



Minutes of the Full Council meeting held on Tuesday, July 15, 2025 at 19:30 in the Credition Library, Belle Parade, Credition.

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| Present: | Cllrs Steve Huxtable, Jim Cairney, John Downes, Joyce Harris, Liz Brookes-Hocking, Tim Stanford, Natalia Letch, Paul Perriman, Rachel Backhouse, Vix Frisby and Guy Cochran |
| Apologies: | Cllr Giles Fawssett |
| In Attendance: | 4 members of the public 1 member of the press |
| Minute Taker: | Rachel Avery, Town Clerk |

MINUTES

2025/066 WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

Cllr Huxtable opened the meeting at 19:06, and members introduced themselves.

2025/067 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

The following questions were raised by members of the public:

- Why Cllr Stanford introduced himself as a Liberal Democrat councillor, seeking clarification on the community's representation
- Why their follow up email regarding Freedom of Information request had not been acknowledged, regarding the deletion of live-streamed committee meetings. The Chair confirmed receipt of the request and promised a written response in due course

Additionally, concerns were raised about the accuracy of the minutes from the previous meeting, particularly regarding public opposition to councillors holding multiple positions and the lack of reference to specific interactions.

The Chair assured that written responses would be provided for all questions posed.

2025/068 APOLOGIES

Decision: It was **resolved** to receive and accept apologies from Cllr Fawssett (personal). (Proposed by Cllr Huxtable)

2025/069 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS

2025/069.1 TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST AND DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS (DPI'S) IN RESPECT OF ITEMS ON THIS AGENDA

There were no declarations of interest.

2025/069.2 TO CONSIDER ANY DISPENSATION REQUESTS (REQUESTS SHOULD BE MADE TO THE TOWN CLERK PRIOR TO THE MEETING)

There were no dispensation requests.

2025/070 ORDER OF BUSINESS

There were no changes to the order of business.

2025/071 CHAIR'S AND CLERK'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

2025/072 TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES

Decision: It was **resolved** to approve the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday, 03 June 2025, as a correct record. (Proposed by Cllr Harris, Cllr Cochran abstained)

The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday, 01 July 2025 were reviewed. Councillors discussed the accuracy of the minutes, with particular attention given to the concerns raised by members of the public regarding the inclusion of public questions and comments, and the request for an apology from a councillor to a member of the public.

A member of the public questioned why the use of video recordings could not be used to ensure accuracy or to use the recording as the minutes. It was **noted** that the minutes are the legal document held relating to the decisions made by the council (Local Government Act 1972, Schedule 12, Paragraph 41(1)).

Decision: It was **resolved** to approve the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 01 July 2025, noting the above points. (Proposed by Cllr Harris)

2025/073 COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORTS

District Cllr Downes' reports form part of the minutes (Appendix A).

He highlighted that MDDC had received £326,000.00 to support people in financial difficulty with the cost of water, heating and food, to be administered by CHAT and Navigate.

He also highlighted an email sent to the Town Clerk regarding Air Quality, which would form part of the minutes (Appendix B).

County Councillor Cairney provided an update on the following:

- efforts to fix potholes and the potential cost savings by using recycled tyres
- implementation of '20 is Plenty' signs to encourage slower driving, particularly around schools, noting that this would be at a cost to town and parish councils
- initiative to reduce mobile phone usage in schools

A member of the public asked if County Cllr Cairney intended to hold regular surgeries, with him explaining that he intended to do so once he has recovered from an injury and dates would be advertised in the Crediton Courier.

District Cllr Cairney stated that the MDDC Homes PDG were working on improved communication with tenants, with three tenants having been nominated to attend meetings. Tenant survey results are improving.

A member of the public asked, on behalf of a resident, what MDDC are doing to ensure housing tenants receive their refunds following the overcharging of rent. Cllr Downes stated that MDDC have put aside £1.8m and that the first tranche of payments is being made. These are to tenants not in receipt of benefits, with the next tranche including those in receipt of benefits. This delay is to ensure that payments do not affect benefits and are paid appropriately. It was noted that there is a dedicated member of staff dealing with the matter.

