

JULY 2026 UPDATE

CREDITON FOOD FESTIVAL – SATURDAY 6 JUNE

We were disappointed to cancel the Big Boniface Bash on 6 June due to adverse weather conditions; however, we are excited to announce that we will be incorporating bits of the Bash into the Food Festival later this month - it's shaped to be our biggest one yet and entry is free!

Starting at 11am in Newcombes Meadow, featuring more than 25 of Devon's finest food & drink producers and traders, alongside street food vendors, independent retailers and community organisations, giving visitors the opportunity to discover new flavours, meet local makers and enjoy a welcoming day out in the heart of Crediton.

A highlight of this year's festival will be the demonstration tent, kindly provided by our sponsors Ashgrove Kitchens, featuring a full programme of live cookery demos through-out the day.

Visitors will be able to watch talented chefs in action. As well as food there is a wide variety of creative and interactive activities to get involved with. Live musicians and artists will be there to keep you entertained.

CREDITON IN BLOOM

The South West In Bloom judges will be visiting Crediton on 16 July as part of our entry into the main 'Britain in Bloom' competition. They'll be taken on a guided tour around the town, showcasing the fantastic floral displays and the amazing community effort that makes Crediton special. Some of the stops along the tour include Postbox Corner, St Lawrence Green, Peoples Park, the Town Square and Newcombes Meadow.

In preparation for the judges visit, we need your help! Take a moment to tidy the space outside your home or premises and help the town look it's very best. Whether it's a quick sweep, pulling up a few weeds, trimming plants, or clearing litter – every little bit makes a big difference.

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

On Tuesday 26 May, the Annual Town Meeting was held on the town square. Town Mayor, Cllr Steve Huxtable opened the meeting with topics of discussion including; seat cleaning, parking, Newcombes Meadow paddling pool and traffic calming. The minutes for the meeting will be available on our website: www.crediton.gov.uk Thank you to those of you who attended including some of our 2026-27 community grant recipients (pictured). More information on grants below.

EMERGENCY PLANNING

Residents are invited to attend a Community Emergency Planning Information Session, aimed at helping local people and organisations become better prepared for unexpected emergencies. The session will take place on **Monday, 6 July 2026** at 6:30 pm in the Boniface Centre, Crediton. Organised in partnership with Devon Communities Together, the event will provide practical guidance on how communities can plan ahead to respond effectively to emergencies such as extreme weather, power outages, and other unforeseen events. Come along and take part in

building a safer, more resilient Crediton. Booking is required, please visit forms.office.com/e/uPb2Zs747q

ITS YOUR COMMUNITY – GROUPS WE SUPPORT

Bang Bang Boxing was awarded £3,000 to hold a first-of-its-kind event at Lords Meadow Leisure Centre in Crediton on Saturday 2 May. More than 150 people went along to watch many of the club's young boxers' step into the ring to compete in bouts or give demonstrations of boxing skills against competitors from other clubs across the South West.

Bang Bang Boxing Club, in Mill Street, Crediton, is dedicated to providing top-notch boxing training for amateurs, boxercise enthusiasts and fitness lovers of all ages and abilities.

SUMMER YOUTH ACTIVITIES

Join Crediton Town Council's youth work team for a fantastic range of summer holiday activities - book now! Keep an eye on our socials and website - some new activities still to come! All activities below are free of charge (except Woodlands trip).

CHECK THIS OUT

Come and try out the new St Lawrence Green Camera Obscura! An obscura is a dark room with a tiny hole that projects an upside-down image of the world outside. It works best in the morning, with bright light, and when you go in just wait a little while to let your eyes adjust. If you try it out, let us know what you think! And if you do come across any issues, please drop us an email to report this.

ENVIRONMENTAL UPDATE

The Town Council continues to support local environmental action and community conversation. In June, Sustainable Crediton in conjunction with the Town Council hosted a well-attended screening of National Emergency Briefing (NEB), a 50-minute documentary exploring the growing impacts of climate change in the UK and calling for clear national communication on climate risks. Although Mel Stride MP, invited by the Town Council, was unable to attend on the 10 June, he has now been invited to a future screening later this summer at a date that fits his commitments, to encourage open discussion with residents.

Our volunteer-led Crediton Urban Taskforce [CUT!] meets every 2 Saturday of the month 10 am - 12 noon. On 13 June, 11 volunteers contributed over 20 hours to weed the Town Square with hand tools, leaving it tidy, and preserving some pollinator species.

It's encouraging to see residents taking similar action across town, including Independents for Crediton's annual Weed 'n' Sweep of the High Street, and other residents tackling Blagdon Road.

We are also taking practical steps within the town. Although some councils continue using glyphosate, we are prohibiting or limiting its use wherever possible. We are working with local retailers to encourage them to reduce prominent displays of glyphosate products in foyers and window fronts. Homeleigh Garden Centre does not do this, however we are still awaiting Tesco to change its head office-based planning for spring foyer displays.

2025-2026 ANNUAL REPORT AVAILABLE SOON

The Annual Report will be out later in July. This document is a round-up of the council's work in 2025-26. It includes a message from the Mayor, reports from our Committee Chairs and information about our Youth Service provision for young people in Crediton. A breakdown of the council's finances is provided with details of how your money is spent. Copies are available on our website - www.crediton.gov.uk and at Crediton library.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

JULY

SAT 04 - FARMERS MARKET, CREDITON TOWN SQUARE 10.00 - 13.00

TUES 07 – COMMUNITY COMMITTEE – 18.00

FULL TOWN COUNCIL, CREDITON LIBRARY, BELLE PARADE – 19.30 (PUBLIC DISCUSSION FROM 19.00)

SAT 11 – CREDITON FOOD FESTIVAL, NEWCOMBES MEADOW 12 MIDDAY

SAT 18 - FARMERS MARKET, CREDITON TOWN SQUARE 10.00 - 13.00

TUES 28 – COMMUNITY COMMITTEE 18.30

OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE 19.30, CREDITON LIBRARY, BELLE PARADE

AUGUST (SUMMER RECESS – NO MEETINGS)

SAT 01 - FARMERS MARKET, CREDITON TOWN SQUARE 10.00 - 13.00

SAT 15 - FARMERS MARKET, CREDITON TOWN SQUARE 10.00 - 13.00

Council Office Update!

Sadly due to extended internal works, we are not yet operational from our new offices on North Street. Please find us at the library on a Monday between 10.00 and 14.00. Keep an eye on our social media pages and website for updates.

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