

Buxton's Carbon Emissions



Some of you will remember Peter Burgess-Allen. I've just exchanged emails with him in his capacity at Marches Energy Agency (<https://mea.org.uk/>). He sends his very best wishes, by the way.

Why am I telling you this? Well, Peter has

done a wonderful job of collating a lot of interesting and worrying data to produce a report entitled Buxton's Carbon Emissions, which looks at how our consumption impacts on our carbon footprint. It compares the High Peak and Buxton's electoral wards with Britain and the different areas within Buxton. We've put some of the report on our own web site and have links to the original source (<https://www.transitionbuxton.co.uk>). This work was initiated by Buxton Environment Action and supported by High Peak Borough Council. A couple of headlines are that the **High Peak's average carbon footprint is higher than the national average** and that more affluent populations have higher carbon footprints, emphasising the link between climate change and social justice. This is very timely, as it is important background information as we re-examine our priorities for the next few years.

Ian Bowns, Chair

The Buxton Cup



The Carnival is nearly here. Have you got your Buxton Cup ready?

This year take your Buxton Cup with you and enjoy all your Carnival Day drinks from it. This will save lots of "single use" pint glasses. All the publicans know about it - they have been given a free one each. Acceptance by them has been "road tested". So, make sure you use yours and get all your friends to use one. Let's really begin to cut down on that pile of plastic rubbish that is left behind after a brilliant day.

Not got yours yet? Then our wonderful friends at Seasons in the Quadrant are selling them on a "not for profit" basis - see picture. What value, since you can use them at any outdoor event for years (they are dishwasher proof and have a space for your name!), reducing "single use" plastic every time you use one.

Make sure you get yours in time!

Derek Bodey

Transition Buxton

Towards a sustainable community

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Education Outreach and Wild Weeks - Some of our Education Activities

Buxton Schools took part in Buxton Wild Weeks from 23rd May to 17th June where a full programme of activities including wildflower planting, pond dipping, bug hotels, biodiversity surveys and nature appreciation was organised with Jackie Wragg and Lindsey Wakefield supported by volunteers Graham, Frankie and Sarah. Frag from BCA inspired children with forest bathing and George from Derbyshire Wildlife Trust led activities for children to understand climate change and flood management.

At High Peak Scouts Gradbach Camp weekend, Mike had children creating a bug hotel and Graham took children on a journey to discover the importance of our minibeasts. We have also been to other groups to explore nature near to their Scout Huts.

We are supporting Buxton Community School with their Environment Day, 7th July. One of the activities will be evaluating the school's use of single-use plastic and supporting TB's Plastic Free Buxton campaign. They are also planning on setting up more recycling activities in school.

For Our Together for Our Planet project we are one of many organisations leading activities for children and families at Derbyshire Dales Climate Hub's Making Space for Nature events on 30th July (Matlock Park) and 6th August (Whitworth Centre, Darley Dale). The young people taking part in Community Assemblies on both days will have the opportunity to receive one of our Climate Action grants and become involved with our Climate Pathfinders Youth Forum. It's a busy time for bees and Billie Bee has been supporting Junior Rangers with their Bee A Hero project at Carsington Water's 30th Anniversary Event, at the Rotary Fair, on the TB Plant Stall, at Burbage School for their Pollinators Day as part of Buxton Wild Weeks, at Serpentine Community Gardens with the Give Peas A Chance group and they spent International Bee Day at Grapevine Well-being Centre.



Please do get involved in our education activities. We are planning to run competitions for families during Great Big Green Week (24th September-2nd October) and we are hoping to organise a Buxton Student Conference during COP27 on Thursday 10th November.

Flexible Coffee Packs and Coffee Pods



Did you know that you can recycle the empty pouches and sachets of any brand of coffee bean or ground coffee in our "Hard to Recycle" bins? These are located all around the town. Our store locations are Sainsbury's, Iceland and Morrisons, but you can also find them in the following community locations; ROFA office, Victoria Park Rd, Buxton Methodist Church, The Market Place, Bath Road Community Centre and the Green Man Gallery.

