CREDITON
TOWN COUNCIL

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To All Crediton Town Councillors

You are hereby summoned to attend a **Community Committee meeting**, which will be held on **Tuesday, May 12, 2026, at 18:30, at Crediton Library, Belle Parade, Crediton, EX17 2AA.**

This meeting may be livestreamed via Facebook in order to allow Members of the Public to watch the meeting.

The purpose of the meeting is to transact the following business.

Rachel Avery FSLCC

Town Clerk

Thursday, 07 May 2026

Please note that:

- Members of the Press & Public are invited to attend under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960. Members of the public will be given the opportunity to address councillors in attendance as part of the agenda.
- Under the Openness of Local Government Bodies Regulations 2014, any members of the public or press are allowed to take photographs, film and audio record the proceedings and report on all public sections of the meeting.
- Under the Local Government Act (LGA) 1972 Sch 12 10(2)(b), Crediton Town Council is unable to make any decision on matters not listed within the agenda.
- Crediton Town Council will always attempt to record and livestream meetings to Crediton Town Council's social media platforms.

AGENDA

1 - Election of Chair for 2026-27
To seek nominations and elect the Chair for the ensuing year

2 - Election of Deputy Chair for 2026-27
To seek nominations and elect the Deputy Chair for the ensuing year

3 - Welcome and Introduction
Opening of meeting by the Chair and member introductions

4 - Public Question Time
To receive questions from members of the public relevant to the work of the council (a maximum of 15 minutes is allowed for this item; verbal questions should not exceed 3 minutes)

5 - Apologies
To receive and accept Town Councillor apologies (apologies should be made to the Town Clerk)

6 - Declarations of Interest and Requests for Dispensations

6.1 - To receive declarations of personal interest and disclosable pecuniary interests (DPI's) in respect of items on this agenda

6.2 - To consider any dispensation requests (requests should be made to the Town Clerk prior to the meeting)

7 - Order of Business
At the discretion of the Chair, to adjust, as necessary, the order of agenda items to accommodate visiting members, officers or members of the public

8 - Chair's and Clerk's Announcements
To receive any announcements which the Chair and Town Clerk may wish to make (for information only)

9 - Mid Devon District Council Planning Applications:
MDDC Planning Public Access Portal - Mid Devon District Council, the determining Authority, has asked for comments from this Town Council on the following planning applications:

26/00573/FULL | Replacement of single storey extension with two-storey extension | 11 Saxon Close Crediton Devon EX17 3DS

26/00612/CAT | Notification of intention to fell 1 Oak tree within a Conservation Area | 64 East Street Crediton Devon EX17 3BA

10 - Mid Devon District Council Planning Decisions:
Devon District Council, the determining Authority, has APPROVED the following applications with conditions as filed:

26/00255/FULL
Proposal: Erection of a retail services kiosk
Location: TESCO, Joseph Locke Way, Crediton, Devon

26/00247/FULL
Proposal: Erection of security fencing
Location: Eakers DIY, Marsh Lane, Lords Meadow Industrial Estate, Crediton

26/00116/HOUSE
Proposal: Erection of a single storey extensions and creation of vehicular access
Location: 1 Penton Close, Crediton, Devon, EX17 1BQ

26/00256/ADVERT
Proposal: Advertisement Consent to display 3 internally illuminated fascia signs and 4 nonilluminated graphic signs
Location: TESCO, Joseph Locke Way, Crediton, Devon

26/00424/CAT
Proposal: Notification of intention to pollard 1 Goat Willow to approximately 2.8m in height; reduce the height and trim the sides of 1 Bay tree by 3m within the Conservation Area
Location: 63 East Street, Crediton, Devon, EX17 3BA

26/00262/HOUSE
Proposal: Erection of a first floor extension over side extension
Location: 51 Spruce Park, Crediton, Devon, EX17 3HJ

25/00850/LBC
Proposal: Listed Building Consent for replacement of existing slate tiles with natural slate; replacement of roof battens; repoint chimneys and lead flashings; repair and repainting of windows, sills and repainting of front door, surrounding pillars and cast iron pipes
Location: 4 Union Terrace, Crediton, Devon, EX17 3DY

11 - Crediton Urban Taskforce [CUT!]
To receive the report and note the contents therein

12 - Peoples Park
To receive the report and note the contents therein

13 - St Lawrence Green Telephone Box
To receive a verbal update from the Deputy Clerk

14 - Town Square Benches
To receive the report and consider the quotation therein for cleaning the benches on the town square

15 - Newcombes Meadow Paddling Pool

15.1 - To receive the Town Clerk's report regarding the survey and to approve the recommendations therein

15.2 - To receive and approve the draft Newcombes Meadow Water Play survey.

