



Credition Town Council

Newsletter

October - December 2017

Gardens Galore

This year's Floral Credition Awards Ceremony was held on Tuesday, 26th September. The results of the competition, which are a closely guarded secret until the ceremony, were announced by the Mayor, Councillor Frank Letch, who presented the certificates and awards.

Once again there was a fantastic array of bright, flourishing gardens to judge. There are some hidden delights within our town! Thank you to everyone that entered and congratulations to all our winners and runners up.

Category

1. Small Formal Garden
2. Large Formal Garden
3. Small Managed Natural Garden
4. Large Managed Natural Garden
5. Patio or Hanging Baskets
6. Cultivation of Alpine & Unusual plants

First Prize

- Mrs Stevens
Mrs Macbeth
Mrs Weeks
Mrs Tucker & Mr Shapland
Mr & Mrs Snell
Mrs Cann



Business is Blooming

Not only have the local residents excelled themselves but this year, Credition's local traders have done an excellent job in brightening up the town!

Category

1. Large Commercial Premises
2. Small Commercial Premises

First Prize

- Credition Inn
Nessie's Bistro & Delicatessen

For those of you wondering how Credition fared with its Britain in Bloom entry or the many entries in the It's Your Neighbourhood Competition, we are afraid you will have to wait a little longer, as the RHS won't be announcing the results until 5th October 2017. Further information will be in the Winter Newsletter.



Sowing their way to Success

This year, two members of RHS Rosemoor travelled to Credition to judge the 120+ allotments. With an array of fruit, veg and flowers, the allotment sites are eye catching to anyone walking by!

Category

1. Exhibition Road
 2. Barnfield
 3. Moffats Land
- Exhibition Road Newcomers
Barnfield Newcomer

First Prize

- Mr Prosser
Mr Snell
Mr Stevens
Mrs Bagwell & Mrs Green
Mr Matten



Did someone say Christmas?



It's official! *Christmas in Cridton* starts on Saturday 25th November 2017, with the annual Christmas Lights Switch-on

This year's theme is MAGICAL. We are encouraging everyone, yes everyone, to dress up as their favourite magical character. This could be Merlin, Harry Potter, the Snow Queen, Unicorns, Goblins, Elves, Pixies, Trolls and anything in between. Once again, the possibilities are endless!

The children's fancy dress competition will be held at Cridton Methodist Church and there will be spot prizes for the best dressed adults. You don't need children to join in!

This year there will not be a High Street road closure. The event will be centred around the Town Square with entertainment, including live music, starting at 3.00 pm and finishing at 6.30 pm.

A fancy dress parade down Market Street will precede the Big Lights Switch-on at 5.00 pm and we are pleased to confirm that the Exmouth Land train will be returning to offer rides along the High Street.



A big thank you to our sponsors!



The Fountain of All Knowledge Retires!

You will shortly be seeing some changes in the Town Council office staff, as we say goodbye to Sandie Blake and welcome a new Administrative Assistant.

Sandie who has been working for the Town Council since April 2016, when Mid Devon District Council (MDDC) withdrew its customer service office, has been an invaluable member of the team. Her wealth of knowledge and experience, gained over 30 plus years of working for MDDC in Cridton, has enabled the Town Council to help and support the people of Cridton during a difficult period of transition.

We're sure you will join us in wishing Sandie a happy, healthy and relaxing retirement.

What do you think?

The Council's Open Space Committee are always looking at ways to improve the look of the town. We would like to know whether you think there are any areas that have a negative impact on the townscape? By identifying such areas the Committee can start to think about possible improvement schemes.

We are looking at the possibility of expanding the floral displays within the town. If the Town Council were to purchase more three tier planters, like those on the Town Square, where would you like to see these located?

Mid Devon District Council are making leisure plans for the next three years. What facilities and/or activities would you like to see in Cridton? Please let the Town Council know, so we can make sure your views are heard and considered.



Growing stronger communities!

As you may know, the Town Council is working on an Allotment Access Path Project at the Exhibition Road allotment site. Improving the accessibility of five allotment plots will provide the opportunity for Crediton residents with mobility issues to rent a local allotment and enjoy the social interaction it provides.

We are delighted to announce that this project is well underway as the Council recently received confirmation that its grant funding application submitted to Awards for All, part of the Big Lottery Fund, has been successful. The path is almost finished and it is hoped that the entire project will be completed soon.

If you are interested in renting an allotment plot, please get in touch so that we can add you to the waiting list.



Free training for everyone

COULD YOU SAVE A LIFE?

