



Credition Town Council

Newsletter

October - December 2016

A message from the Mayor, Councillor Frank Letch

What a sensational summer!

It's been a very busy summer with the Town Council supporting numerous events. There has been the Floral Credition Competition, the *It's Your Neighbourhood* Competition (with record entries), and the judging of the allotments.

We have also encouraged the increased use of the Town Square, which we are still negotiating to take over. There was the annual Boules Tournament, Credition Food & Drink Festival and Shakespeare in the Square, which this year gave the opportunity to see two plays by our most famous dramatist.

Of course it wouldn't be summer without the flag festival, which enlivened our streets with vibrancy and colour thanks to the hard work of Credition Arts Centre. This was complemented by the numerous flower displays organised by the Town Council.

We have also had to deal with the closure of Mid Devon District Council's office. To do this we employed a new member of staff, Sandie Blake, who has a wealth of knowledge on the District Council's work. Clare, Town Clerk, and her assistant, Emma, have also had to take on extra responsibilities to help the community come to terms with MDDC's office closure.

The Town Council has also undertaken new initiatives, in particular the Keep Credition Clean Campaign! There has been a purge on unofficial flyposting; cable ties have been attached to the street furniture, so posters can be hung with string or cable ties, avoiding sticky tape and staples.

You may also have seen the Poo Fairy posters, which encourage dog owners to clear up after their pooches. To help this initiative the Town Council has purchased 50,000 poo bags which are free to those who want them. Shops and householders have been encouraged to tidy in front of their premises so that people visiting Credition get a good first impression!

The younger members of our community have also been helping by carrying out litter picks and looking after our wildlife areas. Did you know Sunflower Day Nursery keeps the birds feeders at Peoples Park well-stocked?

Finally, Credition was briefly on television when the Tour of Britain cycle race came through our town, cheered on by a very large crowd!

The next big Town Council event will be our Christmas in Credition Parade and Lights Switch-on in November.



Hannah Zorlu joins the Town Council!

At the September Council meeting, Hannah Zorlu was welcomed as the new Councillor for Lawrence Ward.

Hannah, mother of two, is already an active member of our community as a member of Haywards Primary School's Parent Teacher Association, a helper at the Holy Cross Parish Church Sunday Club and a steward for Christmas in Crediton last year. You may have also seen Hannah during the Mayor's Surgeries as she helps her father, Councillor Frank Letch, in his mayoral duties. You could say a chip off the old block!

Hannah said "I have always taken a keen interest in Crediton's vibrant community. I thoroughly enjoyed being a part of the Christmas in Crediton Team last year. The event highlighted to me the community spirit within the Town."



Keeping Crediton Clean

Wow, haven't you been busy! We are pleased to report that many of you have taken the Keep Crediton Clean Campaign to heart and have been helping to keep our beautiful town clean and tidy.

Shout-outs go to the multitude of Sustainable Crediton volunteers, the 1st Crediton Scouts and those who wish to remain anonymous who have been cleaning the streets outside their homes, you know who you are!

Whilst you have been working hard, so has the Town Council. We now have a large supply of dog poo bags that we are giving away for **free** to anyone that needs them, although a donation is always gratefully received. We also have campaign leaflets, stickers and posters. To see all of these, you can go to our website, visit the Council Offices or visit the Mayor at his surgeries on market day.



The Scouts managed to collect 6 bin bags of rubbish along Tinpot Lane!



We thought this year's floral displays in the town looked great, do you agree?

Do you think there are any areas within the Town that need special attention in tidying up?

What do you think to the new poo bag initiative?

Is there any information that is missing from our website that you would like to see?

Your views are important to us and we value your feedback. Please let us know what you think about the above issues, or anything else in Crediton! Contact details can be found on the back page.



Christmas in Crediton 2016 - Saturday 26th November

The family fun starts at 4.00 pm on Saturday, 26th November and from listening to your feedback we have made it earlier to ensure that everyone, whether 0 or 90, can join in.

The theme is Santa's Toy Shop, so please dress up as your favourite toy - ragdoll, toy soldier, teddy bear ... the possibilities are endless. If you don't fancy going the whole hog you could wear a party hat, reindeer horns or even just a Santa hat.

The BIG Town Square Christmas tree switch-on will be at 6.00 pm, followed by live music from Electric Spank.

Once again there will be a bar and food stalls in the Town Square to help make the most of this fantastic community event.

This year there will be more lights, more entertainment and even train rides! The parade will include toy soldiers, town flags, two bands, a jack-in-a-box and much more.

So, please put the date in your diary and come and join in the festive fun!



Reclaimed Parking Spaces

For years, the number of parking spaces at the park & ride car park at Crediton Railway Station have been reduced due to overgrown vegetation, low hanging tree branches, untaxed/abandoned vehicles and littering, including mattresses and other rubbish.

Happily, the Community Payback Scheme, in association with Devon County Council Highways, and the Friends of Crediton Railway Station, have recently worked very hard to clean the car park up and have now created an additional 12 useable parking spaces!

Mid Devon District Council environmental health services have been patrolling the area and removing all untaxed/abandoned vehicles, and the Community Payback Scheme will be making regular visits to maintain these standards. Thank you to everyone who has been involved in this project to reclaim a valuable community asset.

Cllr Michael Szabo



Think you know Crediton?

Where would you be if the missing key was keeping you safe?

Answer on back page

EGGESTON

Time to go rambling!

The official launch of the Redvers Ramble took place on Saturday, 2nd July 2016. The walk, which is 4km, will take approximately 1½ hours to complete at a strolling pace and takes in some fantastic views.

Leaflets can be downloaded from the Council website, collected from the Council Offices & at the Mayor's Surgery.



And there's more...

Have you noticed the new tree at Peoples Park?
It was planted as part of the Lions Club's 100th Anniversary.

Think you know
Credton? Answer

On a train on the
Tarka Line

Did you know that details of road closures in and around Credton can be found on our Facebook and Twitter pages?

Whether you've got 5 minutes or 5 hours...
there's always time for a wildlife hunt!



The Town Council has numerous community projects and needs volunteers to help.

Can you help with Christmas in Credton, as a steward or marshall?
Or maybe you could help maintain Peoples Park Wildlife Area?

Please contact Clare or Emma at the Council Offices

Special thanks to the Credton Courier, Credton Food Festival and 1st Credton Scouts for the photos used in this edition.



Dates for your diary

October

1st & 15th 18th **Farmers Market** Credton Town Square
Credton Town Council meeting 7.00 pm
Council Chamber, Market Street

November

5th & 19th 15th **Farmers Market** Credton Town Square
Credton Town Council meeting 7.00 pm
Council Chamber, Market Street

26th



Christmas in Credton 2016 Parade and Lights Switch-on 4.00 pm - 8.00 pm

December

3rd 13th **Farmers Market** Credton Town Square
Credton Town Council meeting 7.00 pm
Council Chamber, Market Street

18th

Christmas Farmers Market
Credton Town Square

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Credton Town Councillors - Boniface Ward

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Devon County Council	0845 155 1015	www.devon.gov.uk
Credton Library	01363 772578	
Citizens Advice Bureau	01884 244630	
Credton Hospital	01363 775588	
Social Services	0845 155 1015	

District & County Councillors

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