

A new rail link for Buxton?



Welcome to another packed Newsletter - fierce competition for space this time. One important piece gives Manchester and East Midlands Rail Action Partnership (**MEMRAP**) the opportunity to outline their aspirations to reopen the rail link between Matlock, Buxton, and beyond for passengers and freight. Please have a read and follow up the background to this important proposal. Transition Buxton gave their support to MEMRAP's recent, unsuccessful bid to obtain a Government grant to develop a business case. At that stage, the view of our directors was that the case required more detailed work before we could consider supporting the basic proposal. It would require a decision by the membership (not just directors) for Transition Buxton to offer such support, so please investigate this one, identify your own questions, and come to a view.

Ian Bowns, Chair

The Buxton Cup

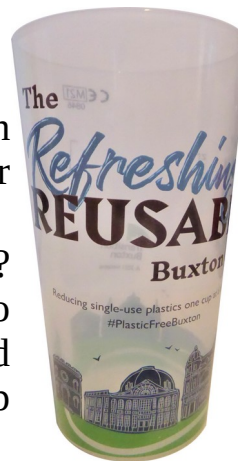
Have you got yours yet?

Now on sale at the Pump Rooms (Tourist Information Centre) and in the Pavilion Gardens. For use whenever you go for a drink!

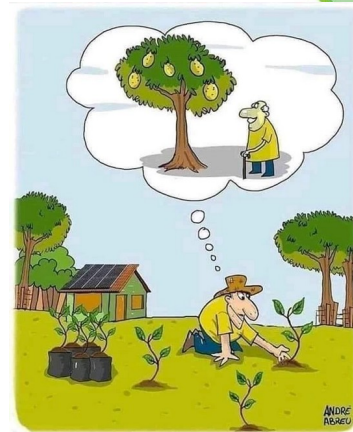
Do you go for a pint (particularly on the Market Place?

On first name terms with a publican? We need you to show them a cup and ask them to stock it and encourage its use at the Carnival, etc...If you can help please contact plastic@transitionbuxton.co.uk

Derek Bodey



Sponsor A Tree in our dispersed Community Orchard, great value at £25 – as well as the satisfaction of adding to our community resilience, you get a nice certificate to display with pride, or to give as a gift. You can also Sponsor a tree in memoriam to a loved one. You will be told where your tree is so you can visit it. You will find the form on the Transition Buxton webpage: [Community Orchard](https://www.transitionbuxton.co.uk) or email orchard@transitionbuxton.co.uk



Transition Buxton

Towards a sustainable community

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‘We Are Buxton’ and BBC3

In April 2021 the participants in the first Big Buxton Conversation (BBC1) told us that one of the highest priorities for our town is to give the people who live, work, and learn here a shared forum and voice. Buxton is blessed with an abundance of voluntary and community groups who really care about our town and one another, but we don’t have a Town Council or formal representative body for the town. So, ‘We Are Buxton’ was born.

Made up of representatives of: Transition Buxton, Buxton Town Team, Vision Buxton, BCA, Harpur Hill Residents Association, Fairfield Residents Association, Accessible Buxton, Churches Together, Buxton Street by Street (Connex), High Peak Borough Council and Derbyshire County Council ‘We Are Buxton’ has met 3 times since September. It is early days and the group is still getting established, but we are optimistic that increased communication and collaboration will help to empower positive change. So far the group has discussed; the development of the Buxton Neighbourhood Plan, the future of the Devonshire Campus without the university, the need for more electric vehicle charge points, and plans to revitalise Spring Gardens public realm. Next up is the Market Street depot development and a ‘20 is Plenty’ proposal to reduce speed limits, particularly in residential areas.

