



Transition Buxton Newsletter

Towards a sustainable community
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Mass Unwrap

On Saturday 29th June Transition Buxton volunteers staged a Mass Unwrap event in Morrisons to visibly demonstrate how much avoidable single use plastic is used by the supermarkets - over 900,000 tonnes per year! In just two hours the team removed a large supermarket trolley full of unnecessary plastic from the 40 shoppers who took part.

We are grateful to Morrisons Buxton for allowing us to do this in their store, and to the shoppers who allowed us to strip the plastic packaging off their shopping. Whilst there is still a long way to go, it was encouraging to realise that it is possible to buy more fruit and veg without plastic than a few years ago - but why not all?

The activity is part of the process to maintain our Plastic Free Community status which is awarded by Surfers Against Sewage. The award also involves supporting local businesses and community groups to reduce their reliance on single-use plastic. See our website [here](#) for details. If you represent a group or business which would like to join this list please get in touch by email to plastic@transitionbuxton.co.uk. We need more people to get involved!

Our next event is a stall on Carnival Day, **Saturday 13th July**, to sell our reusable Buxton cups in a bid to reduce the significant numbers of single-use plastic cups used that day. We will be near Turner's Memorial between 10am and 4pm so do come along and say hello, or if you can spare an hour to help on the stall please get in touch at plastic@transitionbuxton.co.uk.



Love BMAG

On 8th June, to mark the anniversary of the 'temporary' closure of Buxton Museum & Art Gallery (BMAG), Transition Buxton members were pleased to join some 200 local people who turned out in support of this valuable but struggling institution. Along with all those who attended and the 5000 who have signed the petition we are keen to see the cultural fabric of our town restored and maybe even enhanced.

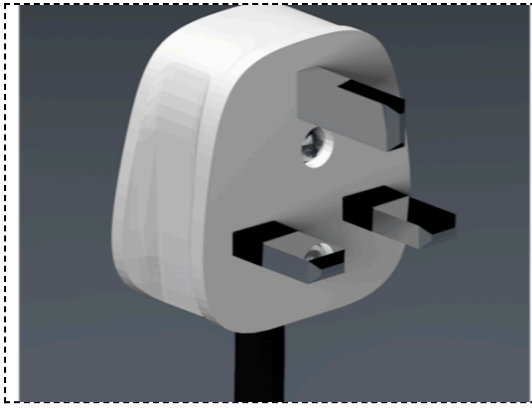
Discussions involving some community representatives are now underway with the aim of finding a viable home and future for BMAG, and for the endangered heritage building which has housed it for nearly 100 years. We will do our best to keep you informed, but keep your eye on local press and social media.

Orchard Update

Work has continued at some of the dispersed orchard sites, notably Sherwood Road with its 10 trees and Gadley Lane (15 trees). This has involved filling sacks with donated wood chip and carting them to the orchards, where, after clearing away grass and weeds from around the trees, the wood chip is spread as a weed-suppressant. Similar activities have taken place at other sites. It is important that the wood chip is at least six months old before use. The trees have blossomed and tiny apples are appearing. If you would like to get involved with helping, either on an occasional 'working-party' basis, or as a more permanent helper as a Tree Guardian, please get in touch with us at orchard@transitionbuxton.org.uk.



We are always happy to accept sponsorships for our trees, please see our website for details (<https://www.transitionbuxton.co.uk/what-we-do/food/community-orchard>), for £25 you could sponsor a tree for yourself or as a gift to a friend or relative.



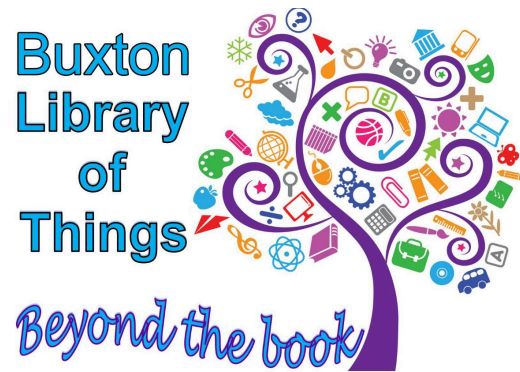
Repair Cafe Impact

In 10 Repair Cafe sessions our wonderful volunteers fixed 200 items in 2023. According to the Repair Cafe Carbon Calculator that is a **saving of 6 tonnes of CO₂**, which is the equivalent of 27,300 miles driven in a petrol car.

The next Repair Cafe session in the Methodist Church on the Market Place is on 24 August, 9:30am - 1pm, last item in 12:30. Then 28 Sept, 26 Oct, and 23 Nov before a break for Christmas.

Borrow Don't Buy

Buxton Library of Things, works very much like the book library on Kents Bank Road where it is based - you borrow an item, use it, return it, then someone else can do the same. With nearly 100 different items available to borrow for low fees this service saves you money & storage space and helps to keep things in use. Search the inventory on-line (see [Buxton Library of Things \(myturn.com\)](https://myturn.com)), register as a member, and once your registration has been confirmed (can be a few hours sometimes), reserve your items for collection from the Library on Saturday mornings 10-12 or Monday evenings 5-7pm.



