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Transition Buxton

Towards a sustainable community

Welcome to the November & December 2024 issue of our E-Newsletter full of news, views and information

Dates for Your 2024 Diary

14 November 7:00pm, [Members Meeting](#) (2nd Thurs of the month) Face to Face, this month we are at the home of John McGrother, 10 Burlington Road, Buxton

17 November 8:00pm, [Green Drinks](#), Old Sun Inn

21 November Youth Conference, Octagon – not open to the public

23 November 9:30-1, [Repair Café](#), 4th Saturday of the month, last item 12:30, Methodist Church Halls

3 December 7:30pm, [Plastic Clever Group Meeting](#) via Zoom, for link email: plastic@transitionbuxton.co.uk

17 December 6:30pm for Food (see below), 8pm just drinks, [Green Drinks & Christmas Social](#)
Old Sun Inn

Please note; No Members meeting in December, just the social on 17th.
No Repair Café in December, returns Sat 25 January (4th Sat) 2025

Plus [Library of Things](#) within Buxton Library on Kents Bank Rd, open Mondays 5-7, Saturdays 10-12 every week, and online 24/7. Not open on Bank Holidays.

See below for some 2025 dates



Book your place for December Social

Instead of a Members' meeting in December we will be gathering at The Old Sun Inn on Tuesday **17th December**. If you would like to join us for food at 6.30pm please let us know by email to members@transitionbuxton.co.uk by **1st December**. If you just wish to come for a drink you can pop in at the normal Green Drinks time of 8pm onwards.



Big Change to Hard to Recycle Scheme

A big change to report this time, the **KP scheme for recycling crisp packets is closing**. This was one of the first schemes we signed up for when we started with 'Hard to Recycle' 5 years ago and we have sent off over **500 kg** of crisp packets to Terracycle over this time. We will be able to send off one last KP package, but we already have enough packets to fill our allotted 3 boxes so we would like to encourage behaviour change now. Therefore **please now take crisp packets to a soft plastics bin**. In Buxton Morrisons has a large bin, there is a small bin at Waitrose, but the bin at Aldi has unfortunately been removed.

We will continue to operate schemes for the following items through our 'Hard to Recycle' bins: biscuit wrappers, bread bags (including Warburtons wax), cheese wrappers (like Cathedral City), Pringles cans, tea bag & coffee bag packaging, laundry capsule packaging, writing instruments and dental products (but please take toothpaste tubes to Boots if you are able to).

If you haven't used the soft plastics bins before you will find that they take quite a range of plastic packaging (e.g. crisp packets; confectionery wrappers; fruit, vegetable & salad bags; coffee pouches; clothing bags and bubble wrap) so that you will not be left with much to go in your black bin.

If, however, you find it difficult to get to a soft plastics bin we will transfer any we find in the 'Hard to Recycle' bins.

Veronica Hawthorn, Plastics Group



Free DVDs!

Transition Buxton built up a library of nearly 30 films on DVD on topics relevant to the environment and system change. The list is on our website here [FILMSHARE SCHEME – Transition Buxton](#)

As the DVD format is starting to become less popular and the rate of borrows is very low we have decided to give them away. Some are getting a bit dated, but most, like An Inconvenient Truth, and Silent Spring still ring true.

If you would like to claim one, some or all of these DVDs please email inspire@transitionbuxton.co.uk

Hi Growers & potential growers

Online ordering of potato seeds is now open, so get your orders in for your seed potatoes, alliums and beans/peas if you are going to order for collection in Buxton. The advantages are: You can pick up your order from our Repair Cafe on the Saturday **25th of January 2025**. Just remember to put Buxton in the 'I want to collect from' field when looking at your basket. Anything marked for Buxton we'll pick up from Chesterfield and make available for you to pick up.

You can order in quantities of one seed potato, you don't need to order a kg or more of any type. You can try a few of each you'd like. There is a wide variety available. Our page about Potato Day is: <https://www.transitionbuxton.co.uk/potato-day-2025/> There is a link on our page that takes you to Transition Chesterfield's Potato ordering website.