Defibrillator Awareness Training

Come along and learn how to:

- Use a defibrillator
- Recognise a Cardiac arrest
- Carry out CPR
- Manage an unresponsive casualty

Wednesday
25th October 2017, 6.00 pm
Boniface Centre, Church Lane

FREE

NHS South Western Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust

With the installation of the first 24 hour external defibrillator in Crediton, the Town Council has arranged a free training session for residents so they can learn how to use it.

The training is on Wednesday 25th October 2017, at 6.00 pm in the Boniface Centre.

Look who's back!

At the Town Council meeting in September, Anne Hughes was welcomed back as a Crediton Town Councillor for Lawrence Ward.

Anne was successfully co-opted following the recent resignation of Heather Sansom. Anne is delighted to be back representing the interests of Crediton and its residents.



Following her co-option, Cllr Hughes said "I am thrilled to bits to be back on the Council, I have missed everybody!"



? Think you know Crediton?



Where would you have found this gunmetal nameplate and shield in the 1940s?

Answer on back page

CREDITON

Open Spaces

Areas within Crediton to enjoy & explore

- 1 Peoples Park** A large open area of grass perfect for picnics, sports, dog walks or just relaxing in the sunshine. It is also home to a magnificent Giant Redwood tree. Maintained by Crediton Town Council.
- 2 Peoples Park Wildlife Area** A once unloved area transformed into a flourishing wildlife haven - just the spot to watch the variety of wildlife! Why not pick some fresh strawberries or herbs whilst you are there? Or take up a copy of the Council's Wildlife Hunt leaflet? (Available from the Council Offices)
- 3 Upper Deck** In 1915, members of a local family placed seating on the Upper Deck reservoir to provide an area for returning WW1 soldiers to visit and enjoy the countryside. The Upper Deck viewpoint continues to provide residents and visitors with the perfect spot to enjoy the town's picturesque scenery. Maintained by Crediton Town Council.
- 4 Falds Crescent Play Area** Looking for a large area of open space? This play area provides a safe place to enjoy playing ball games, riding a bike and many more activities. Maintained by Crediton Town Council.
- 5 Spinning Path Gardens Play Area** Nestled away in a small housing estate, this play area provides a quiet place to enjoy a range of activities, whilst enjoying the views of Crediton Town. Maintained by Crediton Town Council.

Time to explore!

The Town Council has recently created a new booklet detailing 22 open spaces within Crediton just waiting to be explored. The booklet tells you a little bit about each area, together with who maintains it and a handy map to help you find them. The making of this booklet proved very interesting, so we hope that you also discover some hidden gems to enjoy.

The booklet will be available to pick up from the Town Council Offices on Market Street, Crediton Library and various shops on the High Street.

Why not pick up a few copies of the Wildlife Hunt at the same time and take the little ones on an expedition!

And there's more...

Big thanks to the Crediton Courier for the photos used in this edition.

Avoid costly fines, **don't park on pavements**
Don't say we didn't warn you.



Report local problems including graffiti, fly tipping, broken paving slabs, or street lighting
www.fixmystreet.com

Think you know Crediton? Answer
On the Southern Railway West Country Class Locomotive No. 21C148 Crediton. It can now be found in the Council Chamber.

This year's **Remembrance Sunday Service & Parade** will be held on **Sunday, 12th November 2017**
The service will begin at Crediton Parish Church at 10.30 am

Dates for your diary

October

7th & 21st **Farmers Market** Crediton Town Square
17th **Crediton Town Council** meeting 7.00 pm
Council Chamber, Market Street
25th **Defib Awareness Training** Boniface Centre 6.00 pm

November

4th & 18th **Farmers Market** Crediton Town Square
12th **Remembrance Sunday Service & Parade**
21st **Crediton Town Council** meeting 7.00 pm
Council Chamber, Market Street
25th **Christmas Lights Switch-on** Crediton Town Square
3.00 pm - 6.30 pm

December

2nd **Farmers Market** Crediton Town Square
12th **Crediton Town Council** meeting 7.00 pm
Council Chamber, Market Street
17th **Christmas Farmers Market** Crediton Town Square
21st **Crediton Town Band Carol Service** Crediton Town Square 6.00 pm - 8.00 pm

If you would like a diary date included here, please contact the Town Clerk

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Crediton Town Councillors - Boniface Ward

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Crediton Town Councillors - Lawrence Ward

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Crediton Library	01363 772578	
Citizens Advice	01363 776210	
Crediton Hospital	01363 775588	
Social Services	0845 155 1015	

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