16 - RBL 100th Anniversary
To consider a request from the Royal British Legion for the council to participate in their 100th Anniversary event, and to agree which councillors will attend and staff a council stand

17 - Date of next meeting
To note that the date of the next meeting will be **Tuesday 23 June 2026**

18 - Reports Pack

Attachments – for internal use only
AI 11 - [CUT!] report.docx
AI 12 - Peoples Park report.docx
AI 14 - Bench cleaning report.docx
AI 15 - Paddling Pool Report.docx
AI 16 - RBL request.pdf

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[CUT!] Report (for noting only)

Report by: **Cllr Backhouse**
To: **Community Committee**
For consideration on: **12 May 2026**

We are following up our successful morning at East Street, which saw 10 volunteers give up an hour or two to join in, with a session at Jockey Hill. This will have been on Saturday 9th May and on Saturday 13th June we will be joining the High Street 'Weed 'N' Sweep' to get the High Street looking tidy for the summer.

We continue to notice areas of the town we have not worked at looking better, as residents are looking after their own areas a little more.

Western Road is on our radar, and we hope to tackle the Threshers/Landscore area and look to collaborate with Landscore Primary School soon.

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Peoples Park Report (for noting only)

Report by: **Cllr Fawssett**
To: **Community Committee**
For consideration on: **12 May 2026**

Peoples Park Report - let's talk about projects!

Question - What are our projects?

Now that Peoples Park has a "new" noticeboard it seems proper that we use it to promote projects that we are interested in. Do we agree with this?

Currently, we are displaying a map from the MDDC "Crediton MasterPlan", that has the enhanced cycling and walking route - from the square to the train station. Is this a project that we wish to develop? If yes, then…

Question - How are we going to develop this project? Community Committee?

Certainly, any environmental project will need to be worked on in collaboration with local groups, including Sustainable Crediton. In addition, we should draw on the information that we have gathered from our Community Conversations. So far so good, but…

Questions - How are we planning for the future, 50 years from now? How are we taking into consideration climate change?

According to the Met Office, in 50 years time, the climate is projected to be significantly warmer and more extreme, with summer temperatures regularly exceeding 30°C and 40°C in the UK. Winters will be warmer and up to 30-45% wetter, while summers will be up to 60% drier, increasing risks of both flash flooding and severe droughts.

Will our High Street not need trees to protect us from the heat? It takes 50 years for most trees to provide this level of shade. What if anything is agreed? But also…

Question - How are we countering the loss of biodiversity?

I have visited two new woodland planting sites, close to the upgraded Okehampton rail line. Network Rail have planted these two fields to provide a habitat for the native dormouse. Known as the UK hazel dormouse, its population has declined by approximately 70% since 2000. These mammals are threatened by habitat loss, fragmentation, and climate change. This is a "50 year project" that aims for an increase in the numbers of dormice in this area of Devon.

So are we planning for the future - 50 years ahead?

These are the issues and projects that I hope that our Community Committee will address in the next council year.

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Bench Cleaning Report

Report by: **Deputy Clerk**
To: **Community Committee**
Date: **For consideration on 12 May 2026**

Recommendation
The Community Committee is recommended to consider the quotation received to clean the benches on the town square.

1. **Purpose**
   1.1 This report sets out the quotation received to clean the benches on the town square.

2. **Background**
   2.1 It was agreed by Full Council on 14 April 2026 to obtain quotes for cleaning the benches on the town square over the summer, with the addition of engaging with the new owners of the Three Little Pigs to explore potential collaboration.
   2.2 One quotation has been received to clean the benches.
   2.3 The Three Little Pigs are yet to be approached, due to a period of closure before the new owners open. This is still being pursued, and an update will be provided at the next Community Committee meeting, if discussions have not taken place before 12 May.
   2.4 Cllr Backhouse has requested that members consider an interim cleaning arrangement whilst an update is awaited.

3. **Proposals**
   3.1 To agree to an interim arrangement to clean the benches on the town square and to instruct a contractor to carry out the cleaning, with an update being provided at the next Community Committee meeting.

4. **Financial Implications**
   4.1 There is £4,788 in the small works budget for 2026-27.
   4.2 The following quotation has been provided:

   To clean all benches by hand, with soapy water: **£23 per clean**

5. **Conclusion**
   5.1. The Community Committee is recommended to consider the proposal and quotation above.

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Newcombes Meadow Paddling Pool Report

Report by: **Town Clerk**
To: **Community Committee**
Date: **For consideration on 12 May 2026**

Recommendation
The Community Committee is recommended to receive and approve the recommendations in this report.

1. **Purpose**
   1.1 This report provides recommendations made by selected councillors, following agreement by Full Council to undertake a survey regarding Newcombes Meadow Paddling Pool.