Robin Edwards, Transition Buxton



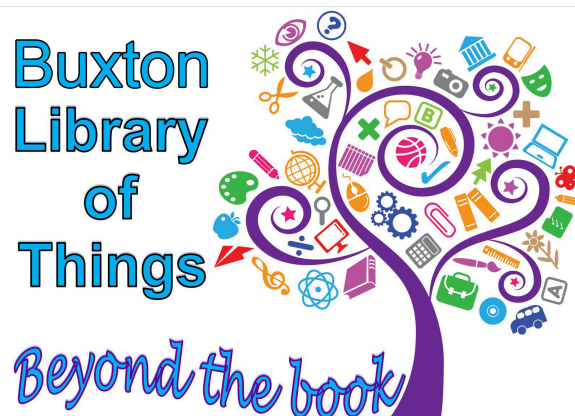
Library of Things

The Library of Things is growing week by week both in membership and the range of items available for loan.

We'd like to see the rate of borrowing speed up, so we are planning a social media campaign and you will be able to help by sharing our posts. But why wait for the Facebook? Is a friend or a neighbour planning a project involving power tools? Let them know that they can borrow from the Library of Things for a small donation. It's Autumn and maybe your gutters are getting blocked with falling leaves. We have the rods you need to clear them. Pass it on!

Check out our inventory [here](#) and if you have any suggestions for additions, let us know. The Library of Things is open Saturday morning (10-12) and Monday evening (5-7). It's staffed by wonderful team of volunteers. It'd be great to welcome more team members, so if you'd like to join us, just drop us an email at library@transitionbuxton.co.uk

Jane Reynolds, Transition Buxton



Education / Outreach Update

An Invite To Our
Climate Change And Sustainability For Schools

Organised by volunteers from
BuxtonTownTeam
all together better

Friday 25th October 1.00 to 2.30
The Octagon, Pavilion Gardens, Burlington Road, Buxton, SK17 9AR

On 25th October our Buxton Library of Things and Plastic Group joined others in The Octagon for the **Buxton Schools Climate Change and Sustainability INSET Day**. Organisations supported Teachers and Teaching Assistants to integrate climate themes into their curriculum and school projects. In the afternoon Governors, Heads and Teachers from across Derbyshire visited the event.

On 21st November we have Transition Buxton volunteers showcasing sustainable fashion, renewable energy and Plastic Free Buxton at this year's **Climate Clever Schools Conference** in The Octagon. Over 250 students will meet organisations to learn about fantastic projects to address climate change. This year the Rotary Club of Buxton are hosting the event to celebrate their collaboration with Kids Against Plastic. If any Transition Buxton members would like to help out on the day with our 3 activities then please contact Frances:
education@transitionbuxton.co.uk

Buxton Student Conference
Climate Clever Schools

Thursday
21st November
2024

The Octagon,
Pavilion Gardens,
Buxton

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Chair's Editorial

The International Energy Agency has just released *Renewables2024*, the latest edition of their annual publication on the renewable energy sector. Their latest forecasts and analysis, suggest a positive next few years (these are direct quotes):

- The world is set to add more than 5 500 gigawatts (GW) of new renewable energy capacity between 2024 and 2030 – almost three times the increase seen between 2017 and 2023.
- Based on these trends, renewables are on course to generate close to half of global electricity by 2030. Solar PV and wind alone are set to double their share of the global electricity mix to 30% by the end of the decade.
- China is on course to account for almost 60% of all renewable capacity installed worldwide between now and 2030, based on current market trends and today's policy settings by governments. That would make it home to almost half of the world's total renewable power capacity by the end of this decade, up from a share of one third in 2010. While China is adding the biggest volumes of renewables, India is growing at the fastest rate among major economies.
- In terms of technologies, solar PV is forecast to account for 80% of the growth in global renewable capacity between now and 2030 – the result of the construction of new large solar power plants as well as an increase in rooftop solar installations by companies and households.

• Despite ongoing challenges, the wind sector is also poised for a recovery, with the rate of expansion doubling between 2024 and 2030, compared with the period between 2017 and 2023.

