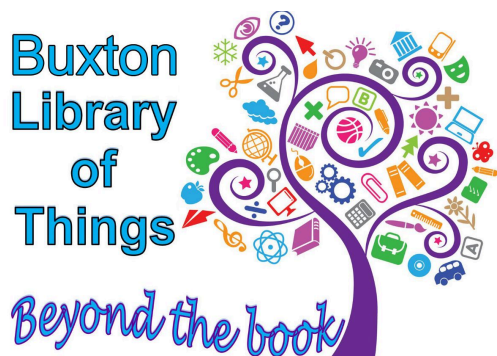


E-Newsletter September - October 2024

Dates for your Diary

- 10 September** 7:00pm, **Members Meeting**, 2nd Tues of the month, Face to Face, Buxton Community School
- 17 September** 8:00pm, **Green Drinks**, Old Sun Inn, see greendrinks.org
- 26 September** 6:30-8:30pm, **Clothes Swop**, St Peters Church Hall, Fairfield
- 28 September** 9:30am-1:00pm, **Repair Café**, 4th Saturday of the month, last item in 12:30pm, Methodist Church Halls
- 1 October** 7:30pm, **Plastics Clever Meeting**, via Zoom, contact plastic@transitionbuxton.co.uk for link
- 8 October** 7:30pm **Members Meeting**, 2nd Tues of the month, Face to Face, venue TBC
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- Plus **Library of Things** within Buxton Library on Kents Bank Rd,
open Mondays 5:00-7:00pm, Saturdays 10:00am-12 noon every week, and online 24/7.
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Library of Things

It's been a summer with interruptions, but Buxtonians have been determinedly outside in their gardens, at the Festival and at Eat in the Park – and some of our Library of Things items have been with them.

Gazebos and folding chairs have been in demand. Two of our Gazebos (we now have three) were in service outside the Pump Room during the Buxton Heritage Weekend. Gardening tools have also been in demand, including the ever-popular pressure washers.

Our inventory and membership is growing all the time and we now have over 150 members and more than 100 items for loan (check it out [here](#)).

A small team provide staffing for the Saturday morning and Monday evening sessions. I hope that they'll all agree, that it's good fun in good company. It would 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



To celebrate **Sustainable Fashion Week 2024**, we're throwing a **Clothes Swap party** at **St Peter's Church Hall, Fairfield Road, Buxton, on Thursday 26th September, starting at 6:30pm.**

Entry is a suggested donation of just £5 and includes a glass of sparkling wine or soft drink before the swapping gets underway at 7:00pm. Please do arrive on time so we can organise all the donations.

We hope to do related kids clothes and even men's clothes swaps in future but we're kicking off with this ladies clothes, shoes and accessories swap so bring along up to 5 items in clean and good condition, on hangers please, browse the rails of other items donated, and take home a new selection to refresh your wardrobe. Further items may be available at the end of the night for an additional donation and there will be a fitting room with the odd mirror to check out your new look!

Clear out unworn clothes and enjoy new items and styles you wouldn't otherwise try, reduce environmental impact, maybe try an upcycling project and have fun with friends old and new, all for a good cause.

Please tell 3 friends now who you think may be interested and put it in your diaries today!
Many thanks for your support. Selina Mills



Hard to recycle update

The latest Terracycle scheme to close is that for recycling dishwasher tablet packaging. Fortunately we just managed to send off a box of this packaging before the deadline. The reason given by the sponsoring company for pulling out was that they have been working to make their packaging more recyclable through normal channels and indeed we have noticed dishwasher packaging containing the wording 'recycle with bags at larger supermarkets'. So in future please place plastic dishwasher packaging in the soft plastic packaging bins at Waitrose, Morrisons or Aldi rather than in our hard to recycle bins. Currently the scheme for recycling laundry washing capsule packaging is still

operating so these items can be deposited in the 'Hard to Recycle' bins.