Buxton Wild Weeks

All children in 5 Buxton Primary Schools have enjoyed this year's Buxton Wild Weeks (BWW) from 20th May to 25th June. Our fantastic volunteers have delivered a wide range of nature connection activities to children from Nursery up to Year 6. Our outdoor learning activities have included pond dipping, owl pellet analysis, studying invertebrates and learning about pollinators. Emma from Derbyshire Wildlife Trust (DWT) shared their Derby Cathedral Peregrine Project and children learnt about natural methods of flood management with DWT's George. Jackie from Peak District National Park, who initiated Buxton Wild Weeks back in 2021, focused on invertebrates at Grinlow and children also explored the flora and fauna of BCA's Sherbrook and Grinlow Woodlands with Frag. Lindsey and Frances want to thank all of our fantastic schools, organisations and inspiring Wild Weeks volunteers, Debbie, Frankie, Graham, Joan, Karen and Vicki. Thank you also to Sheila and Chris from Derbyshire Amphibian and Reptile Group as their winter work with Lindsey on school ponds made this year's pond dipping possible. Transition Buxton has been pleased to host the Buxton Wild Weeks project for the last 3 years, but it will now be moving to a new home with Derbyshire Wildlife Trust who are better placed to provide the infrastructure and support that the BWW team need.

Student Conference November 24

We are fortunate that many other local organisations share TB's commitment to protecting our environment and addressing climate change. The Rotary Club of Buxton and District Group are one of these organisations and so it is great news that they will be hosting a climate conference for schools this year. Their Climate Clever Schools project with Kids Against Plastic is the theme for their event which takes place on **21st November**. TB members, Carol, Jean, Maggie and Frances are working with Rotary members to help organise this and we hope to have Transition Buxton projects represented, so please let us know if you would like to be involved.

Please look out for last year's student conference in the Buxton Short Film Exhibition in July. We submitted our fantastic film, created by Jamie from The Agnew Film Company, and we hope that it reaches a wide audience during the Buxton Festival Fringe.



Billie Bilberry Bumblebee

Billie enjoyed 5 Buxton Wild Weeks at different schools helping children learn about pollinators and wildflowers and also loving all the attention and a few selfies. Billie joined Haddon Hall Care Home for their sustainable gardening project and Billie is now off to The Pump Room to join lots of knitted Bilberry Bumblebees for the Buxton Crescent Heritage Trust project with Friends of Buxton Station. Billie will have a summer holiday in Serpentine Community Garden to create a buzz with their Nature Tots and Growing Well children before returning to the Friends of Buxton Station garden.



Revitalising Buxton - Have Your Say

Revitalising Buxton is a major regeneration project which will see investment in new homes, leisure and hospitality to support a thriving and vibrant town centre and strengthen it for future generations.

Everyone who lives, works or visits Buxton is invited to join a community consultation to help shape a major regeneration for part of the town centre. Join the community consultation taking place this summer and share your ideas. Everyone is welcome to join a free event:

- Saturday 13th July (Carnival Day), 10am-1pm, Turner's Memorial, The Crescent, Buxton SK17 6AL.
- Tuesday 13th August, 10am-1pm, Spring Gardens (outside Sacro Lounge), Buxton.
- Wednesday 21st August, 6.30pm-7.30pm, virtual event via Zoom. (Link to join: <https://zoomto.me/Y-ikA>, passcode: 078734).

Find out more: Revitalising Buxton is a project that will be delivered by High Peak Borough Council. If you would like more information about the project, you can email the team revitalisingbuxton@highpeak.gov.uk or visit the project website www.revitalisingbuxton.co.uk.

Diary

This issue of our bi-monthly newsletter covers July and August 2024.

Please Note: No Members Meeting or Repair Café in July. Buxton is brimming with activities during the summer Festivals season, and even dedicated volunteers take holidays in the summer, so our own diary is less busy during July & August, then we pick back up again in September including a Members Meeting on Tuesday 10th – watch out for announcements via Facebook and the next issue of this newsletter which is due out on 1st September.

- 1 – 14 July Community Energy Fortnight, Theme = Empowerment Community Energy Fortnight | Community Energy England
- **Saturday 13 July 10am-4pm, Carnival Day stall**, by Turner's Memorial
- **Wednesday 17 July 8pm, Green Drinks**, Old Sun Inn, see greendrinks.org
- **Saturday 17 August 8pm, Green Drinks** Old Sun Inn, see greendrinks.org
- **Saturday 24 August 9:30-1, Repair Café**, 4th Sat of the month, last item in 12:30pm, Methodist Church Halls

Plus **Library of Things** within Buxton Library on Kents Bank Rd, open **Mondays 5-7** (except bank holidays) and **Saturdays 10-12 every week**, and online 24/7.



Energy Show 2025

Following the popular Energy Show in the **Octagon** in April, we are delighted to announce that we will be back on **12 April 2025** with an even bigger and better event to help you make informed choices.

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