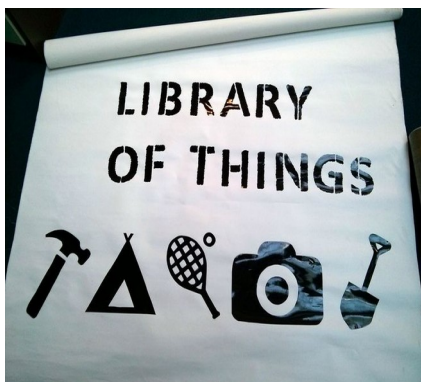
Part of the value of the Forum is the daisy chains of networks that each representative can use to gather and disseminate information and ideas. Discussions are at an early stage for ‘We Are Buxton’ to host the third Big Buxton Conversation (BBC3), probably an evening in the autumn, and likely to include a focus on hearing from young people - a priority expressed at BBC2 in November ’21.

If you want to get in touch email conversation@transitionbuxton.co.uk

Jean Ball



Library of Things



A Buxton Library of Things is getting a little closer. The idea is that to borrow/hire things that you only need occasionally = less stuff, less storage, more sharing. We have learned more from colleagues in Bollington who now have a scheme up and running, and made a little bit of progress about a possible physical home for our Library of Things.

What we really need is a few people to get involved in making it happen here. If you would be willing to contribute to getting this project off the ground and help to run it,

please email inspire@transitionbuxton.co.uk to arrange for a chat.

Jane Reynolds



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Education Outreach



March 2022 – March 2023

Together for our Planet

Transition Buxton has been awarded a £5,000 National Lottery Community Fund grant running from 1st March for one year. The aim is to develop more children and young people as Climate Pathfinders across High Peak and Derbyshire Dales (area of CPYF). The project involves a learning programme to develop the knowledge and skills of young people who will then lead a funded climate/environment action project in their communities. Residents of Fairfield Association's Dream Team are the first group to take part. The grant will also allow us to host our second TB Youth Conference during COP27 and enable us to contribute to other 'Environment Events and Activities' in partnership with local organisations. A fantastic opportunity for Transition Buxton members to share our ideas, knowledge and skills so please do get involved.



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Climate Pathfinders Youth Forum

Meeting with their MP - In December the group had a Zoom with MP Robert Langan, asking him challenging questions about his actions to address climate change. Not content with some of his answers one member of CPYF followed up with an email to challenge Robert's voting record as it didn't match with his responses in the meeting. The group will also meet Derbyshire Dales' MP Sarah Dines.

Tree Planting Partnership - The group have had a couple of planning meetings with Peak District National Park and Tideswell & District Environment Group for a pilot Tree Planting project. Having identified the land and got permissions they will be **planting the first of 400 trees in Tideswell in March.**

One member has given the group a presentation on Fast Fashion, educating everyone about the realities of the clothing industry and inspiring them to take action, including mention of our TB Repair Café.

Derbyshire Youth Network Climate and Environment Survey - In February, Derbyshire County Council's Youth Network team joined CPYF's Zoom meeting to discuss proposed climate and environment questions on their next questionnaire (usually 2,600 young respondents). They will return to share the responses from Derbyshire young people with CPYF.

As well as these projects we are also planning Climate/Environment activities for 260 Scouts at their One World themed Gradbach Scout Camp 7th/8th May.

Our second **Buxton Wild Weeks** for schools starts in May and we are currently planning activities and seeking volunteers. This project started last year in collaboration with Buxton Civic Association and South West Peak Landscape Partnership. It would be great to have some TB members involved.