Whilst The Transition Buxton run Terracycle scheme cannot accept them, coffee pods can be recycled courtesy of Morrisons. They will supply bags (you can get about 50 pods in a bag). There are different bags for plastic and aluminium pods, depending upon which your machine uses. You need a label, either printed at home or they will do it "in store". You will then need to take it to a Yodel pick up point - that's either of the McColls on Scarsdale Place (Market Place) or on Victoria Park Rd (Fairfield). Not simple but much better than landfill which is the only alternative if you use a machine.

Of course, whilst recycling is important, remember it's better to avoid single use plastic by "Refusing, Reusing and only then Recycling"

Frances Sussex



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A Library of Things

In our world today there are so many things to buy and some of them are even useful! Some may be in everyday use – but not all. Do you have things that you rarely use taking up space in your home? Or maybe there's something that you'd like to use, but you haven't the money to buy it or the space to store it?

That's where a library of things comes in. Imagine you could borrow a pressure washer, a carpet cleaner, a wallpaper stripper, a projector, a lawnmower, camping equipment or stuff for a children's party.

Libraries of things are popping up in many towns and cities, promoting a sharing economy. Should Buxton join in and if so could you help? We've had a few ideas about how it could be managed. The main requirements are premises and volunteers to manage it. We could start more simply with an inventory of things that people are willing to lend to others. The team working on setting up the Community Workshop have expressed willingness to store some tools and to host an inventory of things available for borrowing but stored elsewhere. The Zink project are also interested in the idea.

It's estimated that 170 million new electrical items are purchased in the UK each year and less than a third of these are recycled at the end of their useful lives, meaning an awful lot of items end up in landfill. The Transition Buxton Repair Café has prolonged the lives of many items.

A Library of Things is the next step in reducing waste and sharing resources in our community.

Please get in touch if you can help in any way with the planning and setting up of a Library of Things.

Jane Reynolds

Hard to Recycle

The table shows the range of items we are currently able to collect for recycling by Terracycle. You may have seen a recent Panorama programme which challenged Terracycle that often different items have to be taken to different places for recycling. We are pleased that we have sets of bins throughout the town to make it easier for people to recycle when they are visiting a location anyway.

Bin locations can be found here:

<https://www.transitionbuxton.co.uk/how-to-recycle-in-buxton/>.

We can only do this thanks to the building owners and to our team of volunteers who check and empty the bins. If you would like to join this team, either regularly or on a stand-in basis, do get in touch at plastic@transitionbuxton.co.uk. Recently we have been able to redeem our fourth batch of points gained as a result of our recycling efforts. This means that £89 is on its way to the Zink project which provides food and supplies, welfare support and employment advice.

Veronica Hawthorn

Totals for each range of products collected

Scheme	Total collected (kg)	
	To date	Since last newsletter
Crisp packets	351	21
Writing Instruments	70	3
Dental products	57	5
Biscuit Wrappers	34	3
Confectionery Wrappers	23	2
Pringles Cans	17	1.5
Cheese Wrappers	12.5	1.0
Hygiene Home packaging	1.2	0.2
Bakery items packaging	1.4	0.5
Coffee pouches	1.0	1.0



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Big Buxton Conversation Three is now being planned for an evening in early February 2023. Two clear messages that came out of BBC2 were: Keep talking/listening, and young people need their voice to be heard. So, we want to focus on young people and hear what they want their town to be like, what their priorities are, why, and how Buxton could serve the next generation better.

The first Big Conversation was organised by Transition Buxton using a grant from the Transition Network/National Lottery. Since then the Big Conversations have been delivered collectively by We Are Buxton. If you would like to help organise the third Big Conversation, or have any questions please email conversation@transitionbuxton.co.uk.