• Already, solar PV and wind are the cheapest options to add new electricity generation in almost every country.

• Renewables are being deployed so fast, they are outpacing governments' own existing targets. But, and it's a big but, projected growth is not adequate to reach the goal set by nearly 200 governments at the COP28 climate change conference to triple the world's renewable capacity this decade – only achieving 2.7 times its 2022 level by 2030.

Fortunately, the report's forecasts indicate that fully meeting the tripling target is entirely possible if governments take near-term opportunities for action.

For me, the big point is that final bullet point – "Renewables are being deployed so fast, they are outpacing governments' own existing targets". In this sector, at least, if governments don't get in the way, markets might prove sufficient to drive the necessary change. Now, what about home heating?

Ian Bowns, Chair, Transition Buxton CIC

Buxton Clothes Swap Success

The atmosphere was full of laughter and the chatter of women enjoying themselves, lots of big smiles, and "Ooh you look great in that". The Buxton Clothes Swap in St Peters Church Hall was a great success.

To celebrate Sustainable Fashion Week 2024 and #SecondHandSeptember, Transition Buxton threw a Clothes Swap party on Thursday 26 September. Thirty or so ladies each brought along up to 5 items of clothes, shoes and accessories and took home 5 different items to refresh their wardrobes. The glass of fizz on arrival helped everyone to relax and many of those who joined in were new to the sharing concept of clothes swaps. The banter in the fitting room was wonderfully supportive and no-one left empty handed.



The fashion industry accounts for 8% of global greenhouse gasses in the production of 150 Billion garments a year, 70% of which are likely to have involved modern slavery along the way. Only 15% of the population currently recycle clothes with 87% of garments produced going to landfill, often just 18 months after purchase. Extending the life of a garment reduces its environmental impact by 20-30%, and breathes new life into your wardrobe, all whilst saving you money. The clothes swap helped roughly 150 items find new owners.

Our volunteers are already looking ahead to more swapping events with **20 March 2025** already in heavy pencil. Watch the Transition Buxton Facebook page and group for announcements of future events and activities.

Wishing you a Merry Green Christmas!

For some people Christmas is a treasured time of winter delights, and for others it can be a difficult compromise. We'd like to support and encourage you to avoid compromising our treasured natural environment whilst enjoying wholesome times with those who matter most to you.

Making your own gifts, decorations and wrapping using natural, foraged or recycled materials is ideal, but not practical for everyone. Whether you make or buy please try to avoid glitter, tinsel, and foil as they are not biodegradable and find their way into the water course, soil, and creatures with frightening persistence. There are plenty of local workshops and online 'how to' resources (e.g. [Foraging for Natural Christmas Decorations - Woodland Trust](#)) if you are new to Christmas making, and a few tips below to help you get started on your eco-friendly Christmas 2024.

Decorations: Make or purchase locally made wreathes, use collected ivy, holly and evergreen branches for garlands and swags. If you are buying fairy lights get the plugin type, not battery and go for a robust well made brand that will last more than one or two Christmases.

Gifts: Home made candles, sweets or preserves always go down well. Or buy them from local artist makers without excessive packaging. Consider agreeing with family members to only exchange gifts acquired from vintage and charity shops. Resist the temptation to get carried away.

Wrapping: Cloth leftover from projects or from charity shop items works really well as wrapping, as does saving ribbon and wrap for re-use from year to year. See: [Howto Wrap Gifts in Fabric as a Green Alternative to Paper](#) Use old Christmas cards cut up as tags. Or get creative with plain brown wrapping paper and rubber stamps, stencils and coloured pens. Coloured string and ribbon instead of plastic foil for your bows and your gifts will look great under the tree.

Cards: Some people now send digital 'cards' to save resources, but the scale of energy used by electronic communications is higher than you think. Obviously cards made at home re-using materials are the most treasured to receive. If you buy, avoid glitter, opt for recycled, minimal packaging and, in the spirit of Christmas purchase from a good cause that you support.