If you're wondering how to get involved in any of these projects or have other ideas then please email me as it would be great to have a chat. Frances - education@transitionbuxton.co.uk

Frances Sussex



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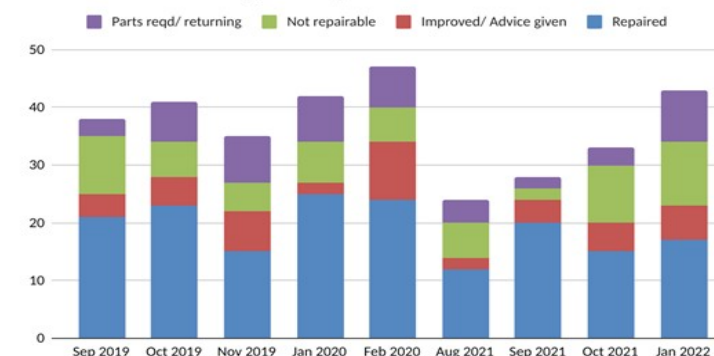
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Repair Café

The Repair Café held on 22nd January was very busy, with 43 items brought in. Of these, only 11 were unrepairable - mainly electrical items. This is not quite a record, the largest number of items dealt with in one session was in February 2020, when 47 items were dealt with. Only 6 of those could not be repaired. The chart shows a comparison of numbers of items each month and outcomes. We are very pleased to welcome some new volunteers to the Repair Cafe this month and hope that they will be kept busy with even more items to fix. The next dates for Repair Cafe are 26th March and 23rd April. Items can be brought to the Methodist Church between 10am and 1:30pm, to be dealt with before we finish at 2pm.

Helen Brown

Number of items brought to Repair Cafe



Plastic Champions

We are making steady progress in reducing the amount of single use plastic being dumped in Buxton. But we need your help to sign up more community groups to support the project. Do you have contact with any school? We haven't signed up one yet!!!! Do you have contact with a uniformed group? We haven't signed up one yet!!! We need members/parents to ask - it is much better coming from inside rather than a "cold call". You can really make a difference - to find out more or receive help in making the request,

please contact plastic@transitionbuxton.co.uk

Derek Bodey

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MEMRAP



Reinstating "the Peaks and Dales Line"

Manchester and East Midlands Rail Action Partnership (**MEMRAP**) is campaigning for the reinstatement of 36 miles of the former Midland Railway and the restoration of through rail services between Manchester and Derby/Nottingham - providing sustainable access to and from the Peak District National Park and helping to reduce the congestion and emissions caused by 90% of visitors having to travel by car.

Read the details in the full article on our website [MEMRAP](https://www.transitionbuxton.co.uk)



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Hard to Recycle

As shown in the table we are still receiving significant amounts of items which we are able to send to Terracycle for recycling under one of the schemes in which we participate. Unfortunately, we still receive some items which we cannot recycle. Please look at the details given on the Transition Buxton webpage: [Waste and Consumerism – Latest News](#) and do not put pet food packaging, tea-bag packaging or bottle tops in our bins. Also packaging which is labelled ‘Recycle with bags at large supermarket’ should be placed in the ‘plastic bag’ bins at Morrisons or Waitrose rather than in our bins.

One of the schemes (Kids food pouches) will be closing soon and we will send off our last of these items on 15th March. After this time kids food pouches should be placed in Waitrose’s ‘plastic bag’ bins. We have, however, joined a new scheme ‘the Bakery Recycling programme’ sponsored by Warburtons. This scheme accepts any brand of bakery plastic packaging e.g. crumpet, bagel and wrap packaging.

Veronica Hawthorn

Totals for each range of products collected

Scheme	Total collected (kg)	
	To date	Since last newsletter
Crisp packets	300	30
Writing Instruments	60	4
Dental products	52	3
Kids Food Pouches (Ella)	35	2
Biscuit Wrappers	28	2
Confectionery Wrappers	18	2
Pringles Cans	14	2
Cheese Wrappers	10	3
Hygiene Home packaging	0.8	0.2

Dates for your Diary

Sunday, 6th March: Seedy Sunday, 10:30am-12:30pm,
Serpentine Community Garden

Thursday, 10th March: Members’ Meeting including Robert Largan MP,
7:30pm via Zoom