We Are Buxton came into being as a result of Big Buxton Conversation One (April 2021) to give the Buxton community a collective voice and means of working with our local authorities to achieve positive sustainable change in our town. The group of groups, currently Chaired by Transition Buxton, is made up of representatives from; Buxton Town team, Vision Buxton, BCA, Churches Together in Buxton, Accessible Buxton, Residents of Fairfield Assn, Buxton Street by Street/Connex,

Buxton Councillors, High Peak Borough Council Officers and Members, and Derby County Council Officers and Members. Harpur Hill Residents Assn has an unfilled seat until they resume post-pandemic activity and appoint someone. We Are Buxton met for the first time on 22 September 2021, and will meet for the 6th time on 4th July 2022 just as this newsletter goes to press. A key discussion at the July meeting will be our priorities to inform an Investment Plan to secure 3 years of Shared Prosperity Funding for the Borough from central government for the next 3 years. The outcomes of both Big Buxton Conversation One and Two (October 2021) are a useful bellwether of local community ambitions which we hope will influence the projects and interventions that might gain support through this new government funding stream.

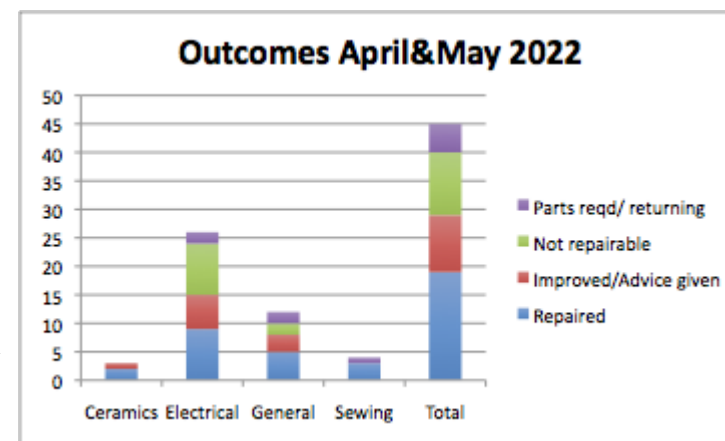
Jean Ball

Repair Café

To the right is a chart showing the outcomes for the April and May sessions - where we dealt with 14 and 31 items respectively. A larger proportion than usual of the electrical items could not be repaired - mainly because of being unable to gain access inside, but also because some had parts that were worn out or missing, and not easily replaceable. This is why we support Right to Repair legislation to prevent designed in obsolescence.

[The UK's right to repair law already needs repairing | WIRED UK](#). We did also have some instances of people bringing back items with a new part (having been advised what was needed at a previous session) and the item then being successfully repaired. Gill carefully reconstructed some interesting figurines and Alan retrieved a small bead lodged inside Fred's sewing machine, enabling her to use it again - she was delighted. An overwound clock had its mechanism released by Trevor and a Victorian dining chair was glued so that it is no longer wobbly. Jim is still working on fixing the handle on a magnificent leather bag. Advice was given about where to take items that seem too precious/delicate for us to handle. So, collectively we have saved a lot of items from being thrown unnecessarily into landfill and pleased a lot of people.

Helen Brown



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Can you Help?

The scale of the work to be done to make our lives and place truly sustainable can be daunting. If you are reading this newsletter you are already trying to be part of the solution and do what you can to minimise the damage we cause to the natural environment every day. There are community scale projects and changes that we can do to make a difference here in Buxton if we can get more folk involved. Could you take on a task or role as a volunteer, and help our community travel in the right direction? Some suggestions below, but we are wide open for ideas, suggestions, offers and inspiration. The satisfaction from investing time and effort in a positive sustainable future is genuinely life enhancing in these challenging times.

Education & Outreach to support our activities and events with children and young people in schools and the community. If you are interested in helping others learn about climate issues, caring for our environment or learning to love nature and wildlife then please get in touch for a chat about how you might get involved, depending on your time and areas of interest. You can volunteer regularly or for one off events such as our Summer Buxton Wild Weeks or Autumn Conference. You may also like to help shape our future education outreach programme with your own ideas. Please contact Frances on education@transitionbuxton.co.uk to have a chat and see what suits you.

