

Climate Change Action Plan



High Peak Borough Council has a Climate Change Action Plan. It has two parts.

1. The first part covering the impacts of the council's own activities on climate change. This has already been formally adopted by the Council.
2. The second part seeks to influence the wider community

and partner organisations to deliver net zero carbon emissions by the challenging date of 2030.

The second part of the plan is a comparatively broad-brush and clearly aspirational, as the council is itself only responsible for around 5% of the local emissions, and has limited direct control or even influence over many parties (e.g. the quarrying and cement industries, who are major contributors towards local carbon emissions). The council are seeking wider views, initially via a simple, online survey: <https://www.highpeak.gov.uk/article/7131/Climate-Change-Part-2-Survey>.

It's fairly minimalist/tick box in character and seems designed to elicit basic views about the direction of the plan, but we'd still encourage anyone to look at the plan and respond by 30th May.

Let's Make Carnival Day Sustainable

Ian Bowns, Chair

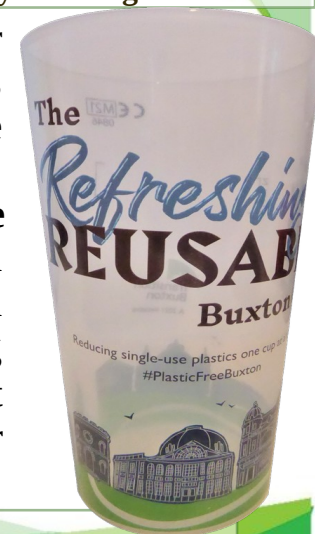
Anyone who has ventured out on the morning after Buxton Carnival Day will know that the scale and range of litter and waste left behind by the celebrations is not a pretty sight. No matter how hard the fabulous volunteer organisers and Council staff work to clear up afterwards; reducing the amount of waste and recycling the waste needs to be tackled.

To support our local pubs and reduce the number of throwaway plastic glasses Transition Buxton has created **The Buxton Cup**. The idea is to buy a cup for £2 and use it throughout the day with refills from any pub (similar to a beer festival) then take the cup home and use it again and again. We hope the cups will be available to purchase via many of the pubs on the day, but you can get yours in advance from The Pump Room or from our stalls at Spring Fair (2nd May) or Rotary Bazaar (28th May). If you are a publican or business who would like some to sell please get in touch by email plastic@transitiobuxton.co.uk. If you could help as a volunteer on the day contact Richard via their website <https://buxtonwelldressing.co.uk/volunteer-to-help/>

Derek Bodey

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Buxton International Festival 2022 has a great programme of environmentally related events to enjoy including:

Our Future in your Hands, a specially commissioned oratorio composed and performed by a talented young team “giving voice to the hopes and fears of the young people who will one day inherit our world”. 10th and 17th July, 6pm in St John’s Church
Regenesis: Feeding the World Without Devouring the Planet, George Monbiot, Tues 12th July, 12:30pm, Buxton Opera House

Talks & Walks

Sat 9th July, 10am, Karen Lloyd, Tim Birkhead and Mark Cocker discuss recovery in nature, Pavilion Arts Centre
 Sat 9th July 3:30pm and Wed 13 July 10am, Mon 18 July 11:30am, Wildlife Walk(s) with Mark Cocker
 Sun 10th July, 4pm, Sarah Gerrard-Jones, The Plant Rescuer, Pavilion Arts Centre
 Sat 16th July, 10am, For the Love of the Land and Land Healer, Sarah Langford in conversation with Jake Fiennes, Pavilion Arts Centre
 Mon 18th July, 12:30pm, Breadsong: How Baking Changed Our Lives, Kitty & Al Tait, Pavilion Arts Centre
 Tues 19th July, 12:30pm, On the Trial of Wolves: A British Adventurer in the Wild West, Philippa Forrester in conversation with Mark Cocker, Pavilion Arts Centre

Plus lots of other topical talks, and some fabulous music. For full details and to book go to <https://buxtonfestival.co.uk/whats-on>
 Along with our Buxton Environmental Action colleagues we hope to have a presence at St John’s for the oratorio on 10th & 17th July – watch this space for details closer to the time.

