Racing on the Market Place

Wed 3 May, 7:30pm **Plastic Clever** Meeting via Zoom plastic@transitionbuxton.co.uk

Tues 9 May, 13 June, 7:30pm, **Members Meetings**, 2nd Tues of the month, Face to Face, Methodist Church Lower Hall

15 May – 30 June, **Buxton Wild Weeks**

Wed 17 May, Sat 17 June, Green Drinks, The Old Sun, 8pm, see [Green Drinks](#)

Sat 20 May, 10-12, **Big Help Out** Volunteering Event, Pump Room

Thurs 25 May, 22 June Inform & Inspire Meetings, 5:30-6:30pm, 4th Thursday of the month, via Zoom

Sat 27 May, 24 June, 10-2, **Repair Café**, 4th Saturday of the month, last item in 1:30pm, Methodist Church on the Market Place

Sat 3 June, all day, Rotary Bazaar in the Octagon

Sat 10 June, **Plant Swap Stall**, Buxton Market

Wed 21 June 5:30pm **Plastic Free Community Celebration**, Pump Room

Library of Things meeting Please keep an eye on Facebook and our website

www.transitionbuxton.co.uk

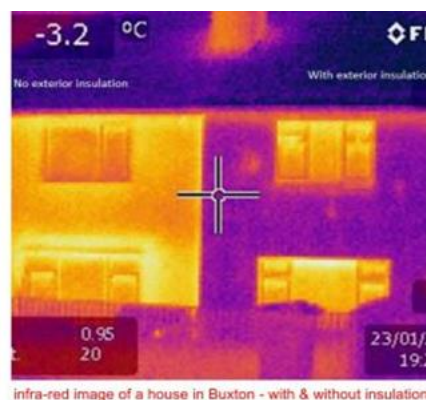
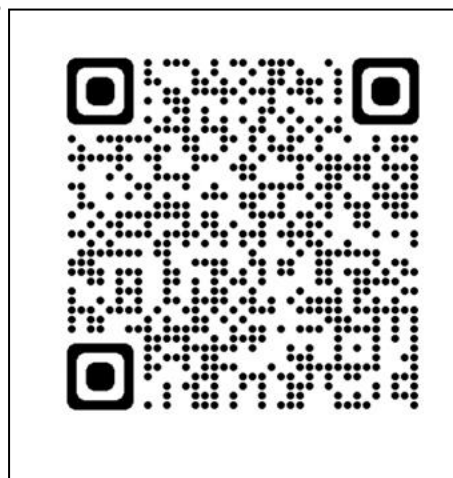
Testing The Waters

The only constant in this life is change, and Transition Buxton is all about supporting our community to choose and make positive changes, and to cope with changes in our natural environment and society. Inspired by colleagues in Uttoxeter and supported by a wide range of Buxton organisations including the Borough Council, we are launching our **Sustainable Buxton Survey 2023**.

We want to hear from as many local people as possible (not just the usual suspects) to learn about your priorities, your support needs, and to gauge the appetite for a possible community owned renewable energy project. The anonymised results will be available to anyone who wants them including the partner organisations who are helping to purvey the survey link to their networks.

The survey should take no more than 10 minutes (we have tested it) and you don't need to put any personal contact information in if you don't want to. Please use the QR Code below or follow this link <https://forms.gle/YGHoUisFLbwF6DZs9> and also share it with your local friends and colleagues to help make sure the results genuinely reflect the views of a broad cross section of Buxton.

Thanks



Question Time

Transition Buxton CIC Members will have the opportunity to ask our MP Robert Largan questions and hear his live responses on **Tuesday 9th May**. Mr Largan will be attending the Members meeting at 7:30pm in the lower hall at the Methodist Church on the Market Place via Zoom from Westminster. The rest of us will be face to face in the room with our MP up on the screen.

Whilst questions will not be limited to those submitted in advance we'd be grateful for some to get things started and so that we can cluster similar to make the most of our limited time. Email members@transitionbuxton.co.uk

Following an hour with the MP we will cover some other Transition Buxton business. If you are not yet a Member of Transition Buxton CIC you can join via the link on the home page of our website.

www.transitionbuxton.co.uk

Would you like to book a **Free Home Energy Assessment** Visit? Our thermal imaging camera can capture where you are losing heat. Click the button on our website home page and fill in the request form <https://www.transitionbuxton.co.uk/>