

Buxton Civic Association Places and Spaces project

Neglected
or
vulnerable to development

Aim

- To identify and document a small number of areas in Buxton felt to be neglected or vulnerable.
- To make relevant parties aware of BCA concerns.
- This initiative aims to make an immediate “little difference” through local action.

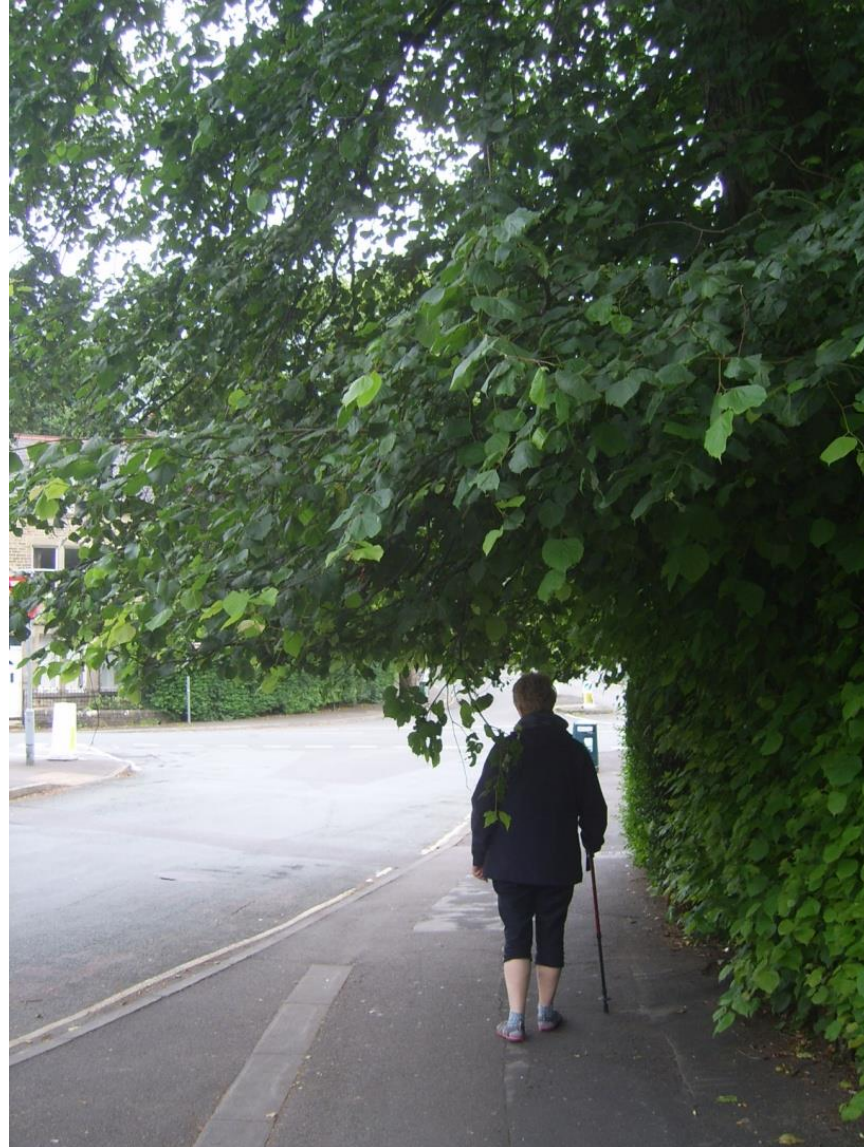
The Palace Hotel wall



Commentary

- Coping stones vulnerable to further damage or theft.
- Recommend: letter to new owners of hotel, enclosing pictures of wall and inviting them to respond.

Overhanging trees



Commentary

- This appears to be an issue across Buxton.
- Recommend: standard letter to be issued in the next newsletter, inviting BCA members to write to HPBC.
- Letter identifies trees causing a nuisance in their road and / or neighbourhood, and asks HPBC to investigate.

The Serpentine





Commentary

- This is an area identified as of outstanding beauty.
- Railings need to be removed and requires a permanent solution.
- Recommendation: letter from BCA to HPBC alerting them to our concerns.

Fountain Street



Commentary

- In a neat residential area, the sub-station wall has collapsed at one end.

Recommendation: that BCA contact Electricity North West (Tel: 0800 195 4141 / E-mail: www.enwl.co.uk), identifying electricity sub-station (No: 331 317) as having a wall in need of repair.