Buxton Festival Fringe have a number of events that reference the environmental challenges we face and all entries are now available on their website and phone app. The printed Fringe programme should be available at the start of June. <https://www.buxtonfringe.org.uk/programme.php>

Repair Café

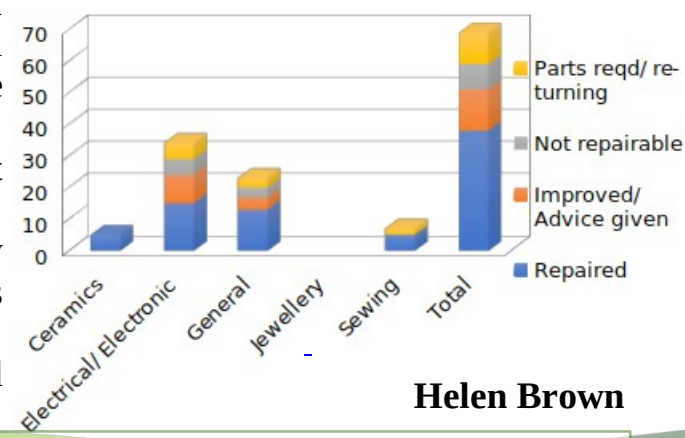
The two most recent Repair Cafes, in February and March, varied in terms of numbers and type of items. No toasters, but a lot of lamps, some Christmas lights, a few radios and the most unusual item - a London 16-inch Telephone system (I'd never heard of it either - but our repairer Dave had!)

Increasingly people are bringing scissors for sharpening, as word gets round that we have a gadget for that now.

Our skilful ceramicist Gill saved some precious china ornaments, and new volunteer Cindy carefully darned and stitched a very old and precious teddy bear, as well as restitching the handles on a few backpacks and bags, ready for them to be used again when out and about in Spring.

Even if our repairers are not able to fix an item, they can often advise as to what the problem is and where to find a specialist who can possibly help.

Outcomes Feb/Mar 2022



Helen Brown

Hard to Recycle

The various recycling schemes operated by Terracycle continue to evolve. The ‘Ella’ Kids food pouch scheme has now closed and we have sent off our last package of these items. Over the 2 years we were collecting as part of this scheme we enabled 38 kg of pouches to be recycled. These items should now be taken to Waitrose for recycling in their ‘plastic bag’ bin.

We have begun to receive items for the new ‘Warburtons Bakery Recycling programme’. This scheme accepts any brand of bakery plastic packaging e.g. crumpet, bagel and wrap packaging. We have also recently joined a scheme which allows us to recycle any brand of flexible coffee packaging i.e. coffee bean pouches and ground coffee pouches. These can all be placed in any of our sets of bins located around the town.

The coffee packaging scheme does not include coffee capsules (pods). To recycle coffee pods you can collect an envelope from Customer Services at Morrisons, fill it with used pods, print a Yodel label and take the package to McColls at Scarsdale Place or Victoria Park Road (see Podback).

Totals for each range of products collected

Scheme	Total collected (kg)	
	To date	Since last newsletter
Crisp packets	330	30
Writing Instruments	67	7
Dental products	62	10
Biscuit Wrappers	31	3
Confectionery Wrappers	21	3
Pringles Cans	15.5	1.5
Cheese Wrappers	11.5	1.5
Hygiene Home packaging	1.0	0.2
<u>Warburtons</u>	0.9	0.9

Veronica Hawthorn



Together for our Planet activities for young people will take place on May 7th and 8th with 310 High Peak Scouts at their Gradbach camp plus Buxton Wild Weeks with the schools w/c 23th May.

