

**JOIN THE THOMAS FOWELL BUXTON SOCIETY  
HELP TO SPREAD HIS HERITAGE  
JOIN THE STRUGGLE AGAINST MODERN SLAVERY**

I would like to apply for membership /renew my membership to the Thomas Fowell Buxton Society. I enclose a cheque for the appropriate fee, made out to the *Thomas Fowell Buxton Society*.

**Membership Type**

Individual (£7 pa)

Family (£12 pa)

Life Membership (£100)

*Please tick the appropriate box*

Full Name:

Address:

Telephone Number:

Email address:

Date:

Send this form with your membership fee to

The Treasurer, TFBS

Dr John Fannon

Tamaris, Nottingham Lane,

Weymouth, Dorset DT3 4BU

**With Gift Aid the Society can reclaim 25% of**

**membership fees and donations from the Tax man.**

**If you are wish to make a GIFT AID DECLARATION to the Society, please complete the Gift Aid form and sign it.**

**GIFT AID DECLARATION**

**Name of charity: Thomas Fowell Buxton Society**

**Please treat as Gift Aid donations(s)**

The enclosed gift of £

All gifts of money that I make today and in the future

All gifts of money that I have made in the past 4 years

*Please tick the appropriate box*

You must pay an amount of Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax for each tax year (6 April one year to 5 April the next) that is at least equal to the amount of tax that the charity will reclaim on your gifts for that tax year.

**Donor's details (or As Membership Form )**

Title Full Name and Surname

Home address

Postcode

Date

Signature

Please notify the charity if you wish to cancel this declaration, change your name or home address, or if you no longer pay sufficient tax on your income and/or capital gains.

**If you pay Income Tax at the higher rate**, you must include all your Gift Aid donations on your Self Assessment tax return if you want to receive the additional tax relief due to you.

**THE THOMAS FOWELL BUXTON SOCIETY  
AND THE BUXTON MONUMENT**



Thomas Fowell Buxton was MP for Weymouth and Melcombe Regis from 1818 to 1837.

He led the abolitionist party in Parliament and achieved the freedom of slaves in the British Empire in 1833.

As a philanthropist his many other achievements included the reform of prisons and of criminal law. He was also an advocate for the rights of indigenous peoples in the British Empire as it absorbed new territories.

The Thomas Fowell Buxton Society was formed in 2010 to bring Buxton's life and achievements to public notice and share Weymouth's heritage.

The Buxton Monument, paid for by public donations, was erected on Bingleaves Green in November 2016.

The Heritage Lottery Fund awarded a grant to the Society to design and build an Information Board to explain the significance of the Buxton Monument's fine carvings. The Heritage Lottery Fund grant also enabled the Society to publish a commemorative book and to organise a dedication ceremony on Bingleaves Green. This took place on 5<sup>th</sup> June 2017 and was attended by a good crowd in spite of poor weather.



## THE THOMAS FOWELL BUXTON SOCIETY AND ITS MISSION

The Society was set up in 2010 by local people concerned that Buxton's achievements had been forgotten, especially in Weymouth where he had served for so long and with such success.

The Society is recognised by the Charity Commission and has the aim of educating the public about the life and achievements of Thomas Fowell Buxton.

For the past 7 years, the Society's mission has been:

- To raise funds to erect the Buxton Monument
- To raise awareness of Buxton's achievements and his connections with Weymouth by giving talks to local organisations.
- To organise events of interest to our supporters

The Society now has supporters from all over the UK and in North America and Kenya

The Buxton Monument and its information board joins other memorials to Buxton's achievements set up around the world; in Westminster Abbey, Spitalfields and Victoria Tower Gardens in London; in Norwich Cathedral, Sierra Leone and Kingston, Jamaica. There are also villages bearing his name in Guyana, and Ontario, Canada.

Now that the monument has been erected and dedicated, the mission of the Society is now

- To maintain the Buxton Monument so that it continues to be a credit to Weymouth
- To continue to share Weymouth's heritage with the general public by talks and events and outreach to schools
- To carry on the spirit of Buxton's work by supporting initiatives to combat modern slavery.

## THE THOMAS FOWELL BUXTON SOCIETY AND SHARING HERITAGE

### Outreach to the Community

The Society fields a team willing to give presentations to local organisations:

- Carl Whitehouse *The Mico-Buxton Connection* ([CW@tfbs.org.uk](mailto:CW@tfbs.org.uk))
- John Fannon *Heroes of the Anti-Slavery Movement (including Buxton's role)*. ([JAF@tfbs.org.uk](mailto:JAF@tfbs.org.uk))
- Lynwood Newman *Slavery in the Americas*. ([LN@tfbs.org.uk](mailto:LN@tfbs.org.uk))
- Joyce Fannon (i) *Thomas Fowell Buxton and Empire* (ii) *Weymouth through the eyes of Thomas Fowell Buxton*. ([HJF@tfbs.org.uk](mailto:HJF@tfbs.org.uk))

Email any of the above speakers to arrange a talk with your local group. (The links are on our website)

### Outreach to Primary Schools

The Society website carries a Primary School Pack, in association with Fairtrade Fortnight, which can be downloaded by staff from October 2017 from the Society's website (see over).

It comprises a series of 4 lessons suited to years 5 and 6 entitled "Fairtrade Fortnight", "Sugar Cane", "Sugar and Slavery", "Thomas Fowell Buxton and Slavery".

The pack includes lesson plans, power point presentations and proposals for activities. It enables Primary School Staff to deliver to their own students what had previously been a Society presentation given by one of the educational team.

Our new online initiative, also funded by the Heritage Lottery Fund has been praised by the Fairtrade Foundation.

## THE THOMAS FOWELL BUXTON SOCIETY AND MODERN SLAVERY

Slavery is like a cancer. No sooner has it been eradicated in one part of society, it emerges somewhere else. If he were alive today, Buxton would be grieved that so many are still enslaved around the world, many of them in the UK.

Since its foundation in 2010 The Thomas Fowell Buxton Society has been raising awareness of modern slavery and racial issues through our networking partners.

- *Purple Teardrop Campaign (Poole)*
- *Weymouth and Portland Fairtrade Forum*
- *South West Dorset Multicultural Network*
- More recently with the organisation, *Unchosen*

Our Partners consider that the Buxton Monument is a symbol to encourage those trying to fight against such modern injustices.

The Thomas Fowell Buxton Society will continue to support anti-slavery initiatives and publicise this burning issue.

### THE THOMAS FOWELL BUXTON WEBSITE

[www.thomasfowellbuxton.org.uk](http://www.thomasfowellbuxton.org.uk)

Our website enables you to join the society, to book a talk with your local group, to purchase our commemorative book 'Monumental Endeavour' and also our button badges.

The website also provides a link to our schools initiative