District Councillor Cochran reported that Mid Devon District Council is now among the top five in the country for recycling, with plans to expand recycling efforts further.

2025/074 REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE BODIES

Hayward's Educational Foundation: Cllr Cairney reported on a successful summer fair and the ongoing financial challenges faced by schools.

DALC: Cllr Brookes-Hocking encouraged councillors to register for access to resources and training on planning and enforcement, alongside the frequently asked questions page on Local Government Reorganisation.

Chamber of Commerce: A member of the public stated that a meeting is planned in the next two weeks. The Town Clerk advised that the office should be included in any information and would await this.

2025/075 FINANCE

2025/075.1 TO RECEIVE AND APPROVE TRANSACTIONS BETWEEN 01 JUNE AND 30 JUNE 2025

Decision: It was **resolved** to approve transactions between 01 June and 30 June 2025. (Proposed by Cllr Brookes-Hocking)

2025/075.2 TO RECEIVE AND APPROVE THE BANK RECONCILIATION TO 30 JUNE 2025

Decision: It was **resolved** to approve the bank reconciliation to 30 June 2025. (Proposed by Cllr Harris)

2025/075.3 TO NOTE BANK ACCOUNT BALANCES TO 30 JUNE 2025

The bank account balances as of 30 June 2025 were **noted**.

2025/075.4 TO NOTE YEAR TO DATE SPEND

The year-to-date spend up to 30 June 2025 was **noted**.

2025/075.5 TO NOTE EARMARKED RESERVES AS AT 30 JUNE 2025

The earmarked reserves as at 30 June 2025 were **noted**.

2025/076 EAR MARKED RESERVES

Members received a report regarding the transfer of Ear Marked Reserve 371 (VJ Day) to the budget. The discussion highlighted the initial budget allocation of £2,500.00 for VJ Day activities, which included a children's tea party, wreath laying, and British Legion presence on the town square. Concerns were raised about the

high cost for the children's tea party, and it was clarified that any unspent funds would be returned to the earmarked reserves.

A proposal was made to approve the transfer of the earmarked reserves, and it was suggested that an email be sent to all councillors detailing the plans for the day.

Decision: It was **resolved** to transfer £2,500.00 from earmarked reserves for VJ Day. (Proposed by Cllr Brookes-Hocking)

Task: Send an email to all councillors detailing the plans for August 15th. @Jo Davey

2025/077 CLOSURE OF NATIONWIDE SAVINGS ACCOUNT

Closure of the Nationwide Savings Account and the transfer of £89,003.07 to the CCLA was considered. The primary reason for this decision was the significantly better interest rates offered by CCLA compared to Nationwide. Additionally, maintaining the Nationwide account required extensive information provision, which was deemed unnecessary given the benefits of transferring to CCLA.

Decision: It was **resolved** to approve the closure of the Nationwide Savings Account and transfer £89,003.07 to the CCLA. (Proposed by Cllr Brookes-Hocking)

2025/078 POLICY REVIEW AND APPROVAL

2025/078.1 TO REVIEW AND APPROVE THE VEXATIOUS COMPLAINTS POLICY

A minor correction was **noted**, changing 'persist' to 'persisting' at point 2.3.

Decision: It was **resolved** to approve the Vexatious Complaints Policy, with the amendment. (Proposed by Cllr Harris)

2025/078.2 TO REVIEW AND APPROVE THE DOCUMENT RETENTION POLICY

Questions were raised about specific terms like 'TORT' and the retention period for certain documents. It was clarified that 'TORT' refers to a legal notice. The practicality of document disposal and the historical nature of some retained documents were discussed. It was agreed that the policy, with minor tweaks, would be approved.

