



## Statement on Crime & Disorder

Section 17 of the Crime & Disorder Act 1998 placed a new duty on Police and Local Authorities to consider crime and disorder and community safety in all their activities.

It is the responsibility of Credon Town Council (CTC) to have due regard to this when exercising its various duties and responsibilities. CTC is committed to doing all it can to prevent crime and disorder in Credon. To achieve this, it closely monitors and reviews the work it carries out to ensure it meets this obligation as well as considering crime and disorder reduction in everything it does.

CTC has a system of 12 CCTV cameras installed in the town. The system is intended to provide an increased level of security within the town for the benefit of those who study, work, live in or visit Credon. The CCTV system is used to respond to the following key objectives:

- To detect, prevent or reduce the incidence of crime
- To prevent and respond effectively to all forms of harassment and public disorder
- To create a safer community
- To gather evidence by a fair and accountable method.

CTC has worked closely with the Police to ensure key areas of concern receive sufficient coverage. The installation of this system enables the local Police to view CCTV footage and identify individuals as well as assisting as a deterrent to reduce/prevent crime and anti-social behaviour. The Police will be able to view footage from CTC offices, with the view to them being able to view remotely (during unsociable hours) using a mobile device, helping to prevent delays.

CTC continues to explore the possibility of connecting with a major CCTV Hub, such as Torbay or Exeter, to enable continuous monitoring.

CTC also works closely with Police and local agencies to prevent and combat crime and disorder within the community in the following ways:

- Regular communication with the Police, and other statutory authorities to seek advice, guidance and discuss new and ongoing initiatives and/or issues.
- Inviting the Police to attend CTC events, with the aim of maintaining and improving the crucial link with the community.
- Regular attendance at Mid Devon Safety Advisory Group (SAG) meetings relating to events hosted by CTC. The group brings together relevant regulatory authorities to assist event organisers to conduct safe and lawful events. CTC consults this group in relation to the annual Christmas in Credon Parade and Light Switch-On.
  
- Supporting initiatives within the town that assist with crime and disorder prevention such as:
  - Installation of lighting at the Bandstand to combat and prevent vandalism and undesirable behaviour.



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- Using, and promoting the use of, Devon Community Payback to undertake work within the Town and assist with community projects, including the Peoples Park Wildlife Garden, clearing and cleaning the Station car park and public footpaths.
- Acting as an agent for Devon County Council, with delegated powers under Section 132(2) powers of the Highway Authority, to remove fly posting and unauthorised signs from the highway that can affect highway safety and detract from the amenity of Credton town.
- CTC is taking a pro-active lead in encouraging businesses and residents to take positive action and help Keep Credton Clean. This is currently focusing on littering, dog poo and flyposting.
- By offering a Youth Service, enabling young people to access structured groups, supporting social and personal development.