

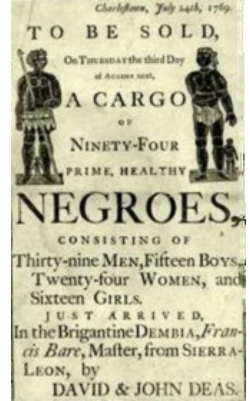
Thomas Fowell Buxton

was a Weymouth MP whose bill in Parliament in 1833
abolished Slavery in the British Empire



William Wilberforce

STOPPED THIS



Wilberforce's Bill of 1807 made the trade
in slaves illegal



Thomas Fowell Buxton

STOPPED THIS



Buxton's Bill of 1833
freed all the slaves

Recover Weymouth's Heritage!

Please help to commemorate Thomas Fowell Buxton's achievement by making a contribution to the Thomas Fowell Buxton Monument. It will be built on Bingleaves Green in Weymouth. It will be a fitting memorial to Weymouth's most illustrious MP, who finally put an end to a disgraceful episode in British history.

About Thomas Fowell Buxton

Thomas Fowell Buxton was MP for Weymouth between 1818 and 1837 and led the struggle to abolish slavery as an economic system. The trade in slaves had been abolished by Parliament earlier in 1807. But slavery still persisted as an institution. Children continued to be born into slavery on plantations in the British Empire.

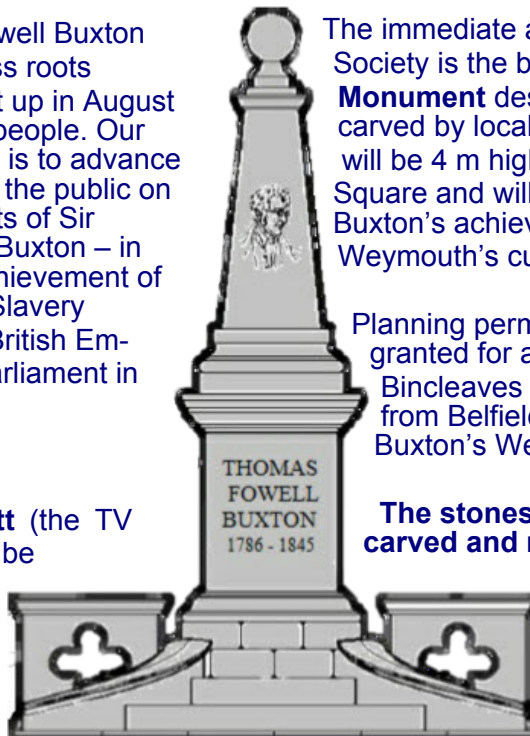
Thomas Fowell Buxton took over the leadership of the movement in parliament from William Wilberforce in 1821. In 1833 after a long campaign in which he was subjected to virulence, lampooning and attempts at character assassination, he succeeded in having Parliament pass an Act for the liberation of slaves.

At the stroke of midnight on 1st August 1834, 800,000 slaves ceased to be property, bought and sold at market like cattle, subject to arbitrary and often very cruel punishments, and with no standing in law. They became citizens, able to own property, maintain their marriages and families and their children became their own.

The Thomas Fowell Buxton Society

The Thomas Fowell Buxton Society is a grass roots organisation, set up in August 2010 by local people. Our Society's object is to advance the education of the public on the achievements of Sir Thomas Fowell Buxton – in particular his achievement of the abolition of Slavery throughout the British Empire by Act of Parliament in 1833.

Ainsley Harriott (the TV Chef) agreed to be Patron of the Society in 2011.



The immediate aim of the Society is the building of this **Monument** designed and carved by local students. It will be 4 m high on a base 3 m Square and will celebrate Buxton's achievements and Weymouth's cultural heritage.

Planning permission has been granted for a site on Bingleaves Green, not far from Belfield House, Buxton's Weymouth home

The stones are already carved and monument will be erected as soon as we have raised the funds to do so.

Weymouth College Involvement

Since 2010 the students of Weymouth College's stone carving department have been carving the 144 stones that together make up the monument. The design of the monument was drawn up by a student, Mr Peter Loizou and the details on the monument represent achievements in Thomas Fowell Buxton's life. The stones have now been carved and the monument is ready to be built.

Can you help us?

We have the stones; we have a site. But we need the money to erect the monument. We are seeking to raise between £25,000 and £30,000 over the next year. We shall seek grants from trust organisations where our project is relevant to their aims, but we compete in a very crowded place.

You can help us in the following ways

By Individual and Corporate Donations

The Thomas Fowell Buxton Society was formed as a result of public interest and it is hoped that local businesses and members of the public will continue to demonstrate their interest by donations. All donations will be recorded in a **Tribute Book** which will be held in perpetuity by the local Council.

Donors will be given the opportunity of posting something about themselves or their organisations in the Tribute book.

The names of donors will also be posted on our website (with permission of the donors). Donations can be gift aided and by this means the Society can gain a tax rebate of 20%.

By Sponsorship of Stones

There are 144 stones which make up the monument. They range from the simplest (paving stones) to more complex stones which embody detailed carvings. Sponsorship prices range from £20 to £500 depending on the complexity.

The names of sponsors will also be recorded in the Tribute Book.

Complete the Form overleaf to make a donation

and/or to order a Stone Sponsorship catalogue

Make a Donation to build the Monument

Tick one or both boxes and send this form to

The Treasurer, TFB Society
Tamaris, Nottingham Lane, Weymouth DT3 4BU

I would like to make a donation of

£

to assist the Thomas Fowell Buxton Society to build the Thomas Fowell Buxton Monument in Weymouth. I enclose a cheque for the appropriate fee, made out to the *Thomas Fowell Buxton Society*.

(The Society will contact you for details to be entered into the Tribute Book)

I am interested in sponsoring a stone. Please send me a catalogue. Note: the Catalogue can be downloaded from one of our websites using the link

<http://www.thomasfowellbuxton.org.uk/documents/a5-catalogue.pdf>

My details are as follows:

Full Name:

No initials please!

Address:

Telephone Number:

Email address:

GIFT AID DECLARATION (If applicable)

I am a UK Tax payer. This donation and any other donations I might make to the Thomas Fowell Buxton society are to be treated as Gift Aid.

Signature: