

www.credfest.co.uk where you can find out about all the events and activities that will be happening. There's something for every age and every interest: sport, art, music, history walks, a falls prevention day, food, film, dance, drama, community markets, martial arts ... you name it, it's there and it's all on your doorstep. From the beginning of May, free programmes with details of all the Festival events will be available in locations around the town, including many shops, the library, the Bookshop and the churches.

### Coming regularly...

**Farmers Market** 1st and 3rd Saturdays of every month throughout the festival

**Household Plastics Waste Collection** organised by Sustainable Crediton Peck & Strong car park, Marsh Lane, Lords Meadow, Saturdays 10 am – 12.30 pm 4th May, 6th July, 7th September, 2nd November



*Travelling by Tuba – a Boniface Concert Society event in June*



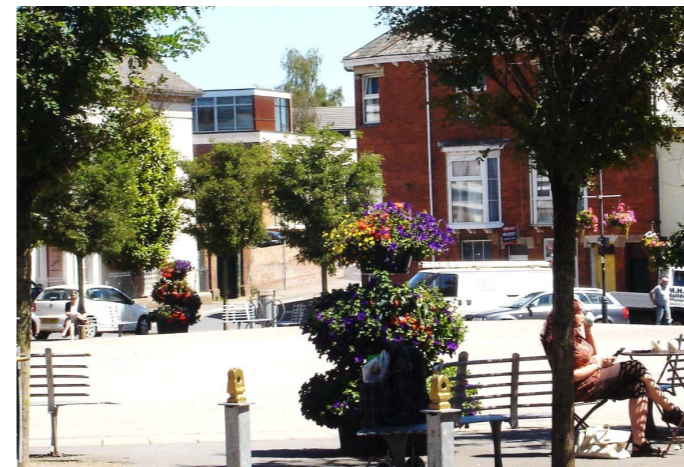
# Crediton Town Council Newsletter

## A message from Councillor Frank Letch, Town Mayor and Chairman of the Council

As I was looking in my garden yesterday, I noticed that there were several butterflies chasing each other around the heather, primroses and other courageous flowers. It made me think that spring was at last on its way. To me these butterflies heralded the end of the long, cold and wet winter that we have endured. Spring is a wonderful time of year because it makes us look forward to better weather and more action!

The town council is enjoying a metaphorical spring because on March 11th of this year Mrs Clare Dalley joined the council as our new town clerk. Mrs Dalley is a qualified town clerk of great experience. Before coming to us she worked as the town clerk in Holsworthy and also in Fremington, North Devon. Town councillors look forward to forging ahead with someone who has a new approach and vision. You can read more about her on page 3. You can also read about Mr Paul Vincent, who we have just welcomed as our twelfth town councillor. The council is now up to full strength for the first time in several months and we look forward to working together for the good of the town.

It may be coincidence that the idea of spring seems appropriate when we think of the new link road. Just this week work began clearing trees and bushes at the top of the proposed route and soon detailed plans and tenders will go out. Devon County Council Highways Department has been asked by the town council to supply us with a progress report each month. I'm pleased to say that the department has agreed. Any information passed on to the council will be put on our town council web site and disseminated to the local press. In this way the inhabitants of Crediton will have some idea of the progress of this long overdue improvement.



*Last year's flower towers made a striking addition to the floral decorations in the town square*

The town council has been busy organizing for summer floral displays along the High Street and around the town square, where generous local sponsors have ensured that there will be a number of attractive flower towers.

Last week it was my great pleasure to open a genealogical Research Centre in the museum in the Old Town Hall. The centre is organized by the Crediton Area Museum and



*Cllr Letch takes a look at the new facilities for research in the town museum photo: David Nation*

History Society. Over the last year I have met three families from far away or even abroad who have come to Crediton to look for distant members of their family. If you are interested in your ancestors, I would encourage you to go along to the Old Town Hall and do some research – but remember that you might just find a skeleton in your cupboard!

### Useful Contacts

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### MEETING SCHEDULE 2013

Meeting Dates	General Purposes Tuesday	Town Council Tuesday
January	No Meeting	22
February	5	19
March	5	19
April	9	23
May	7	21
June	4	18

Meeting Agendas are posted on the Town Council Notice Board outside the Council Offices in Market Street. Meetings start at 7.00pm 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 and Freedom of Information Acts and will make certain information available for public inspection.

The Council has taken all necessary steps to comply with the Code of Conduct for Councillors.

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Office Hours: TUESDAYS and THURSDAYS 9.30am - 12.30pm & 2.00pm - 4.00pm. At other times by appointment only.

## Peoples Park, Scout Memorial Gardens – progress

During the winter the easy access path was constructed ready for planting in the first week of April. The planting plan is designed for low maintenance and includes grasses and perennials that can be cut down in the autumn as well as shrubs and a small group of flowering trees. The plans were on display in the library during March to allow for comments and to tell people how they could join in with the planting.



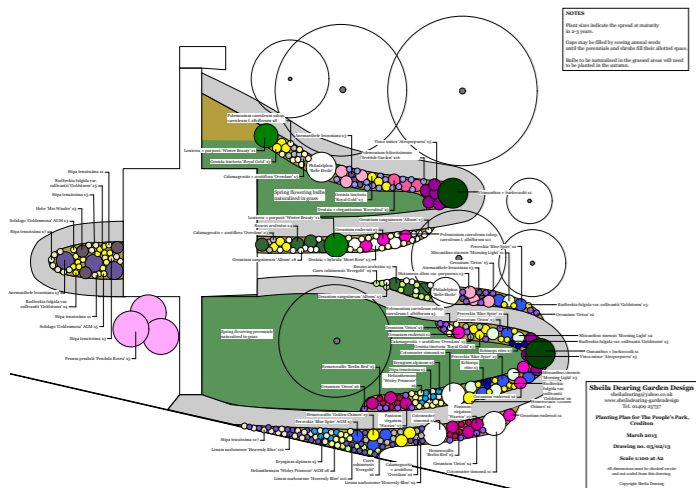
*The path snakes around the memorial and between the trees at a gentle angle to allow easy access for everyone.*



*The planting areas run alongside sections of the pathway. At present they are bare earth.*



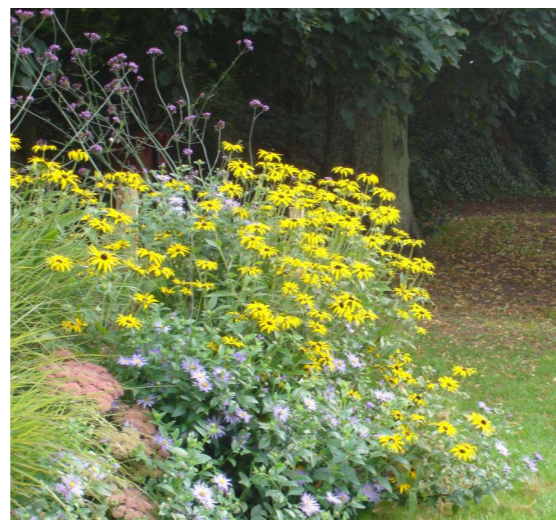
*An impression of the colour palette of the planting*



*The detailed planting plan shows the position of shrubs and flowers.*

By summer, we hope there will have been enough growth to make a real difference to the appearance of the whole garden area. In subsequent years, it should be worth a visit in its own right. The restoration of the Scout Memorial and gardens, the construction of the access path and the planting around it amount to the largest project the town council has undertaken for some years. We hope that everyone in the town will enjoy it throughout the seasons. It is just a short walk from the High Street and from the top of the park there are good views across the whole town.

As the last part of the Peoples Park project, the creation of a wildlife area at the east end has been suggested. There is as yet no detailed plan or schedule for this final stage which will be dependent on funding being found. The aim is to keep the existing undergrowth under control and remove invasive trees that tend to take over the whole space so that insect-friendly trees and shrubs can be established. The Devon Wildlife Trust has agreed to give some advice on what could be done.



*Just as a reminder, this is what a trial section of planting looked like last summer.*

## Welcome to ... Our new town clerk, Mrs Clare Dalley

Clare has in excess of seven years' experience as a town and parish clerk and joins the council with a wealth of skills and knowledge. She says: "Crediton is a thriving town with a rich history and a strong community spirit. It has a high volume of individual retail shops, which contribute to its distinctive identity as well as extremely active community groups and organisations. These are just some of the things that make Crediton so special.

One of the council's aspirations for some time has been to attain its Quality Council status, as these accredited councils are able to play an enhanced role in the community and in partnership with the principal authorities, i.e. the county and district council. However, this has not been possible without a qualified clerk. As a qualified clerk, who has worked for a Quality Council for the last 3 years I look forward to helping the council achieve this and the benefits this will afford the community.

Crediton faces many challenges and opportunities in the future and I look forward to serving the council and the community in facing these challenges and achieving its aspirations."

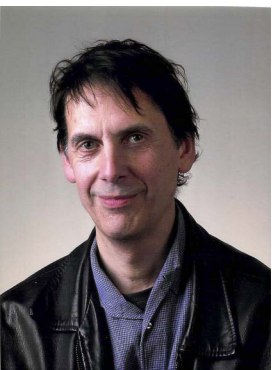
## Our newest town councillor, Mr Paul Vincent

Paul is a Devonian and comes from Bideford. He has lived in Crediton for 3½ years and his young son attends Lansdown School where Paul has recently become a parent governor. He is a member of the tennis club and the choir of Holy Cross church. His particular interests are in music and ceramics, which he has studied to a professional level.

He is a keen supporter of local services including the shops, library and the leisure centre. He assisted in the Diamond Jubilee celebrations, organising posters and graphic design, as well as co-ordinating music in the park. He has set up the PIANO project is at No. 141 High Street, where anyone can go in and play the piano. He is particularly interested in finding opportunities for local musicians to perform classical music in public venues, as a way of developing new audiences for the classics and the wealth of local talent in and around Crediton.

## Coming soon ... The Crediton Festival June 1st – July 13th

Starting with the Flower Festival at Holy Cross and ending with a free finale night in the town square this Festival has all kinds of everything during the six weeks in between. If you need to be convinced, take a look at the website



*A Crediton Youth Theatre production will be a Festival event*