It was **noted** that the policy would be made publicly available on the website for transparency.

Decision: It was **resolved** to approve the Document Retention Policy was approved. (Proposed by Cllr Brookes-Hocking)

2025/079 PULSE HUBS

Members received a report on Pulse Hubs locations.

Concerns were raised about the locations of the hubs, particularly those in less pedestrian-friendly areas. The hubs are intended to provide local information, defibrillators, and a small percentage of community advertising, with the majority being national adverts.

Questions were raised about the benefits to the public and the potential for local businesses to advertise. It was clarified that local businesses could buy advertising space.

Despite some reservations about specific locations at the A377 (Tesco roundabout) and Commonmarsh Lane, the council agreed to support the move to planning applications, with the understanding that further scrutiny would occur during the planning process.

Decision: It was **resolved** to approve the proposals for the placement of Pulse Hubs, with the Town Clerk advising the company on the council's concerns about the locations on the A377 (Tesco roundabout) and Commonmarsh Lane.

Task: Send an email to Pulse Hubs. @Rachel Avery

2025/080 DELEGATED AUTHORITY TO RESPOND TO PLANNING APPLICATIONS

2025/080.1 TO APPROVE THAT PLANNING APPLICATIONS WILL BE RESPONDED TO UNDER DELEGATED AUTHORITY BY THE TOWN CLERK AND TWO MEMBERS

Decision: It was **resolved** to delegate authority to the Town Clerk and two members to handle planning applications during the recess period from 16 July to 02 September 2025. (Proposed by Cllr Harris)

2025/080.2 TO APPOINT TWO MEMBERS RESPONSIBLE FOR RESPONDING TO APPLICATIONS MADE BETWEEN 16 JULY AND 02 SEPTEMBER 2025, IF REQUIRED

Decision: It was **resolved** that Cllrs Brookes-Hocking and Fawssett would be appointed to handle planning applications during the recess period from 16 July to 02 September 2025, with Cllr Huxtable as a reserve should Cllr Fawssett decline. (Proposed by Cllr Harris)

2025/081 TOWN ENTRANCE REPLACEMENT SIGNS

Members received and considered the contents of the report regarding the replacement of the stolen signs.

It was noted that like-for-like signs would have to be paid for by the town council, whilst smaller signs citing just the town name could be installed for free by DCC. Consideration was given to free signs in less prominent locations, but it was generally accepted that the same signs should be replaced like-for-like, with additional fixings to mitigate the likelihood of further theft.

Decision: The council resolved to replace the town entrance signs like-for-like and investigate anti-theft measures.

Task: Investigate anti-theft measures for the new town entrance signs. @Emma Anderson

2025/082 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was noted that the date of the next meeting will be Tuesday, 02 September 2025.

2025/083 PART II

Decision: It was **resolved** to approve the exclusion of the public and press were from the meeting under section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960. (Proposed by Cllr Huxtable)

2025/084 MANOR OFFICE

Decision: It was **resolved** to approve the recommendation within the confidential report, with the additional break clauses and costs relating to the running of additional equipment. (Proposed by Cllr Brookes-Hocking)

Task: Contact organisation regarding resolution and attached requirements @Town Clerk

2025/085 UNION ROAD TOILET BLOCK

Decision: It was **resolved** to **note** the approved decision within the confidential report. (Proposed by Cllr Brookes-Hocking)

2025/086 REPORTS PACK

Signed

Dated.....

District Cllr Downes - June Report

Tidcombe Hall Development Appeal Ref: APP/Y1138/W/24/335800

On 24 June 2025 we received the Planning Inspectorates decision in relation to the Tidcombe Hall appeal and that the Inspector has found in favour of the appellant (and against Mid Devon), granting outline permission for the development of the site (for up to 100 dwellings). The whole appeal is available to read on line. One of the grounds for allowing the appeal is that we could not demonstrate sufficient land housing supply for 5 years. This will become increasingly difficult now that the government has increased housebuilding targets. It is frustrating when permission is given and the homes still aren't built. For MDDC there is a further blow as the costs of the appeal proceedings - limited to those costs incurred in contesting the second reason for refusal - will have to be paid by MDDC.