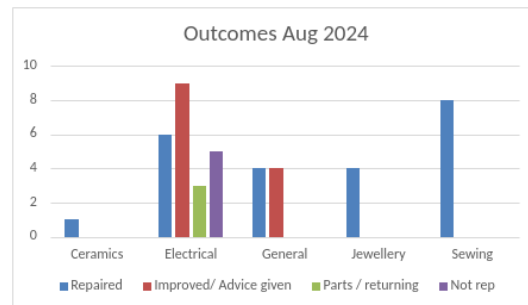
Terracycle is also continuing to recycle medicine blister packs. Over 75 million have been recycled in the UK and Australia. Once at a Material Recovery Facility these are shredded and cleaned then metals and plastics present are separated and processed to make new products. However, please remember that these packs should be taken to Superdrug in the Springs shopping centre rather than placed in our hard to recycle bins.

Veronica Hawthorn

Repair Cafe latest

After two quiet Repair Cafes in May and June, and a break in July to avoid competing with the Buxton festivals, the August session was one of our busiest ever with 44 items processed. This included 4 items of jewellery all with missing links - which were replaced - and 8 items requiring sewing, most of which were stitched by hand. Truly a case of "a stitch in time saving nine". There were 3 irons - one of which just needed a new pug, one where the thermostat was repaired and one which was not fixable - so two out of three's not bad. Also, a much-loved leather handbag, which needed a new catch; an automatic cat-feeder which needed to be unstuck; a much-used hedge trimmer, which though old could be repaired, and an even older hand sewing machine where the catch on the case had stuck and needed easing. So, all in all, a very successful morning in which our amazing fixers enabled 89% of the items brought in to continue to be used - a huge thank-you to them!

Helen Brown repaircafe@transitionbuxton.co.uk



Fuelled by Volunteers

If you'd like to help our town and our community to build our resilience and build a future together worth having we'd love to hear from you.

Everything that Transition Buxton does is done by volunteers.

You don't need any specific skills or knowledge. If you have something you are good at or like doing we will find a role where you can do that. If you want to learn new skills we can make that happen too. We can promise a friendly supportive group of people doing what we can, where we can, any way that we can. We are always open to new ideas and projects. Whether you have a little time, want an ongoing, or a one off role, please get

in touch by emailing us on contact@transitionbuxton.co.uk and we will be in touch.

Don't let your concern for our environment get you down - by doing what you can alongside likeminded colleagues in our community you are also looking after your own wellbeing now and for the future.

Community Orchard Update

We are always pleased when we see the trees we have planted flourishing and producing lovely blossom and fruit. Inevitably, a few trees do not survive – for a variety of reasons, despite the care we try to give. Sometimes it is disease, or accidental or occasionally vandalism. Sadly, we have lost the two trees at our Beechview Drive site – replacing them does not appear viable.

Our dispersed orchard is largely on sites that are owned by HPBC or by the developers of new housing estates.

Some sites, eg Sherwood Road and Brown Edge Road need working parties occasionally to clear unwanted weed growth etc.

If you would like to become a Tree Guardian, helping to look after a particular site, then do please get in touch. Some work does not need any special expertise, and training can be given where needed. We also value the assistance of folk who know a great deal about tree care, to add to the pool of knowledge amongst the team.

Remember, if you are passing one of our orchard sites and fancy an apple, everybody is free to take an apple to eat. Please help yourself to an apple.

Ben Evens Contact: orchard@transitionbuxton.co.uk



Advance Notice - Potato Day 2025

We will again be partnering with Transition Chesterfield for the ordering of potatoes, peas, beans, onions and garlic for growing next year. Orders will open on 1st October, check out the Transition Chesterfield website [here](#). Put Buxton as the delivery location.

There will be a bulk pick-up from Chesterfield then orders will be able to be collected from the Repair Cafe in the Buxton Methodist church halls on 25th January 2025.

Robin Edwards Contact: potato@transitionbuxton.co.uk





IAN BOWNS

Chair's Editorial: I'm of two minds . . .

