



Credition Town Council Newsletter

Report from Councillor Frank Letch, Town Mayor and Chairman of the Council

In the autumn of 2013 we can look back to a real summer! But of course the hot, dry, sunny weather brought its challenges to gardeners. The plants in the Scout Memorial Garden were clearly under threat but wonderful neighbours and energetic councillors with watering cans and hoses managed to save the situation. On the subject of gardens I can report that the Floral Credition Garden competition, which was judged by Bert Jewell, was another success with several new entrants. The judge casting an eye over the allotments was also very impressed. Prizes for the winners of both competitions were awarded at a ceremony in September. Details of the Memorial Garden opening, Floral Credition and pictures are on the next pages.



The Scout Memorial garden was formally opened in July

The contractors have at last started digging the link road, which is due to be finished in October of 2014. I have to say that my first impression of the road running up from the roundabout is that it looks mighty steep! We must hope that there is no heavy downfall of rain otherwise I imagine that a lot of mud will come down onto the A 377.

I was pleased to attend the opening of the housing estate built along by the station. The 23 houses are the first to be built by Mid Devon District Council for many years and will take some pressure off the housing list.

But that is enough of the past. A "Christmas Lights" committee, involving the Arts Centre, Credition Courier and Credition Rotary has been working hard to brighten up the High Street for the festive season in December. Our town clerk, Mrs. Clare Dalley, has been successful in attracting an encouraging amount of funding to enable the lights to make a real difference to the town centre.

I hope that many of you have taken advantage of walking around the Scout Memorial Garden and enjoying Peoples Park. The town council is undertaking a project in the park to create a wildlife area in the northeast corner. A small committee has already drawn up plans for clearing much of the unnecessary vegetation and planting nature-friendly perennial flowers and herbs.

The town council has been looking into the possibility of taking over the Town Square and Council Office Building, which currently belong to Mid Devon District Council. There would be obvious financial implications, an increase in the precept, but if these properties were in its ownership, the council would then manage their future use by community groups.

Peoples Park

Scout Memorial Gardens opening



The Mayor was joined by the Rev Michael Hall, by scouts, guides and their leaders, town councillors, local residents and members of the wider community of CREDITON for the dedication and formal opening of the Scout Memorial Gardens in July. After all the hard work of re-constructing the steps and the formal memorial gardens, the easy access path and completing the informal planting around it, the centre of the park is transformed. The area has seasonal interest and is accessible for everyone.

After the opening there was plenty to look at and talk about. The spring-planted perennials and drought-resistant grasses had survived the dry period in June and July and were already starting to fill out.



A neglected area in need of transformation

Wildlife garden

The east end of Peoples Park is not currently managed, beyond cutting down of laurels, nettles, brambles and ivy which otherwise overgrow the area. The town council is planning to turn the area into a managed wildlife garden with support from local community groups and businesses, and practical help from volunteers. The project is in its early stages and anyone wishing to get involved is asked to contact the town council.

Christmas lights

The town council has been working with the Arts Centre, CREDITON Rotary and CREDITON Courier to improve the Christmas decorative lighting in the High Street and other parts of the town. With financial support from local businesses and funds from the town, district and county councils, the quantity and quality of decorative lighting is getting a significant upgrade. The committee has invested in artificial trees supplied with LED lights which can be re-used in following years and added to with additional trees and lights. From the late November switch-on to mid December, there will be late-night shopping evenings, music and entertainment events to get the festive season in CREDITON off to a sparkling start. See the last page for dates.



40 lit Christmas trees will decorate the High Street (CREDITON Courier)

Floral Crediton Competition Results 2013

Garden Competition

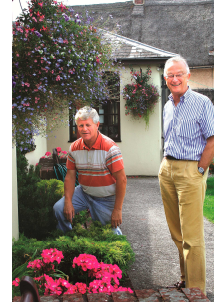
Best kept small garden or patio

- 3rd: Mr & Mrs Alex & Sue Martin, 7 Alexandra Way
2nd: Mrs Stevens, 27 Cromwells Meadow
1st: Ted Staite, Karenside, Old Tiverton Road
(Below Left)



Best kept natural large garden

- 3rd: Mr Kevin Woolacott, Westbury, Alexandra Rd.
2nd: Celia & John Boyle, Fordton Cottage
1st: June Bilcock, 7 Winswood (Below Left)



Best kept family garden

- 3rd: Louise Reed, 18 Tuckers Meadow
2nd: Mrs Sue Freeman, 10 Victoria Crescent
1st: Mrs M.Tucker & Mr D.Shapland
11 Victoria Crescent (Above Right)



Best display of commercial premises

- 2nd: 3 Little Pigs, Parliament Square
1st: Hillbrow Care Home, 1 Park Road
(Above Right)

Judges Special Commendations

Mr Dave Kingdom, Countrytown, 2 Barn Park (Baskets and Containers)
Kirtion Inn, Mill Street (Commercial Premises)

Judges Favorite

Mr & Mrs Dixon, Camelot, Alexandra Road (Left)

Allotment Competition

Highly Commended

- Exhibition Road:** Bert Jewell, E2
Mr D Spear, E3B
Mr Kingdom, E16
Mr Hemmings, E4B
Barnfield: Tony Sampson, B14A
Anne Smith, B7A
Michael Wreford, B4A
Moffatts: Mr P Howison, M1

Judges Special Commendation

Sally Wilson, E6AA Best New Plotholder/
Starter

Exhibition Road

- 3rd: Mr Roberts, E14A/15A
2nd: Richard Dunn: E25A
1st: David Prosser, E5B **Winner, Best Plot Overall**
(Right)

Moffat's land

- 1st: W. Stevens, M4 (Right)

Barnfield Road

- Joint 3rd: Penni Tearle, B6A
& Colin Acott, B5A
2nd: Norman Snell, B13A
1st: Alan and Maggie Stewart
B10A and B9AA (Below Right)



*All photographs courtesy of
Crediton Courier*

Dates for your diary

Thursday, 28th November Christmas lights switch on; Late night shopping and music
 5th – 8th December Christmas tree Festival, Crediton Parish Church
 Thursday, 12th December Late night shopping
 Saturday, 14th December Fayre in the Square

Farmers' Market – 1st and 3rd Saturdays:

5th & 19th October
 2nd & 16th November
 7th & 21st December

The Christmas Tree Festival at the parish church draws in many visitors.



Useful Contacts

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MEETING SCHEDULE 2013-14

Meeting Dates	Finance & General Purposes	Town Council
October	1st	15th
November	5th	19th
December	3rd	17th
January	TBC	TBC

Meeting Agendas are posted on the Town Council notice board outside the Council Offices in Market Street. Meetings start at 7.00 pm and are held in the Council Chamber unless otherwise indicated.

Up to 30 minutes is set aside at the beginning of each meeting for questions to be put by members of the public. A Public Question Time leaflet is available from the Town Council Office.

The Council is registered under the data Protection Act and Freedom of Information Acts and will make certain information available for public inspection.

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