Looking for the positives, expectation is that 30% of the residential units will be affordable as a mix of shared ownership and social rented. And, in addition, there is a Statement of Intent outlining how the hall and its gardens and outbuildings could be restored and converted into residential use. This includes the removal of modern alterations, the reinstatement of lost features such as the loggia, and the retention and addition of planting. While the principles are high-level, it would be possible to secure sympathetic works via suitably worded conditions tied to the overall proposal.

Other news:

The Council Cabinet Meeting in Cullompton Tuesday 17 June – we move around in order to give local residents in the area an opportunity to attend in person. Residents are always welcome.

MDDC Tenant Satisfaction Survey went live you can find it on [Let's Talk Mid Devon](#)

Local Government Reorganisation there is a survey on [Let's Talk Mid Devon](#) to help shape the future of local government in Devon. I'd be interested in others views on the survey.

Consultation - Mid Devon District Council Local Validation Checklist.

Since 2008 local planning authorities have been required to publish a list of information they require to "validate" the planning applications they receive. This validation list forms two components, the national requirements, including the application form, the fee, certificates etc and secondly, specific local validation requirements known as the "Local List". The Government requires local planning authorities to review the "local list" every two years.

The proposed Local List is open to public consultation from 30 June 2025 until 5pm on 8 August 2025

- [Mid Devon District Council Local Validation Checklist](#)

You may comment upon the draft list by email to DMConsultations@middevon.gov.uk. After the consultation period, the Local Planning Authority will consider all the comments received and amend the Local List as appropriate. Once approved this will form the basis on which planning applications are deemed valid by Mid Devon District Council. Please note, although it will not be possible to respond to specific comments all comments will be recorded and fed into the consultation process.

You will receive an acknowledgement of your correspondence by email and your response will be held on our database for audit purposes.

Training/updates available to all Town and Parish Council's in the District 28 July from 5:30pm.

MDDC has offered the above to include information on the New Housing Targets for Planning Authorities, Planning and Infrastructure Bill and the New Plan for Mid Devon. There has been good take up on this but some spaces are still available. The training can be in person, via teams or by briefing note. If you are interested please contact **Angie Howell at ahowell@middevon.gov**

Let's Talk Mid Devon

Let's talk Mid Devon is really easy to navigate around. For those who have not already registered for the site please consider doing so:

Information about **Mid Devon Green Enterprise Grant 2025 – offering businesses grants up to £5k towards investments to shrink their carbon footprint.** This scheme offers capital grants of up to 50% of the cost of investments. The scheme is to help deliver savings in greenhouse gas emissions by investing in energy efficiency or renewable energy or by saving water and other resources or material. Grants can be from £500 to £5000! Have a look at the full information to find out if the scheme suits you.

Residents Financial Support – resources to support residents financially. From aid with food and energy expenses to navigating the cost of living, our resources offer a lifeline for those seeking assistance within their community. Learn about childcare provisions, expert budgeting advice, and aid with rent and council tax payment

Climate and Sustainability – a project showing the work we are doing to reach our carbon neutral ambitions. This page talks about what Mid Devon is doing – and there is a lot going on from Transport and waste to homes and insulation.

Plan Mid Devon 2023 – 2042 this will guide development in the district over a 20 year period.

My Mid Devon – this is the destination for personalised online services and information You can even get a weekly reminder for which bins are being collected.

