



## *Credon Town Council* NEWLY CO-OPTED TOWN COUNCILLORS

As a result of an uncontested election in May this year, three vacancies for the office of Town Councillor occurred. Following the publication of a notice of vacancy three successful candidates were appointed by the Council for the Lawrence and Boniface wards. The new councillors are:

### **Bill Dixon (Lawrence Ward)**

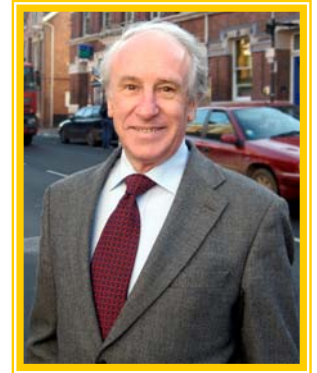
Bill has lived in Credon for 35 years, is married to Gill and they have two children. There are not many aspects of life in Credon that Bill has not touched.

He is a former member of Mid Devon District Council and previously was a member of an urban district council in south Gloucestershire, probably then the youngest council chairman in the country.

He has led a Lobby to the House of Commons, is a former chairman of Credon Traffic Action Group, helped raise 2,300 signatures on a petition to retain a bypass route for Credon, and was involved in the original group in Credon calling for a by-pass.

"There are things in Credon that need looking at to make sure Credon's voice is heard by the councils that make the decisions on our behalf - the district and county council," he said.

"I would be in favour of turning down any planning applications for more than two houses until the town's infrastructure is improved."



### **Laura Conyngham (Lawrence Ward)**

Laura lives on Old Tiverton Road. She is married to Gerald and they have three children.

Local contact for the Credon Fairtrade Partnership, Laura has been selling Fairtrade goods since 1997. She is a member of Sustainable Credon Transport Group, and a member of the Green Party.

"So I describe myself as a 'green' councillor, probably the first the town council has had," she commented.

She is a member of Exeter University Choral Society, enjoys acting and has appeared in Brown Paper Bag productions, likes cycling and would like safer cycling in Credon.

I am grateful to have been co-opted onto Credon Town Council. I moved here with my family 22 years ago and I appreciate and value many people here. I represent the Green Party and am passionate for fair trade and sustainable transport. I hope, alongside the other councillors, to be an enabler for good in our town.

### **Ashley Leighton Plom (Boniface Ward)**

Ashley lives at Saxon Close, Credon. He is married to Deborah and they have three children.

Unwaged, he is a volunteer worker for Christian Aid, Devon Wildlife Trust, is a Street Pastor in Exeter and Parish Assistant at Credon Parish Church.

Ashley also voluntarily co-ordinates a creative writing website. His own writing is, as yet, unpublished.

"I've been called dependable, responsive, and tenacious, and I'm very much excited about this opportunity to serve on the Town Council representing Boniface Ward. I live in a tenancy association property on Saxon Close off Fulda Crescent, with my wife, step-daughters, infant son, and two cats. In my spare time I enjoy socialising, computer and board gaming, creative writing, and walking."



*(Biographical details compiled with the assistance of Credon Country Courier)*