The Buxton Flowerpot Trail

The Buxton Flowerpot Trail is back for 2022 and a little earlier than normal. This year's trail will run during June and July to link in with celebrations for the Jubilee. 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 the Jubilee - platinum, red, white and blue – but you don't need to align with the theme, you're welcome to come up with anything you like. Making instruction and videos are available on the Funny Wonders' website www.funnywonders.org.uk. Free pots can be picked up at their stall at the Buxton Spring Fair on Mon 2nd May, an outdoor workshop at The Green Man Gallery on the afternoon of Sat 14th May, 2pm-4pm or at the Rotary's Summer Fair in the Pavilion Gardens on Sat 28th May. The deadline to register a location for the trail is Sun 29th May ✉ hello@funnywonders.org.uk.

Ali Quas-Cohen, Funny Wonders

Plastic Champions

We are delighted to report that *Buxton Pudding Emporium* and *Buxton International Festival* have joined our growing band of Plastic Champions aiming to eliminate single use plastic wherever possible. The commitment is practical and the certificate can be proudly displayed on and offline to show your customers and members that you are taking positive steps. For more information and the simple form to complete can be found on our website <https://www.transitionbuxton.co.uk/plastic-2/>

Derek Bodey

Billie the Bilberry Bee will be with us on our stall at Buxton Spring Fair on Mon 2nd May, then he is off for a visit to the Scout Camp at Gradbach on 7th & 8th May. When not buzzing about, Billie lives in the garden at Buxton Station. If you'd like a visit from Billie contact Frances on education@transitionbuxton.co.uk

Frances Sussex



Proposed Community Workshop

Trevor Gilman, Joe Dugdale and Alan Thompson, who all have close links to community organisations in Buxton, are in the process of forming a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) to carry forward a project to set up a community workshop in the town centre.

The team have already assembled a range of equipment including woodworking and metal working machines, tools, and equipment with a value of about £8,000. There is also an offer of the contents of a Cabinet Makers workshop. The CIO will be in a position to apply for grants and plan to raise funds by crowdfunding.

The idea of the Community Workshop is loosely based on Men in Sheds, a movement that aims to combat social isolation and empower local communities by providing spaces for working together and learning new skills. Bringing people together to participate in artistic and craft activities will have mental health benefits, reduce loneliness, improve a sense of wellbeing, and add to community cohesion. Young and jobless people could gain practical experience.

The team quickly identified potential premises – the former stables behind the Cheshire Cheese on High St. It's a listed building owned by Everards brewery, which also owns the pub. Everards have a track record for helping small breweries and now they are extending that support to our community project. We now have a tentative agreement to lease part of the ground floor and the whole first floor. A planning application is being prepared for the work and Everards have offered to share the cost of the application.

The building is not in good repair and, in addition to the basic repairs, it will need work to meet accessibility and fire safety standards. We are hoping that local tradesmen will help, with potential users of the workshop also helping with the preparation work.

Membership of the Community Workshop will be open to anyone wanting to work on individual or shared projects and skilled members will be encouraged to pass on their skills to others. With its make-and-mend philosophy, the Community Workshop will fit in well with the existing Transition Buxton Repair Café and the Connex furniture restoration project.

Anyone wishing to learn more about membership can offer support with crowdfunding or simply volunteer to help the Community Workshop become a reality should contact buxtoncommunityworkshop@gmail.com.

Jane Reynolds

Film Screening and Discussion - Watch the new documentary film 'The Revolution Generation' at home in your own time, then join us for a discussion of the issues and ideas raised on 10th May. View the film trailer here: <https://youtu.be/9DjzutQvGu8>. To receive the free to view link to the film simply email inspire@transitionbuxton.co.uk between 22nd April and 9th May. The discussion will follow a fairly short General Meeting which starts at 7:30pm. All



Transition Buxton members will receive the zoom link for the meeting on 10th May by email along with links to the meeting papers. If you are not yet a Member and would like to join the discussion please state this when you request the film link and we will send you the discussion link as well.