[Let's Talk Mid Devon](#)

Grants

We would like to highlight that we have a few live grant schemes open for application or expression of interest at the moment. Town and Parish Council's might be interested to apply (if eligible) and / or pass the information onto the relevant organisations / businesses in their area:

[Business Grants and Financial Support - MIDDEVON.GOV.UK](#)

[Love your Town Centre funding](#) – (Shopfront Enhancement Scheme (town centres only) and Creative Communities)

'Love Your Town Centre' is a flexible funding mechanism offering small grants through a competitive bidding process with four strands aimed at improving the town centre

New Grant Scheme NOW OPEN - Community Commercial Hubs - CALL FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

A Capital grant scheme to support the creation of or improvements to community delivered commercial space* located in Mid Devon's towns and villages. This could include but are not limited to – the creation or improvement of community retail spaces, pubs, cafes and workspace i.e. hot desk facilities, work hubs and industrial space. These can be 'standalone' spaces or incorporated into multi use centres such as town, village and community halls.

New Grant Scheme NOW OPEN - Improving our Visitor Economy Assets - CALL FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

A **capital** grant scheme to improve Mid Devon's Visitor Economy assets (tourism, cultural or heritage assets).

Green Enterprise Grants (2025) - NOW OPEN

This scheme offers capital grants of up to 50% of the cost of investments that shrink the annual carbon of your enterprise. Projects that deliver savings on carbon / greenhouse gas emissions either directly or from e.g. saving energy, water or other resources / materials.

From: Joanne Pope
Sent: Friday, July 11, 2025 10:32 am
To: Cllr John Downes; Simon Newcombe
Subject: RE: Crediton Air Quality

Good morning John,

There are varying ways to measure exceedances depending on the timeframe and type of emission/particulates. To summarise the key levels we would look at:

- Exceedances of the **annual** NO₂ mean objective is above 40µg/m³. For automatic monitoring the hourly mean would be anything greater than 200µg/m³.

Where records show an annual mean of 40µg/m³ or less it is also unlikely to record more than 18 hourly means greater than 200µg/m³ (i.e. an exceedance of the hourly objective) in the same year.

Exceedances of the NO₂ 1-hour mean are also unlikely to occur where the annual mean is below 60µg/m³ (Threshold identified in LAQM.TG22 (Section 7))

We had one month last year (Sept) where we saw over the 40µg/m³ at the top of Crediton high street and again a couple of months at the start of this year, as indicated by the diffusion tubes. Variations throughout the year are expected. There may be times where the levels peak but then months where the levels drop significantly. The Annual mean therefore gives us a good overall view of the levels.

For particulates the Air Quality Standards Regulations 2010 require that concentrations of PM in the UK must not exceed:

- An annual average of 40 µg/m³ for PM10;
- A 24-hour average of 50 µg/m³ more than 35 times in a single year for PM10;
- An annual average of 20 µg/m³ for PM2.5

These will change by 2040 when the government aims to achieve an annual average concentration of 10 µg/m³ or lower for PM 2.5.

Below I have provided the data for the Annual mean for NO₂ in Crediton since 2020. (Locations noted to the left of the table). The trend from 2021 to 2024 shows declining NO₂ concentrations across the district. The 2024 concentrations were similar to those measured in 2020, which were unusually low due to the travel restrictions associated with the Covid-19 pandemic. The maximum annual mean NO₂ concentration measured in Crediton was 25.8 µg/m³ in 2024, which is well below the air quality objective of 40 µg/m³.

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| DT16 | 283986 | 99653 | Roadside | 100.0 | 99.5 | 25.9 | 32.0 | 28.0 | 25.9 | 25.8 |
| DT19 | 283298 | 100285 | Roadside | 100.0 | 99.5 | 25.0 | 29.8 | 27.6 | 25.4 | 23.6 |
| DT20 | 282738 | 100377 | Roadside | 100.0 | 99.5 | 29.9 | 33.8 | 31.2 | 28.7 | 25.8 |

| Diffusion Tube ID | X OS Grid Ref (Easting) | Y OS Grid Ref (Northing) | Site Type | Valid Data Capture for Monitoring Period (%) ⁽¹⁾ | Valid Data Capture 2024 (%) ⁽²⁾ | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 | 2024 |
|-------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|-----------|---|--|------|------|------|------|------|
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Bottom of Exeter Rd

HSBC bank, High St

Duke of York Pub, High St

Although we have not measured particulates since decommissioning the previous automatic monitoring stations in 2023, the data that we did collate over 3 full years showed there were no exceedances of the PM2.5 annual mean Air Quality Objective (20µg.m-3) or the UK's annual mean 2040 PM2.5 target of 10µg.m-3 at the monitoring sites in Mid Devon. There were also no exceedances of the PM 10 data.

