



# Credition Town Council

# Newsletter

July - September 2016

## Mayor's Reception 2016

On 20th April, the Mayor, Cllr Frank Letch, welcomed over 120 people representing local community groups and organisations to the annual Mayor's Reception. The reception is an opportunity to thank those working in our voluntary sector and recognise the positive impact they have on the whole of Credition.

This year, three town plates were awarded to recognise the efforts of those who demonstrate outstanding commitment to the well-being of Credition and the community. The Jamie Fleming Award was presented to Cadet Warrant Officer Matthew Cordwent. Councillor Letch also had the pleasure of giving out the Town Council's annual grants. To see full details of the grants awarded please visit <http://www.credition.gov.uk/Grants>.



*Presentation of the Jamie Fleming Award.  
Bert Jewell, Yvonne Pope and John Heal  
receiving their town plates.*



*Credition Brownies cleaning  
up the Link Road*

## Keeping Credition Clean

Following our Keep Credition Clean Campaign article in the spring newsletter, many groups and organisations have been working hard at just that, Keeping Credition Clean. Litter picks have been undertaken by Credition Brownies, Rainbows, Tesco, The Amber Foundation and Sustainable Credition and these are just the ones we know about! We think they have done a fantastic job so, a huge thank you to everyone involved.

If you would like to do a litter pick or carry out a clean up in your street then please let the Town Council know. We can help to provide equipment and would also like to tell everyone about the great work you are doing.

## Beacon Burning Bright

To mark the occasion of HM the Queen's 90th Birthday, Credition Town Council, in conjunction with 1st Credition Scout Group, held a Beacon Lighting Ceremony at Beacon Park, on Thursday, 21st April.



*The Mayor with firefighter Dave  
Whyte at the lighting of the Beacon*



*1st Credition Scout Group, Cubs & Beavers  
helping with the event*

The event was well attended by the community and the Town Council would like to say a special thank you to Credition Fire Station for attending the event and helping to keep everyone safe.

# Chairman's Annual Report 2015-16

The new civic year began in May with district and town council elections. Although the district elections were keenly fought only 10 candidates put themselves forward for the 12 Town Council places and so we had to co-opt. Fortunately we now have our full complement of 12 councillors with the arrival of Heather Sansom and Jade Walters.

The Town Council has undertaken its normal events which meant that we had a very successful Floral Crediton Competition and a pleasing number of entries in the RHS It's Your Neighbourhood Awards, thanks to the efforts of Cllr Michael Szabo.

On behalf of the Town Council the Clerk has been pursuing a resolution of the Stonypark issue as well as the transfer of the Town Square to the Town Council. Progress has been made on both issues but it has proved to be a long and time consuming process.

The Christmas in Crediton Parade was another good example of the community getting together when organised by the Clerk and the Town Council's committee. The weather was not as good as last year but there were many hundreds of people along the High Street and in the Town Square for the Christmas Lights Switch-on.

The beginning of 2016 saw the town taking on the challenge of a closed High Street whilst essential work was carried out to repair a damaged sewer system. People were patient but it is true to say that some of the High Street businesses struggled a little.

The last challenge faced by the Council and the town was withdrawal by Mid Devon District Council of its office staff in Crediton. This also gave the opportunity for the Town Council to engage in a feasibility study of the office building and Town Square which was undertaken by Devon Communities Together. The results of the study could give the Town Council a challenging project, which will benefit the town in the long run.

**Frank Letch**

## Crediton Celebrates St Boniface

The story of St Boniface was told on Sunday, 5th June, St Boniface's Feast Day. To learn more about St Boniface and the fantastic celebrations, please go to [www.facebook.com/StBonifaceDay/](http://www.facebook.com/StBonifaceDay/).



## Flying the Flag

Crediton Town Council and the Royal British Legion show their support for our Armed Forces.

### Crediton Town Council Income & Expenditure Account 01/04/2015 to 31/03/2016

(Last) Year Ended 31 Mar 2015		(Current) Year Ended 31 Mar 2016
<b>Income</b>		
63.26	Administration	78.74
5,383.10	Property & Parks	3,978.36
5,990.85	Amenities	6,435.14
140,973.98	Precept	161,897.48
200.00	Ear Marked Reserves	150.00
5,593.00	TAP Fund	1,000.00
6,300.00	Neighbourhood Plan	3,750.00
	Parish Paths (P3)	3,000.00
<b>£164,504.19</b>		<b>£180,289.72</b>
<b>Expense</b>		
	Parish Paths (P3)	33.47
	Localism Projects	9,000.00
	General Fund	1,132.32
	Neighbourhood Plan	5,499.80
7,099.89	Administration	7,975.71
8,611.82	Council & Councillors	5,128.64
3,801.83	Property & Parks	15,607.96
17,595.58	Insurance	1,712.54
1,667.60	Grants	15,000.00
14,302.50	Amenities	14,471.67
15,986.33	Ear Marked Reserves	13,239.14
7,405.14	Salaries	54,371.53
54,138.83	TAP Fund	1,000.00
5,593.00	Provision for Doubtful Debts	-5.82
5.82		
<b>£136,208.34</b>		<b>£144,166.96</b>
<b>General Fund</b>		
<b>53,633.68</b>	Balance at 01 Apr 2015	<b>80,449.52</b>
164,504.19	ADD Total Income	180,289.72
218,137.87		260,739.24
136,208.34	DEDUCT Total Expenditure	144,166.96
81,929.53		116,572.28
1,480.01	Transfer to/from Reserves	19,455.65
<b>£80,449.52</b>	Balance at 31 Mar 2016	<b>£97,116.63</b>
Transfers:		
General Fund to Earmarked Reserve £19,455.65		

# Floral Crediton

This year, the Town Council has been working hard to expand the flower displays you see in the Town, including planting underneath the Town Square trees and new hanging baskets and planting of the flower beds at Redvers House.