Can you help? to have the impact that we need to build our local resilience whilst reducing the damage we are causing to the natural environment we need more volunteers. From a couple of hours now and again to ongoing roles we need you and your skills to help make this happen. There are admin roles, events to organise, young people to educate, and projects to manage. If you could spare just a bit of time, we'd love to hear from you to explore how you can support environmental action here in Buxton: contact@transitionbuxton.co.uk



Collaborating for Sustainability

Recently Rotary organisations worldwide have been stepping up to meet the challenges of climate change. In Buxton they have drawn together the various community groups who are all pulling in the same sustainable direction to support and encourage us to work collaboratively for maximum impact. This alliance will work under the banner 'Buxton Environmental Action' to encourage every individual, business and organisation to pledge and take action in their own lives for our collective environmental benefit.

Rotary and Supporting the Environment

Rotarians understand that the whole world is their backyard. They can see the effects of climate change in communities they care about and they haven't waited to take action. They're tackling the problem the way they always do; coming up with projects, using their connections to change policy, and planning for the future. Rotarians are doers. Show them a problem and they look for solutions. But a global problem such as climate change might seem daunting to even the most

resourceful Rotary member. Break that complex problem down into smaller pieces, however, and you find there are many things we can do and are already doing, with help from The Rotary Foundation. A coalition of researchers and scientists mathematically modelled the climatic and economic impact of potential solutions to learn which ones would yield the best results for people and the planet. The list included some surprising possibilities, such as educating girls, promoting family planning, and assisting farmers. All of those align with Rotary's areas of focus, <https://www.drawdown.org/climate-solutions-101>.

Recognising that Rotary Clubs around the world had been actively involved in environmental projects for many years, in 2020 The Rotary Foundation Trustees and Rotary International Board of Directors unanimously approved adding a new area of focus: supporting the environment, which opens additional funding opportunities for clubs. Supporting the environment becomes Rotary's seventh area of focus, which are categories of service activities supported by global grants. It joins peacebuilding and conflict prevention; disease prevention and treatment; water, sanitation, and hygiene; maternal and child health; basic education and literacy; and community economic development. In Buxton, Rotarians have become increasingly involved with environmental issues. Several are members of the U3A environment group and last year's Rotary Charity Bazaar had as its theme, "There is no planet B". Buxton Rotary has signed up to Plastic Free Buxton and has also recruited Fairfield Junior School into the Schools Against Plastic project. <https://www.kidsagainstplastic.co.uk/> The journey for solutions continues.

Mike Hardman

Protecting Our Planet Starts With You



EDUCATE

When you further your own education you can help others understand the importance and value of our natural resources.



Bike More Drive Less
Use Trains & Buses & e-cars



reduce REUSE recycle
Cut down on what you throw away. Follow the three 'R's' to conserve natural resources and landfill space.



PLANT A TREE
Trees provide food and oxygen. They help save energy, clean the air, & help combat climate change.



Volunteer!
Volunteer for clean-ups in your community. You can get involved in protecting the local biodiversity too!



-SHOP-WISELY
Buy less plastic and toxic chemicals and take a reusable shopping bag or container.



SUSTAINABLE
Learn how to make smarter, healthier, local food choices



INSULATE & Reduce home energy consumption

Environment Action Buxton

We Are Buxton, the community forum that emerged from Big Buxton Conversation 1 in April 2021 is starting to settle in as a useful conduit for communication and collaboration between the many local community groups and our Borough and County Councils. Meetings take place every 8 weeks or so. Sustainability is a standing agenda item and on Mon, 9th May retrofitting our buildings and High Path are amongst the topics to be discussed.