2. **Background**
   2.1 Consideration has been given to the way in which the survey will be conducted; there will be an online form, with paper copies made available at Crediton Library, Redlands and Adams. Posters will also be added to relevant locations.
   2.2 A press release will be provided to the Crediton Courier.
   The survey will be conducted in-house.
   2.3 Consideration has been given to the information about the survey and the questions. (Appendix 1).
   2.4 Full Council has previously resolved to offer 3 x £50 vouchers.

3. **Recommendations**
   3.1 To approve the information provided with the survey (Appendix 1).
   3.2 To approve the questions in the survey (Appendix 1).
   3.3 To approve the survey will run from 26 May – 16 June.
   3.4 To approve the offering of 3 x £50 vouchers, for use in independent retailers in Crediton.

4. **Financial Implications**
   4.1 A total of £150.00 will be required from Public Consultations (budget of £1000.00)

5. **Conclusion**
   5.1 Members are requested to consider the recommendations therein, to progress the survey.

APPENDIX ONE

Newcombes Meadow Water Play Survey

Crediton Town Council has been working with Mid Devon District Council to consider the future of water play in Newcombes Meadow. The existing paddling pool, which has reached the end of its life, needs replacing.

We have been reviewing how it's currently run, how much it costs to maintain, and what options there might be for its future.

We know that a paddling pool will be expensive and most of the money spent would be on its operation and not on an improved facility. CTC has decided that it cannot commit funds to its refurbishment and ongoing maintenance, as they are too high and it would not be sustainable.

We are investigating the installation of a splashpad, which would be inclusive, safer, we believe would be more sustainable, and ultimately cheaper to both install and run (the installation costs are approximately £270,000, with a contribution of approximately £62,000 from CTC).

We know that residents have previously wanted toilet facilities closer to the play area, and we want to work with MDDC and use Section 106 money (received from housing developers to MDDC to mitigate their impact and support community services and assets) to deliver this, alongside water play.

Before any decisions are made, we want to hear from the people who matter most - Crediton residents and Crediton Town Council precept payers.

This short survey is your chance to tell us what you think. Whether you use the paddling pool regularly, occasionally, or not at all, your views will help us to better understand what the community wants and values.

The feedback we receive will be shared with councillors and used to help guide future decisions about the paddling pool.

Thank you for taking the time to have your say.
And....if you decide to leave your details, there is a chance to win one of three £50 vouchers to spend in an independent local shop! Three winners will be picked at random. Your personal information will be held only for the purposes of this survey and will not be used for any other reason. Once the winners have been announced, personal data will be deleted.

Proposed questions

Do you live within the Crediton Town area (pay the town precept in your council tax)?
Yes
No
(If your response is no, please do not respond further)

Which best describes your household?
Single adult
2 adults, no children
Household with child(ren) under 11
Household with child(ren) over 11

How often does anyone in your household visit Newcombes Meadow (for any reason)?
Daily
Weekly
Monthly
Rarely
Never

How important would a splash pad be in Newcombes Meadow?
Very important
Important
Not important

How likely are you or your household to use a splash pad if it were installed?
Very likely
Likely
Unlikely
Very unlikely

Would you support the provision of a toilet facility in Newcombes Park next to, or near the splash pad?
Yes
No

Would you support Crediton Town Council in taking responsibility for maintaining and repairing the splash pad and toilet facilities, if the annual running cost was approximately £25,000 (this is in the region of 70p per month to a Band D property)
Yes
No

If you have any other comments, please provide them in the space below.

Emily Armitage

From: Crediton Secretary <Crediton.Secretary@RBL.Community>
Sent: 06 May 2026 06:03
To: Emily Armitage; Rachel Avery
Subject: 25-04-2026-Royal British Legion Crediton 100
Attachments: Branch 100_Invite.png

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Dear Emily and Rachel,

I am writing on behalf of Crediton Royal British Legion to invite you to be part of a very special milestone celebration — our **100th Anniversary**, this will be taking place from 14:00hrs to 17:00hrs at Downes, Crediton EX17 3PL on **Saturday, 20 June 2026**.

To mark this occasion, we are hosting an event that brings together members of the community, partner organisations, and invited guests. We would be delighted if Crediton Town Council would consider joining us by showcasing your organisation, for example through an information stand, display, or engagement activity.

This event will provide an excellent opportunity to:

- Share information about your organisation and its work
- Engage with members of the local community
- Celebrate our shared contribution and partnership over the years

If this is something you would be interested in, we would be happy to discuss the practical arrangements, including space, timings, and any specific requirements you may have.

Please let us know if you would like to take part, or if you require any further information. We would be honoured to include you in this landmark celebration.

Thank you for your time and consideration, and we hope to hear from you soon.

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