I don't know about anyone else, but I had been becoming increasingly confident that we are on the lower reaches of one of those adoption curves (you know, the sigmoid shape – slow start, rapid middle phase and slower tail waiting for the laggards) with respect to several new, cleaner technologies. I was thinking several of these trends were becoming inevitable, possibly unstoppable, largely because the economic case for each seems to look so strong, without even considering the avoided costs of mitigating climate change or atmospheric pollution. I'm thinking of areas such as the rapidly falling costs of renewable electricity generation, now much lower over their lifetime than either fossil fuel or nuclear generation, or the electrification of rail and urban public transport. All it needs is for policy makers to act in an even-handed way. Which is where my apprehension starts. Too many of the policy makers seem to have some axe to grind, whether it's on behalf of their locality (NIMBY), a particular legacy industry, political opportunism, or just dogma and prejudice. Time will tell. What do you think and feel?

Ian Bowns, Chair, Transition Buxton CIC

Email: chair@transitionbuxton.co.uk

We Are Buxton Community Forum

The We Are Buxton Community Forum (WAB) of 9 not for profit local organisations continues to meet every couple of months, exchange ideas, provide support, spark collaborations, and to provide a shared voice on town issues with the Borough and County Councils.

The most recent WAB meeting focussed on sustainable transport with a presentation from [Buxton Town Team| Projects | Sustainable Travel Plan](#) where we heard about the potential for Very Light Rail to open up freight routes to passenger travel, applauded the new cycle routes from stations leaflets, and explored the resistance to sharing lifts, cars, and charge points despite the environmental and financial benefits. We also discussed pavement parking and the excess of ABoards and banners around town which we will raise again with Council colleagues when we next meet with them in September.

If you would like to know more, or have a topic you'd like WAB to know about, just email the Transition Buxton representative on WAB on inspire@transitionbuxton.co.uk

Jean Ball

BMAG Update:

Derbyshire County Council have responded positively following the enormous groundswell of passion in our local community in response to the announcement that Buxton Museum & Art Gallery (BMAG) on Terrace Road will not be reopening in that venue. As you will recall, over 200 people turned out at short notice on 1st June to show how much they care about this valuable but beleaguered local institution. Some of the stories that folks told on the day of the difference BMAG makes to them and their family were genuinely moving.

The search is on for a new permanent home for BMAG. In the meantime, to keep the spirit of BMAG alive, a programme of activities, including crafty events for children of all ages, is underway in other venues around the town, and temporary displays of artefacts will be popping up including some in the Octagon Lounge in Pavilion Gardens during Heritage Open Days 9 – 11 September [Buxton Pop Up Museum and Art Gallery: Did You Know? \(heritageopendays.org.uk\)](http://heritageopendays.org.uk)

At a time of difficult budgets and a national downturn of investment in arts and culture we are grateful for the declared commitment from the County Council to ensuring that BMAG will live on in Buxton. We will continue to help keep the future of BMAG high and to keep you informed of progress.

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The programme to revitalise the lower area of Buxton town centre including Spring Gardens, the shopping centre, and the links to the train station is currently in a process of public engagement. A survey (on and offline), series of workshops, stalls and Zoom sessions over July and August have attracted comments, ideas, and information from a good range of local people and visitors. This phase draws to a close with visits to Fairfield and Harpur Hill on 11 September, Freshers Fair at the Dome on 12th, and an online event for retailers and businesses on 18th. For more info see: [Revitalising Buxton](#)

The next step will be the appointment of a Developer, from a short list of tenders, who will then work up proposals and plans to change the offer, look and feel of this part of the town centre. Transition Buxton sits on the programme Stakeholder Panel and will do our best to influence the design and delivery to be sustainable in every sense of the term. We will keep you posted as the programme develops including when the next phase of public consultation will take place. With a following wind it is possible that the physical work will commence towards the end of next year and take up to 2 years to complete.

Jean Ball

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