Big Buxton Conversation 3 (BBC3) is likely to be an evening in the first half of October and Parkwood Leisure who run Pavilion Gardens have provisionally offered us a venue. The focus will include provision and services by and for young people who told us clearly at BBC2 that they need and want to be heard. The We Are Buxton Steering Group will develop and announce plans for BBC3 over the summer.



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Spring in the Orchard



The pruning season is now over and with the warmer weather arriving it is now just a question of keeping an eye on the trees and looking forward to the blossom, then fruit appearing. Would you like to be involved in helping to look after part of the orchard? It only requires a few hours a year. If so drop orchard@transitionbuxton.co.uk an email.

We now have around 100 trees in the orchard spread across a dozen sites. We continue to look for more locations. If you have a suggestion for a location please let us know.

To help the orchard grow we are also looking for sponsors. For £25 you could sponsor a tree, either in your name or as a present for somebody else. As well as a fruit tree in our community orchard you will get a certificate so it makes a great present for somebody dear to you. More details about the orchard can be found at <https://www.transitionbuxton.co.uk/what-we-do/food/community-orchard/>.

The orchard fruit is for all to share so you'll be doing your bit for the local community however you choose to get involved.

Robin Edwards

Plant Swap Stall

Would you like to grow something new, regardless of size of your growing area, be it a garden or window box?

We will be running a plant swap stall on Buxton Market on Saturday 4th June (09:00 until 15:00).

Whether you are already a gardener or would like to take your first steps in gardening, come along and see what plants we have of interest. If you have a plant to swap bring it along. If you don't have a plant to swap come along anyway and we'll see what there is you might like to grow.

For the growers amongst you, check to see if you have a few spares for our stall. **Robin Edwards**



Dates for your Diary

- Sun, 8th May: **Community Celebration** organised by Buxton Street by Street, Pavilion Gardens – we don't have a stall at this event but hope that our members will support it in other ways.
- Tues, 10th May: **AGM & Discussion** of the film '*The Revolution Generation*', 7:30pm via Zoom, [contact members@transitionbuxton.co.uk](mailto:contactmembers@transitionbuxton.co.uk)
- Tues, 17th May: **Green Drinks**, The Old Sun, 8pm, <http://www.greendrinks.org/Derbyshire/Buxton>
- Thur, 26th May: **Inform & Inspire Meeting**, 5:30pm via Zoom, [contact inspire@transitionbuxton.co.uk](mailto:contactinspire@transitionbuxton.co.uk)
- Sat, 28th May: **Rotary Bazaar Stall**, 10am–4pm, Octagon - volunteers needed
- Sat, 28th May: **Repair Café**, 10am-2pm, Methodist Church
- Sat, 4th June: **Plant Swap Stall**, 8am–4pm, Buxton Market Place – plants & volunteers needed
- Wed, 8th June: **Plastic Clever Meeting**, 7:30pm via Zoom, [contact plastic@transitionbuxton.co.uk](mailto:contactplastic@transitionbuxton.co.uk)
- Tues, 14th June: **Members' Meeting**, 7:30pm via Zoom, [contact members@transitionbuxton.co.uk](mailto:contactmembers@transitionbuxton.co.uk)
- Fri, 17th June: **Green Drinks**, The Old Sun, 8pm, <http://www.greendrinks.org/Derbyshire/Buxton>
- Thur, 23rd June: **Inform & Inspire Meeting**, 5:30pm via Zoom, [contact inspire@transitionbuxton.co.uk](mailto:contactinspire@transitionbuxton.co.uk)
- Sat, 25th June: **Repair Café**, 10am-2pm, Methodist Church

A Library of Things is a shared community resource where you can borrow things that you only need now again. This reduces the need to make / buy / own / store and maintain things like steam cleaners and hedge trimmers. We have done some research into how these work elsewhere and have some ideas about possible premises and an existing software tool to manage the stock. What we need is a small team to make it happen and run this useful service for our community. Please contact Jane on inspire@transitionbuxton.co.uk

