



Credition Town Council

Newsletter

July - September 2015

Credition pulls together!

This edition focuses on and celebrates the fantastic community of Credition.

Mayor's Reception

Tuesday 28th April heralded the annual Mayor's Reception at Credition Boniface Centre. The event recognises the continuous hard work and effort invested into Credition by the numerous community groups and organisations. It celebrates what makes Credition so special - the people. The presentation of the new Jamie Fleming Award was made, in memory of Lance Corporal Jamie Fleming. Apart from the annual grant cheques being issued, Credition town plates were awarded to Francesca Raymont, Robin Langhorne and Alan Quick who were recognised by the Town Council for demonstrating outstanding commitment to the well-being of Credition and the community.



The Jamie Fleming Award recognises young people who have done something outstanding or exceptional. This year presented to Hannah Stubbs by Mr & Mrs Fleming.

Photo courtesy of Credition Courier.

CredFest 2015

CredFest 2015 launched this year with a food extravaganza on Saturday, 13th June. The 7th Credition Food and Drink Festival kick-started 4 weeks of fun, with over 50 events being held all over Credition, hosted by 35 different community groups and organisations. This year's Food & Drink Festival was the biggest yet and was enjoyed by international guests, from Avranches, Dokkum and Fulda, who helped to open the event with our very own Mayor, Cllr Frank Letch.



The Festival runs until Saturday 11th July, finishing with an evening Festival Finale held on the Town Square, which is a fabulous free event. You'd be mad to miss it!

A huge thank you has to be said to everyone involved in making a sensational Festival happen!

The Mayor accompanied by international guests at the opening of the Credition Food & Drink Festival. Photo Courtesy of Sam Box.



Chairman's annual report 2014-2015

Once again the year has been one of successes, challenges and frustrations. The Town Council's 12 councillors have had an interesting and active year taking a lead in several community projects and running projects of their own.

Christmas in Crediton proved to be an even bigger success than the previous year. The parade was headed by Queen Victoria who was followed by a number of organisations from the town. The High Street was closed for one hour which required many marshals drawn from several associations in the town. This event showed community cooperation at its best. It also featured briefly on Spotlight.

The same can be said for the efforts of the Friends of Newcombes Meadow, which took on the challenge to completely refurbish the play area. Councillor Andi Wyer was the Council's representative on this very active group.

The Scout Memorial Garden is now a well-established feature in Peoples Park Road and is also now home to a wildlife area, which is a Town Council project that has involved several groups from the town including pupils from the two primary schools who built bug hotels.

The Council also undertook a household questionnaire in order to form its Neighbourhood Plan. It was a huge undertaking but the Town Council was pleasantly surprised at the high level of returns of questionnaires, which will help in future planning.

Because of Mid Devon District Council's decision to limit funding of the town's toilets and Devon County's ceasing to fund the youth service the Town Council decided to increase the precept by 16.5% in order to cover the shortfall of the above services.

We have seen the emergence of the High Street Traders Group, which has amalgamated with the Crediton Chamber of Commerce to form a strong and active group to represent commercial interests in the town.

The Town Council now has a new member of staff, Miss Emma Lucas, as Assistant to the Town Clerk and Mayor. This means that the office is now open for five days a week from 10 am until 2 pm thus offering the town a much better service.



Photo courtesy of Sam Box

Town Council Finances 2014-2015

Crediton Town Council Income & Expenditure Account 01/04/2014 to 31/03/2015

(Last) Year Ended
31 Mar 2014

(Current) Year Ended
31 Mar 2015

(Last) Year Ended 31 Mar 2014		(Current) Year Ended 31 Mar 2015
Income		
65.25	Administration	63.26
500.00	Council & Councillors	0.00
3,980.32	Property & Parks	5,383.10
3,000.00	Grants	0.00
590.00	Amenities	5,990.85
136,800.00	Precept	140,973.98
8,600.00	Ear Marked Reserves	200.00
3,500.00	TAP Fund	5,593.00
	Neighbourhood Plan	6,300.00
	Restated	0.00
-1,514.43		
£155,521.14		£164,504.19
Expense		
	Neighbourhood Plan	7,099.89
7,716.35	Administration	8,611.82
4,683.15	Council & Councillors	3,801.83
22,823.40	Property & Parks	17,595.58
3,874.63	Insurance	1,667.60
17,000.00	Grants	14,302.50
4,696.24	Amenities	15,986.33
110.00	Honorarium	0.00
28,044.86	Ear Marked Reserves	7,405.14
51,899.24	Salaries	54,138.83
3,500.00	TAP Fund	5,593.00
	Provision for Doubtful Debts	5.82
£144,347.87		£136,208.34
40,000.00	General Fund	53,633.68
155,521.14	Balance at 01 Apr 2014	164,504.19
195,521.14	ADD Total Income	218,137.87
144,347.87	DEDUCT Total Expenditure	136,208.34
51,173.27		81,929.53
-2,460.41	Transfer to/from Reserves	1,480.01
£53,633.68	Balance at 31 Mar 2015	£80,449.52
Transfers:		
General Fund to Earmarked Reserve £1,480.01		