I have provided the data below (taken from the 2023 ASR).

Table A.5 – 1-Hour Mean NO₂ Monitoring Results, Number of 1-Hour Means > 200µg/m³

| Site ID | X OS Grid Ref (Easting) | Y OS Grid Ref (Northing) | Site Type | Valid Data Capture for Monitoring Period (%) ⁽¹⁾ | Valid Data Capture 2022 (%) ⁽²⁾ | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 |
|-------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|-----------|---|--|------|------|------|------|------|
| DEV2450 357 | 282956 | 100357 | Roadside | 95.2 | 95.2 | - | - | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| DEV2450 358 | 283722 | 100138 | Roadside | 89.8 | 89.8 | - | - | 0 | 0 | 0 |

Table A.6 – Annual Mean PM₁₀ Monitoring Results (µg/m³)

| Site ID | X OS Grid Ref (Easting) | Y OS Grid Ref (Northing) | Site Type | Valid Data Capture for Monitoring Period (%) ⁽¹⁾ | Valid Data Capture 2022 (%) ⁽²⁾ | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 |
|-------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|-----------|---|--|------|------|------|------|------|
| DEV2450 357 | 282956 | 100357 | Roadside | 96.1 | 96.1 | - | - | 18.7 | 11.7 | 7.3 |
| DEV2450 358 | 283722 | 100138 | Roadside | 91.8 | 91.8 | - | - | 13.3 | 8.5 | 14.6 |

Table A.7 – 24-Hour Mean PM₁₀ Monitoring Results, Number of PM₁₀ 24-Hour Means > 50µg/m³

| Site ID | X OS Grid Ref (Easting) | Y OS Grid Ref (Northing) | Site Type | Valid Data Capture for Monitoring Period (%) ⁽¹⁾ | Valid Data Capture 2022 (%) ⁽²⁾ | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 |
|-------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|-----------|---|--|------|------|------|------|------|
| DEV2450 357 | 282956 | 100357 | Roadside | 97 | 97 | - | - | 6 | 3 | 0 |
| DEV2450 358 | 283722 | 100138 | Roadside | 92.6 | 92.6 | - | - | 5 | 0 | 7 |

Table A.8 – Annual Mean PM_{2.5} Monitoring Results (µg/m³)

| Site ID | X OS Grid Ref (Easting) | Y OS Grid Ref (Northing) | Site Type | Valid Data Capture for Monitoring Period (%) ⁽¹⁾ | Valid Data Capture 2022 (%) ⁽²⁾ | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 |
|-------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|-----------|---|--|------|------|------|------|------|
| DEV2450 357 | 282956 | 100357 | Roadside | 96.1 | 96.1 | - | - | 5.1 | 4.4 | 3.6 |
| DEV2450 358 | 283722 | 100138 | Roadside | 91.8 | 91.8 | - | - | 5.6 | 5.3 | 9.2 |
| DEV2450 359 | 302055 | 107330 | Roadside | 91.5 | 91.5 | - | - | 9.8 | 6.8 | 4.6 |
| DEV2450 360 | 302048 | 107193 | Roadside | 77.4 | 77.4 | - | - | 6.5 | 6.4 | 4.4 |

Before the Link Road was opened in 2014, MDDC were monitoring the NO₂ and PM 10 down Exeter Rd via an automatic monitoring station (I believe this was from 2003 – 2019). Although there was no monitoring of PM 2.5 during this time the PM 10 results recorded just prior and after the opening show an annual mean decline from 31.3 µg/m³ In 2011 to 26 µg/m³ In 2015 after the road opened. Please see below.