Library of Things Management Team will need to research, set up and manage an item borrowing system that works on and offline, provide supervision for work experience trainees who will do the day to day admin, find and manage a physical space where the items are stored, secure funding and manage the budget, attract donations of items to loan out, ensure the items are maintained (with support from Repair Café team), and provide info to colleagues who will help promote and publicise the new resource once it is operational. Contact Jane on contact@transitionbuxton.co.uk

Recruiting Plastic Champions We would welcome more support for our drive to reduce single use plastic within Buxton and the adjoining area. To do this we need to sign up more businesses and community groups. If you know of groups you could approach or would like to assist by talking to businesses then please get in touch for a chat about how you might get involved, depending on your time and availability. Whether it's to enrol a single business or group or to assist more widely all help will be welcomed. Please contact Derek at plastic@transitionbuxton.co.uk to have a chat and see what suits you.

Communications Support to help amplify our messages to a very broad audience and keep it fresh and interesting. Working as part of the Inform & Inspire team you will help with social media, press releases, graphic design if you can, and the website. Indeed the website could be a role on its own if you are up for it. Contact:

inspire@transitionbuxton.co.uk



WE NEED YOU!

Meetings Secretary to book the room and be the key holder for monthly members meetings in the school room at Pooles Cavern on the second Tuesday evening of the month, take notes at the meetings, and liaise with the Membership Secretary for circulation of the notes. Contact: membership@transitionbuxton.co.uk

Tree Wardens to tend one of the clusters in our dispersed community orchard, a spot of weeding, ensure the supports are still in place and doing their job, pruning once a year, reporting and addressing any issues, and always looking out for more locations for more trees to continue to expand the orchard. Contact: orchard@transitionbuxton.co.uk



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Community Orchard



Sherwood Rd 20th Nov 2021

The approximately 100 trees of the 'dispersed orchard' are planted at a dozen sites around the town and are of different ages. Some seem to do well and others seem to be more reluctant to make a good showing, despite our efforts. But this year most trees made a good showing of blossom and we hope that this will turn into fruit. The trees planted in the winter seem to be thriving. (see pics with planting dates) There are always maintenance tasks to carry out through the year and we are always on the lookout for people to join our team of tree guardians. We value the help of people with good knowledge of all aspects of fruit tree arboriculture, so that we can hone our skills to achieve more competent work. If you would like to share your expertise, please email orchard@transitionbuxton.co.uk



Ben Evens

Cote Heath 4th Dec 2021

Dates for your Diary

In July and August 2022 the Members' Meetings, on the second Tuesday of the month, have been replaced by the Strategy discussion on 26th July and a break in August. Back to second Tuesdays from 13th September. **Repair Café** takes a break in July so that the Fringe can use the venue, back on 27th August fixing stuff again. Please keep an eye on our website and Facebook page for additional information, new dates, and more opportunities to get involved.

Sun 10th July & Sun 17th July: **Buxton Environmental Action Stall**, outside St John's Church for 1hr before and 1hr after the two 6pm 1hr performances of '*Our Future in Your Hands*' with the kind permission of Buxton International Festival. See ¹ below

Sun 17th July, **Green Drinks**, The Old Sun, 8pm
<http://www.greendrinks.org/Derbyshire/Buxton>

Tues 26th July: **Transition Buxton Strategy discussion** (third in a series of 3), 7.30pm, Poole's Cavern School Room, **in person only**

Thurs 28th July: **Inform & Inspire Meeting** (4th Thursday of the month) 5:30pm via Zoom contact inspire@transitionbuxton.co.uk for link

Wed 17th August: **Green Drinks**, The Old Sun, 8pm

Thurs 25th August: **Inform & Inspire Meeting**, 5:30pm via Zoom

Sat 27th August: **Repair Café**, 10am-2pm, last item in 1:30pm, Methodist Church on the Market Place. NB: No Repair Café in July or December

Wed 7th September, **Plastic Clever** Meeting, 7:30pm via Zoom contact plastic@transitionbuxton.co.uk for link

Tues 13th September, **Transition Buxton Members' Meeting**, (second Tues of the month), 7:30pm Zoom / In Person TBC

Sat 17th September, **Green Drinks**, The Old Sun, 8pm

Sat 24th September, **Repair Café**, 10am-2pm, last item in 1:30pm, Methodist Church on the Market Place

Future dates Thurs 10th November: **Youth COP27**, Octagon



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¹ '*Our Future in Your Hands*' and Manchester Camerata in Music Teacher Magazine - News and blog - Buxton International Festival