Bloomin' Lovely

It's that time of year again when Crediton bursts into colour with a profusion of floral displays in the Town. The 21st of July sees the judging of the annual Floral Crediton Competition, which involves lots of you putting your best fork forward to stun our judges with your beautiful gardens. Last year you all did a fantastic job, the judges were bowled over by your efforts, which made their jobs exceptionally hard!

As well as working on your own gardens, some of you have also been working on community gardens. This has included the Town Square Incredible Edible Garden, the Peoples Park Wildlife Area and the new three tier floral planters in the Town Square.



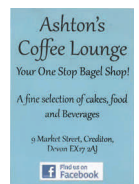
Town Square Incredible Edible Garden & Peoples Park Wildlife Area



Peoples Park Wildlife Area has been a labour of love over the last 6

months, with contributions from all areas of the community, and we think you'll agree all the hard work has been worth it - it's looking great! With the help of a kind-hearted benefactor, we will be providing bird feeders and boxes for the area as well as buying the necessary plants to finish the project. You may have also noticed that the area now has its own picnic bench, this was generously supplied by ex-Town Councillor Georgina Ford.

The three tier planters in the Town Square, purchased by the Town Council, will ensure colour all year round. Our appreciation and thanks go to Bert Jewell who has taken this project to heart and given up numerous hours to make them look so beautiful as well as businesses around the Square who are sponsoring them.



Monumentally Clean!



Have you noticed how clean our Town War Memorial and the St Boniface Statue are looking? Both monuments were cleaned in April and May by Simon and Sam at FJ Stevens & Son. They offered to do this work, completely free of charge, following the vandalism in November 2014. Thanks guys!

Simon & Sam from FJ Stevens & Son being thanked by the Mayor. Photo courtesy of Crediton Courier.



Café Culture Comes to Crediton

In its continued efforts to promote greater use of the Town Square, the Town Council has been working with Mid Devon District Council to allow local businesses to put table and chairs on the Town Square for their customers to use.

It is hoped that a European café culture can be created. Encouraging people to take time out of their busy days to stop and enjoy the moment - something that many of us don't do enough of - whilst enjoying a drink or bite to eat from one of our many food and drink establishments in the Town.



Three new Councillors have joined the Town Council team since June!
Go to www.crediton.gov.uk for more details about your Councillors.

Dates for your diary

July		21st	Crediton Town Council meeting 7.00 pm Council Chamber, Market Street
1st - 11th	Crediton Festival	25th	Sustainable Crediton plastics collection at Peck & Strong, Marsh Lane, Lords Meadow 10 - 12.30 pm
4th & 18th	Farmers' Market Crediton Town Square	August	
11th	Junior Town Crier Competition Crediton Town Square 10.00 am	1st & 15th	Farmers' Market Crediton Town Square
11th	Involve, the Leisure Centre and Sustainable Crediton 'Leisure Market' - full of organisations looking for volunteers, Crediton Town Square 10 - 1.00 pm	September	
		5th & 19th	Farmers' Market Crediton Town Square
		15th	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
Nick Way	Westwood House, Westwood, EX17 3PE	01363 777903
John Downes	Blagdon House, Blagdon, EX17 1EH	01363 774267
Dan Webb	12 Jocelyn Mead, Crediton, EX17 2EU	07479 469700
Andi Wyrer	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
Anne Hughes	5 Lennard Road, Crediton, EX17 2AP	01363 898475
Mike Szabo	9 Alexandra Way, Crediton, EX17 2EA	01363 775255
Heather Sansom	20 Redvers House, Crediton, EX17 3AW	01363 775455
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

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Devon County Council	0845 1551015	www.devon.gov.uk	John Downes (District) 01363 774267
Crediton Library	01363 772578		Bob Wright (District) 01363 773566
Citizens Advice Bureau	01884 244630		Frank Letch (District) 01363 775739
Crediton Hospital	01363 775588		Nick Way (District & County) 01363 777903