Table A.5 – Annual Mean PM₁₀ Monitoring Results

| Site ID | Site Type | Valid Data Capture for Monitoring Period (%) ⁽¹⁾ | Valid Data Capture 2015 (%) ⁽²⁾ | PM ₁₀ Annual Mean Concentration (µg/m ³) ⁽³⁾ | | | | |
|---------|-----------|---|--|--|------|-------|-------|------|
| | | | | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 |
| CM1 | Roadside | 85 | 85 | 31.3 | 36.7 | 33.31 | 29.19 | 26 |

We also measured the diffusion tube data (NO₂) throughout this time and witnessed significant improvements in the Air quality at the 3 locations measured (top, Middle and bottom of Exeter Rd). Please see below.

| Site ID | Site Type | Monitoring Type | Valid Data Capture for Monitoring Period (%) ⁽¹⁾ | Valid Data Capture 2015 (%) ⁽²⁾ | NO ₂ Annual Mean Concentration (µg/m ³) ⁽³⁾ | | | | |
|---------|-----------|-----------------|---|--|---|------|------|------|------|
| | | | | | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 |

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|------|----------|----------------|-----|-----|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| DT15 | Roadside | Diffusion Tube | 100 | 100 | 44.33 | 40.50 | 43.57 | 36.18 | 32.16 |
| DT16 | Roadside | Diffusion Tube | 100 | 100 | 37.46 | 37.82 | 42.89 | 36.14 | 28.85 |
| DT17 | Roadside | Diffusion Tube | 92 | 92 | 43.01 | 43.72 | 43.30 | 38.20 | 30.45 |

Bottom of Exeter Road

Middle of Exeter Road

Top of Exeter Road

Overall a really positive picture for the Air Quality in Crediton and indeed for all of Mid Devon, as levels have been improving year on year.

If you would like to chat over any of the above then please do let me know.

Kind regards

Jo

Jo Pope MCIEH CEnvH MSc BSc (Hons)

Community Team Lead

Chartered Environmental Health Practitioner | Mid Devon District Council | Phoenix House | Phoenix Lane | Tiverton | EX16 6PP

From: Cllr John Downes

Sent: 10 July 2025 17:37

To: Joanne Pope; Simon Newcombe

Subject: Re: Crediton Air Quality

Jo

Thank you for your prompt response.

I take it from the diffusion tube data at the end of your email that anything below 60 µg/m is considered okay for all particulates, i.e PM 2.5 and PM10, and that we have not exceeded this. Did we exceed this before the Link Road went in?

Is there any historical information to show how the data had changed since the Link Road was completed.

Do you have any historical data to show how we are doing with regard to NO2?

Finally, what are the other locations in Crediton for the air monitoring equipment, I understand there was one in Exeter Road

Hope you can help

Regards

John

Sent from [Outlook for iOS](#)

From: Joanne Pope
Sent: Thursday, July 10, 2025 12:04:14 PM
To: Simon Newcombe; Cllr John Downes
Subject: RE: Crediton Air Quality

Good morning Cllr Downes

Thank you for your email and I will certainly try and provide the information you have requested.

In terms of Air Quality monitoring in Crediton we have 3 diffusion tubes which are located in high traffic areas which measure the No2 pollutants (Vehicle emissions) and we also now have one automatic monitoring station which also measures the smaller particulates such as PM 10 and 2.5. (Dust, pollen, and other airborne particles).

If I first just provide a bit of background information about the Air Quality in Mid Devon then I will explain more about the monitoring locations and use of the data. Hopefully this will provide some context.