Palace hotel railway woods

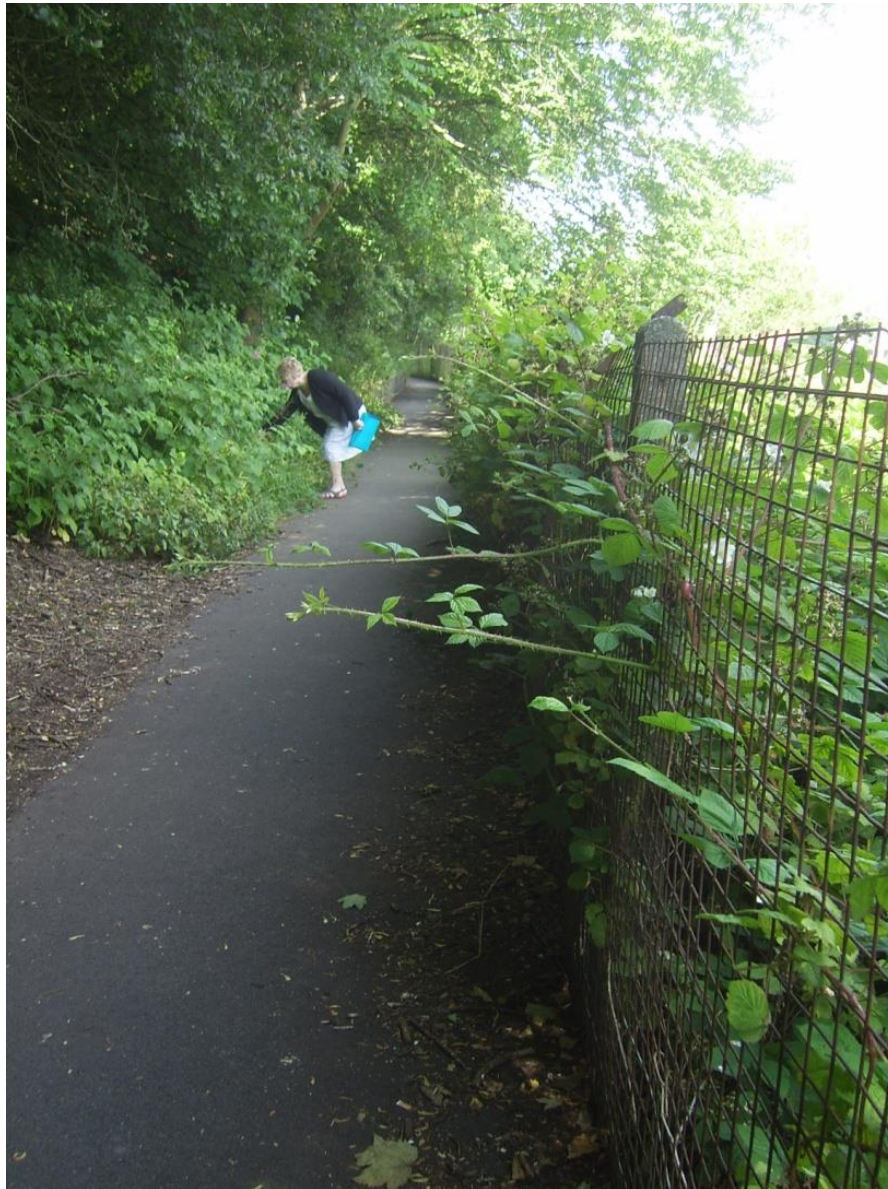
Litter and Pillows



Commentary

- This is an extensive area of woodland in the central zone.
- BCA write to HPBC advising them of our concerns.
- BCA to contact the Town Team: perhaps a litter pick could be arranged?

Railway path



Commentary

- Attractive walk.
- Overhanging trees and bushes growing through the unstable fence.
- Recommend BCA writing to the Friends of Buxton station to advise them of our concerns.

Old toilet site, Water Street



Commentary

- A neglected site, in the centre of the prime tourist zone.
- Recommend BCA writing to HPBC, asking for discussion of development plans for this site.
- The *status quo* is unacceptable: something needs to be done.

Ashwood Park



Commentary

- Ashwood Park appears to be little used.
- The grass and trees require tidying up.
- The river has stone blocks, a supermarket trolley and a traffic cone in it.
- There is some litter and debris from partying.

Recommendations

1. BCA write to HPBC requesting
 - The garden maintenance programme be more frequent and litter patrols be extended from Spring Gardens to include Ashwood Park.
 - The river has debris removed.
 - The Friends of Ashwood Park make a significant impact, but need more support.
2. BCA write to Waitrose, asking them to retrieve shopping trolley.

Morrisons car park fence



Commentary

- Litter has collected at the bottom of the car park fence.
- Recommend BCA writing to Morrisons, advising them of our concerns.

The Beet, Bishops Lane

- A group of houses at the end of Bishop's Lane.
- BCA to promote the use of brown field sites for development.

Spring Gardens first floor



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Commentary

- Numerous magnificent first floor facades.
- Concern over the extent to which the stonework is being stabilised and protected from damage by pigeons.
- Recommend
 1. BCA write to shops to remind them of their responsibility: liaison with Town Team?
 2. Consider investigation into first / second floor usage: is there potential for residential or office use?

The Viaduct



Commentary

There appears to be substantial growth of vegetation on the top of the viaduct.

This gives a poor impression of the town at a key entry point.

Cattle Market / Council Yard



Commentary

- A central area next to a public car park used by both residents and visitors to Buxton.
- Creates an impression of scruffiness and neglect.
- Recommend BCA writes to HPBC advising them of our concerns and enquiring as to their intentions in the short and long term.
- Need a timeframe for the re-development of this area.

Bus stop wall



Commentary

- This is next to the National Express / Trans Peak Express bus stops on the Market Place.
- A hazard as well as being visually poor.
- As DCC is responsible for the maintenance of this small wall, BCA could advise them of their responsibility citing a health and safety issue.

High Peak College site



Commentary

- Site is being sold by Innes England (Tel: 0115 924 3243)
- Justifiable concern from local residents as to the nature of any future development and its impact on the Harpur Hill community.
- Recommend that the progress of any development be monitored in the context of the aims of the High Peak Development Plan.

Market Place Well



Commentary

- Historic and Listed monument, showing signs of erosion.
- Absence of information the history of well and relationship with Market Cross.
- BCA to raise duty of care with HPBC and other stakeholders.

Conclusion

- This is just a first look at some places and spaces.
- There are others.
- However, we will actively address the issues raised here, aiming for several quick wins.

Thank you

Questions and discussion?

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