

Press Release
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Buxton's Present from the Past Project

Buxton Museum and Art Gallery, Buxton and District U3A, Discover Buxton, Liz Mackenzie the new Community Officer for the Crescent and the Past Lives Team are working together on a project to capture resident's memories and create an audio and visual archive. Buxton's 'Present from the Past' project will capture sound-bites and snap-shots of the town and bring the rich history of Buxton to life.

The memories and images collected will help inform the development of the Buxton Crescent and Spa Heritage Experience in the Pump House, be part of the 'Collections in the Landscape project at the Museum as well as being passed on in tours of the town for local people, visitors and tourists. The new archive will also play a part in future research, education and schools projects as well as talks and events at the Crescent.

Liz Mackenzie the Community and Volunteer Officer for the Crescent added that "this is a key moment in Buxton's history with work to start on the Pump House and main Crescent site soon and a perfect time to reflect on the past and capture precious memories and images. This collaborative project will unearth and preserve a key archive for many people of all ages to experience and learn from."

Derbyshire County Council Cabinet Member for Health and Communities Councillor Dave Allen said: "This project comes at an important time for our museum. Our Heritage Lottery funded project, Collections in the Landscape, will be transforming the way we are able to interpret and present this material, both inside the museum and online. We will also make sure that the stories generated from this exciting project will be available to future generations at our record office in Matlock".

Anyone who is interested in the project or has memories about the town they would like to share is invited to the Buxton Present from the Past Launch event on Thursday 10th December at 10.30am at the Old Hall Hotel. The informal event will begin with a brief presentation on the project and how you can get involved by representatives from the Museum, U3A, Discover Buxton and Crescent. There will then be an opportunity to share memories about Buxton over tea, coffee and cake afterwards.

Netta Christie from Discover Buxton **Tours** commented that ""Our involvement will mean that visitors and locals can share in the collective memories of Buxton's townspeople to better understand why Buxton is special. To that end, the oral contributions of people will really be not only a present from the past, but a present for our future".

Anne Rogerson of Buxton and District U3A added that ""This joint project offers a unique opportunity for those with knowledge of times past in Buxton to share those gems of information and tell of the part they and their families played in the life of the town as far back as living memory and stories can take us. Please help us to create this record."

If you would like to attend the event or for further details please email:
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