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Update on Buxton issues

Crescent

The first two stages of the investigative works have been successfully completed and the final stage is due to be started shortly. The final stage will involve further drilling and digging which will provide more information regarding the ground conditions. Once these works have been completed, detailed design and preparations for the constructions works can begin.

Pavilion Gardens

The second phase of the Great Hall refurbishment should be complete by the end of March '09. Following the Cafe refurbishment, the new area will house the Tourist Information Centre, and Art Gallery and a gift boutique.

The final phase of the refurbishment will be complete by the end of April - with a new high quality coffee shop and ice cream parlour, replacing the existing shop and temporary TIC.

Councillors have approved a partnership project with the High Peak Theatre Trust and the University of Derby to convert the Paxton Suite into the Pavilion Arts Centre. The new facility would accommodate fairs, events, community hires, conferences, arts activities and University lectures. The work, if the final feasibility study is agreed, would start in September '09.

Leisure facilities

Initial work has been done to look at the refurbishment of Buxton Swimming Pool. The intention is to improve the internal presentation of the existing pool and develop a large fitness suite. When the plans are firmed up and costed we will be sharing them with existing users and local people to get their views. The Council has signed up to the National Free Swim initiative for under 16s and over 60s, which is live from the 1 April and runs for 2 years.

Going Local projects

The 'Going Local' scheme is in the process of allocating £10,000 of funds for 2008/09. A number of suggestions have been received since the October 2008 forum, which are being investigated to see if they can be undertaken. Some of the completed schemes are shown on the display boards at this forum. If anyone has any suggestions for projects that could be considered under the 'Going Local' scheme please make a note of them on the forms around the room. Alternatively please visit our website at <http://www.highpeak.gov.uk/neighbourhood/areaforums/goinglocal.asp>