We have 10 diffusion tubes in various locations throughout the district which provide us with NO2 data. These tend to be sited in locations where there is high traffic, pinch points through vehicle idling and also those areas where new developments are planned or there are upcoming or changes to infrastructure. This helps to provide information on the impact these may have on Air quality.

These tubes are changed over monthly. Each month we record the levels as we have a legislative requirement to provide data at the end of each year by way of the Air Quality Status Report

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(ASR). At the end of the year the figures are bias adjusted to correct for errors and these are reported. The Air Quality Standards Regulations (2010) require that the annual mean concentration of NO2 must not exceed 40 µg/m³.

The automatic monitoring (Of which we now have 2 monitors in situ – One in Cullompton and one in Crediton) provides us with real time data but also enables us to see smaller particulate levels such as PM 10 and PM 2.5. These are Airly monitors - I have provided the attached PDF which shows the product information). The real time data can be accessed at any time via the website [Mid Devon District Council - Air Quality monitoring service](#)

The Automatic monitors were only installed last month after some delays so unfortunately we won't have a full year of data by December, however the data that we do have from June to Dec will be annualised to give us an annual mean level. Once we get into next year we will have more accurate annual data.

In the absence of the automatic monitoring, (since the last monitors were decommissioned in 2023) we have relied confidently on the diffusion tubes. The diffusion tubes are able to give us data which provides reassurances that we are highly unlikely to go above exceedances of PM 10 and PM 2.5. Defra state that only when exceedances are above 60 µg/m are we likely to see any exceedances of these particulates. Given we have not witnessed these exceedances in Mid Devon, we can be reasonably confident of this.

I have provided below the monitoring locations for Crediton and results for the diffusion tube monitoring for 2024 and also 2025 to date.

I hope this helps. Please do let me know if you have any further questions and I will be happy to help.

Kind regards

Jo

Diffusion Tube Data

2024

| Feb ct | March Nov | April Dec | May | June | July | August | Jan Sept | O | | |
|------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------|--------|------|--------|-------------|-------|-------|-----|
| Bottom Exeter Road, Crediton | | | 283986 | 99653 | | 35.82 | 33.23 | 30.78 | 28.46 | 26. |
| HSBC High Street, Crediton | | | 283298 | 100285 | | 35.82 | 29.94 | 30.91 | 27.38 | 22. |

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| Duke Of York, High Street, Crediton | 282738 | 100377 | 39.33 | 37.59 | 34.76 | 29.16 | 22. |
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2025 to date

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| Feb | March | April | May | | | | | | |
| Bottom Exeter Road, Crediton | 283986 | 99653 | | | 39.35 | 24.50 | 32.30 | 38.70 | 3 |
| HSBC High Street, Crediton | 283298 | 100285 | | | 40.95 | 25.02 | 37.95 | 27.27 | 25 |
| Duke Of York, High Street, Crediton | 282738 | 100377 | | | 44.28 | 27.88 | 35.82 | 30.71 | m |

The Automatic monitoring station

This is located on a lamppost as shown in the picture below - 94 High St, EX17 3LB.

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From: Simon Newcombe
Sent: 10 July 2025 09:54
To: Cllr John Downes
Cc: Joanne Pope
Subject: RE: Crediton Air Quality

Hi John

I've copied in Jo Pope who should be able to help.

BW
Simon

Simon Newcombe MBA BSc(Hons) APCIP CMgr FCMI | Head of Housing and Health | Mid Devon District Council | Phoenix House | Phoenix Lane | Tiverton | EX16 6PP

From: Cllr John Downes
Sent: 10 July 2025 07:30
To: Simon Newcombe
Subject: Crediton Air Quality

Simon

Good morning

Could you, or could you direct me in the direction of the officer who can, give me an update of where we are with monitoring air quality in Crediton?

What is the current situation, what are we measuring, and what do we do with the information?

Also, is there somewhere where the public can access the information?

I need to give an update at the next town council meeting on Tuesday

Thank you

Regards

John