Thursday, 17th March: Green Drinks, 8pm, The Old Sun Inn

Thursday, 24th March: Inform & Inspire Group Meeting, 5:30pm via Zoom

Saturday, 26th March: Repair Café, 10am-2pm, Methodist Church

Wednesday, 6th April: Plastic Clever Meeting, 7:30pm via Zoom

Tuesday, 12th April: Members’ Meeting, 7:30pm via Zoom

Sunday, 17th April: Green Drinks, 8pm, The Old Sun Inn

Saturday, 23rd April: Repair Café, 10am-2pm, Methodist Church

TBC Wednesday, 27th April: Celebration – our delayed Christmas social with
our friends from Buxton Town Team, 7:30pm, Green Man Gallery

Thursday, 28th April: Inform & Inspire Group Meeting, 5:30pm via Zoom

Stalls coming up in May & June, contact inspire@transitionbuxton.co.uk
to volunteer

Monday, 2nd May: TB stall at Buxton Spring Fair featuring The Buxton Cup

TBC Sunday, 8th May: TB stall at Celebrating Buxton event, 12 noon–6pm,
Pavilion Gardens

Saturday, 28th May: TB Stall at Community Bazaar, All day, Octagon

Day TBC, June: TB Plant Swap Stall, Buxton Market

'Good as new' Book Sale in aid of Book Aid International

Tuesday, 1st–Thursday, 17th March

Devonshire Library at the Dome, Buxton, SK17 6RY

01332 594633, Email: h.chiang@derby.ac.uk

<https://libguides.derby.ac.uk/about/opening-hours>



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Local Government Consultation & Engagement

Transition Buxton works through the High Peak Green Network, a group of 'green' community groups in the Borough, to engage and influence High Peak Borough Council. We are also active members of 'We Are Buxton' which includes Borough and County Council representatives. Whilst getting on with practical projects to increase our local resilience, we also need to work with local government to amplify our messages and support wider change. There are currently 3 different local authority documents and plans in the public domain for public feedback which you may want to take a look at:

1. Vision Derbyshire Climate Change Strategy has been produced jointly across all the local authorities in Derbyshire. We have been sent a pdf of the plan that is not yet on websites – email contact@transitionbuxton.co.uk to receive a copy as an attachment. You need to send any comments or feedback to democratic.services@highpeak.gov.uk by 10th March 2022. [Click on this link](#) to go to the Midlands Energy Hub (D2N2) Strategy to 2030, which is referred to in the Vision Derbyshire document. The Midlands Energy Hub – D2N2 is funded by the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy as part of the Clean Growth Strategy. The role of the Midlands Energy Hub is to support the capacity of Local Enterprise Partnerships and Local Authorities to identify and deliver local energy strategies and projects.
2. HPBC Climate Action Plan Part 2 can be downloaded from the High Peak Borough Council's webpage: [Climate Change](#). Part 1 was about what the Council can do within its own operations to reach carbon neutrality by 2030. Part 2 is what needs to happen in the Borough including every household, business, and local group. This is where we come in – the Council can't do this on their own, we need to work collaboratively to achieve results at scale. Have a read and a think – HPBC will be undertaking some 'engagement work' about the plan shortly, please make sure that you respond, share and consider what you can do to contribute to the solutions, possibly including offering some volunteer time to Transition Buxton to increase and amplify our impact.
3. Consultation - Developer Contributions Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) - Issues and Options: HPBC is preparing guidance for affordable housing, open space, education, health, and other forms of infrastructure required to address the impact of development and how contributions will be calculated. This is now at the first stage of preparation and a number of issues and options have been identified for consideration and inclusion within the SPD. The Council is seeking your views. The Issues and Options document and more information regarding the SPD can be viewed via the Borough Council's website at:

<https://www.highpeak.gov.uk/article/852/supplementary-planning-documents-spds-and-design-guidance>

Comments should be received by 5.00pm on Thursday, 7th April 2022. You can share your views via the online portal:

<https://highpeak-consult.objective.co.uk/>. Alternatively, email ldf@highpeak.gov.uk



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