Undecided about getting a real or fake tree? Our friends at One Tree Planted have done the research and say real is more sustainable. Read more here:



Ho Ho Ho!



Buxton Energy Show 2025

Planning is well under way for our second annual Energy Show scheduled for the **3rd of May 2025**. Following the success of last year's show, the plan is to invite a larger number of stall holders and exhibitors. The event aims to promote and advise on renewable energy in the home and in the community. It provides an opportunity for local people to learn from experts about renewable energy and energy efficiency measures they can implement in their own homes. On hand will be our own members who are keen to share their personal experience with renewable energy. We are seeking volunteers and ideas to make the event a better experience and increase footfall.

Contact: Ian Bowns, Graham Winter, Matthew Eglin Email: energy@transitionbuxton.co.uk

Welcome our new MP

We are pleased to confirm that Jon Pearce, elected as our MP in May 2024, has accepted our invitation to come along to a Transition Buxton Members meeting for an informal chat once or twice a year starting on **Thursday 9 January 2025**.



Looking forward to 2025

9 January 2025 (2nd Thursday of the month) **Members Meeting** when we will be joined by Jon Pearce MP

17 January 8pm, **Green Drinks**, Old Sun Inn

25 January (4th Saturday of the month) **Repair Café**, 9:30-1pm, Buxton Methodist Church

25 January Seed Potato collection at Repair Cafe

7-9 February Transition Assembly, Cheshire <https://tinyurl.com/47rc893u>

13 February **Members Meeting**

17 February 8pm, **Green Drinks**, Old Sun Inn

25 February (4th Saturday of the month) **Repair Café**, 9:30-1pm, Buxton Methodist Church

20 March Spring Clothes Swap

Date TBC another film screening in partnership with Buxton Film Club

3 May Buxton Energy Show, Octagon

31 May Rotary Bazaar, Octagon

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BMAG Update

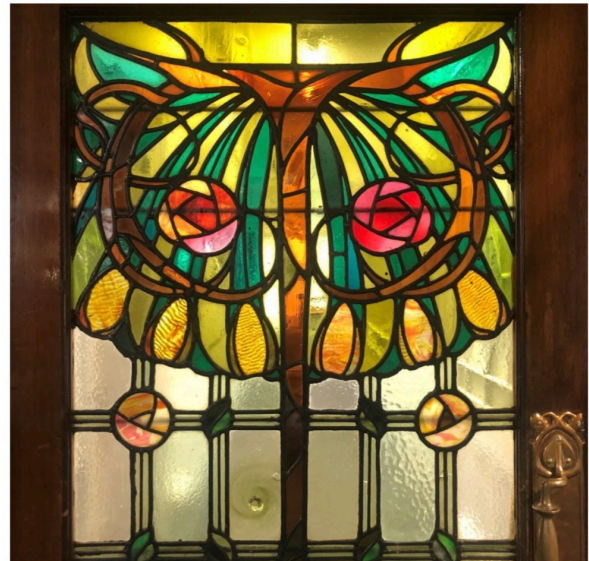
On 15 October the second BMAG Community Stakeholder meeting took place to update us about progress on returning a fully functioning Buxton Museum & Art Gallery to our town.

The good news is that DCC have identified a building that may, with some work, provide a suitable home for the well used and loved facility. A feasibility study to determine the practicalities and costs of conversion should be complete by the end of November'24.

There is some concern that the new location may be smaller so the Art Gallery part of BMAG may not fit alongside the Museum. With the closure of the Green Man Gallery at the end of 2024 Buxton will have lost both our main visual art venues. As the popular annual Art Trail and Open Studio events demonstrate, there is an abundance of local talent looking for places to make, show, and share their work.

The existing building will be completely empty by the end of 2024, then the Peak Buildings will go on the market in the new year. Surprisingly this heritage building is not listed despite, for example, some beautiful interior stained glass windows designed by George Wragge in 1888 which we can only hope a new owner will retain / restore when a new purpose is found for the building.

Another update meeting will take place early in 2025.



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QUESTIONS & POINTING OUT OBSTACLES.”

TINA FEY, actress and writer

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