The Town Council would like to thank Bert Jewell and Eddie Sherwood for all the work they have done underneath the Town Square trees and local businesses for their sponsorship of Floral Crediton, including Haines Watts, Fly Fishing Tackle and The Green House.

The three important dates in the floral diary this year are 3rd, 4th and 14th of July. The Britain in Bloom judges will visit Crediton on 3rd and 4th July to assess the town on its Pennant Award entry and the 14 community groups who entered the It's Your Neighbourhood Award ("IYN") Programme.

Project co-ordinator, Michael Szabo, said to ensure the town is looking "blooming lovely" many groups, including the District Council are working to tidy up the town for the visit.

The IYN groups and the town will receive certificates, a banner, and recognition at an awards ceremony in October.

On the 14th July, the Mayor, Cllr Frank Letch, and local gardening expert Bert Jewell will be judging this year's Floral Crediton Competition entries. So good luck everyone!



## Where's the Wonderful Wildlife?



Over the last two years, the Peoples Park Wildlife Area has been transformed thanks to the hard work and commitment of the local community. To mark the transformation, the Council is creating an information leaflet detailing the project's journey and future plans.

To encourage the younger members of our community to get involved we have also created a wildlife hunt. It's a simple form that helps children to identify and record what they have seen and will help the Town Council identify all the wildlife that has set up home in the area. Forms are available from the Town Council Offices, the Library and shops in the town. So, whether you have 5 minutes or 5 hours why not take the children on a local wildlife hunt?

The team is now turning its attention to other open spaces in the town that need a little tender loving care, this includes working with local landowners to brighten up the entrances to the town as we believe first impressions count. To get involved in the project, please contact the Town Council Offices.

We are looking to make use of the open space outside Newcombes Meadow toilets. What do you think this space could be used for?

What do you think of this year's flower displays and do you agree with the Town Council expanding the scheme?

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.

What do you think?



And there's more...

The Town Council is organising a **public consultation** about **health and social care** within the town.

If you are a health or social care provider, group or organisation and would like to be involved in the event, **please get in touch!**

**Health & Social Care Public Consultation**

26<sup>th</sup> October 2016 at the Boniface Centre

Look out for further information nearer the time

Special thanks to the Crediton Courier and Paul Tucker for the photos used in this edition

Come along to the launch of **Redvers Ramble** - a circular walk in Crediton. Saturday, 2nd July 2016 Crediton Farmers Market 10.45 am

Did you know, **Peoples Park** has a four star Britain in Bloom South West **Pride in Park Award?**



**Dates for your diary**

**July**

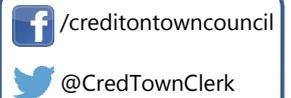
- 2nd Redvers Ramble Launch** Crediton Town Square
- 2nd & 16th Farmers' Market** Crediton Town Square
- 5th - 9th Shakespeare in the Square, 'Henry IV' and 'Henry V'** Crediton Town Square
- 19th Crediton Town Council** meeting 7.00 pm Council Chamber, Market Street

**August**

- 6th & 20th Farmers' Market** Crediton Town Square

**September**

- 3rd & 17th Farmers' Market** Crediton Town Square
- 20th Crediton Town Council** meeting 7.00 pm Council Chamber, Market Street



**Crediton Town Councillors - Boniface Ward**

Frank Letch (Mayor & Chairman)	2 Butt Parks, Crediton, EX17 3HE	01363 775739
Joyce Harris (Deputy Mayor)	5 Charlotte Street, Crediton EX17 3BB	01363 775221
John Downes	Blagdon House, Blagdon, EX17 1EH	01363 774267
Nick Way	Westwood House, Westwood, EX17 3PE	01363 777903
Dan Webb	The Great Hall, Creedy Park, EX17 4EB	07479 469700
Andi Wyer	3 Glen Creedy Court, Crediton, EX17 1GD	01363 777160

**Crediton Town Councillors - Lawrence Ward**

Liz Brookes-Hocking	Oliver House, 7 North Street, Crediton, EX17 2BT	01363 774562
Bill Dixon	1 Hawthorn Road, Crediton, EX17 2DF	01363 772176
Heather Sansom	20 Redvers House, Crediton, EX17 3AW	01363 775455
Mike Szabo	9 Alexandra Way, Crediton, EX17 2EA	01363 775255
Jade Walters	Ground Floor Flat 1, 7 Union Road, Crediton, EX17 3AW	01363 774317
Clare Dalley (Town Clerk)	Council Offices, Market Street, Crediton, EX17 2BN E-mail: townclerk@crediton.gov.uk	01363 773717

**Useful Contacts**

Mid Devon District Council	01884 244636 (Crediton)	www.middevon.gov.uk
Devon County Council	0845 155 1015	www.devon.gov.uk
Crediton Library	01363 772578	
Citizens Advice Bureau	01884 244630	
Crediton Hospital	01363 775588	
Social Services	0845 155 1015	

**District & County Councillors**

John Downes (District)	01363 774267
Bob Wright (District)	01363 773566
Frank Letch (District)	01363 775739
Nick Way (District & County)	01363 777903