



# Credition Town Council

# MARCH UPDATE

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## Protecting the Community

What a hopeful couple of months it has been! Saturday, Sixteenth of January saw the opening of the first COVID vaccination clinic in Credition. With several clinics organised since then, vaccinations have been successfully administered to the top four priority categories in Credition and the surrounding area.

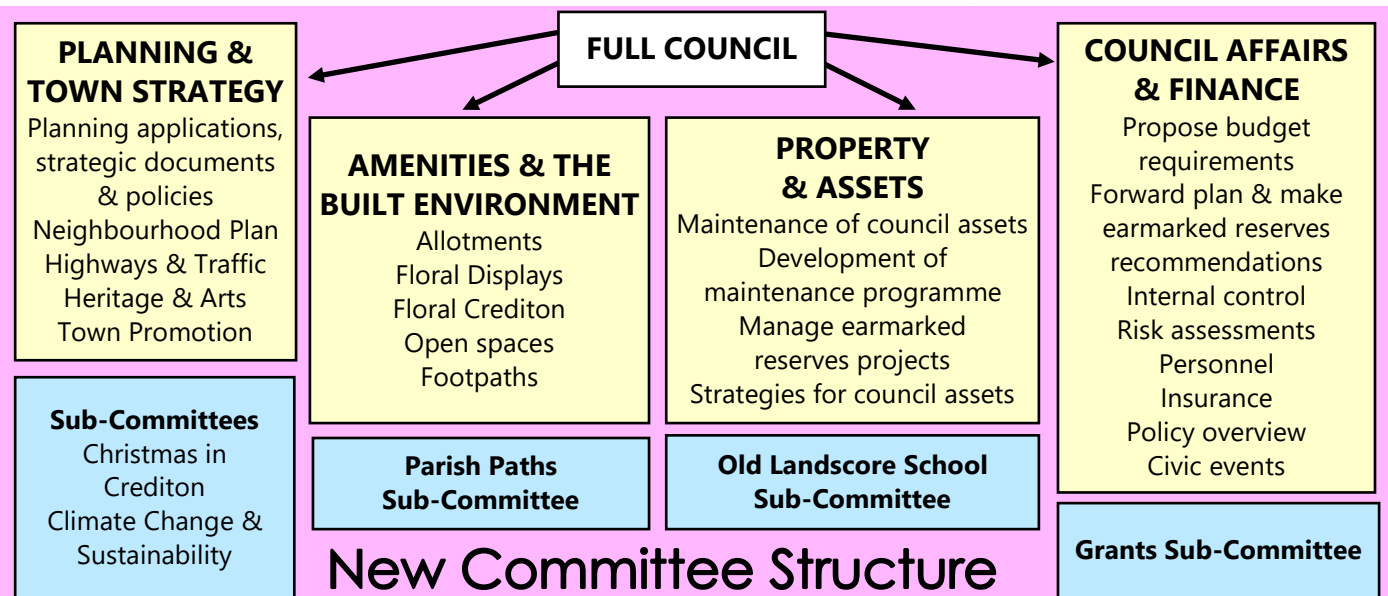
The clinics are staffed by volunteers and Credition Town Council has worked closely with Richard Ward, Chiddenbrook Practice Manager, to recruit members of the community to help support what is a vital service for the people of Mid Devon.



Councillors have been delighted to give their time to contribute to such a worthwhile cause.

A full clinic day usually provides over 1,000 vaccines and without the support of every volunteer, this fantastic achievement would not have been possible.

Thank you to everyone involved in such a huge task!



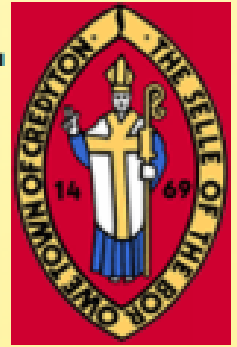
## New Committee Structure

Due to responsibilities increasing and diversifying, the council is now at a point where a restructure is required. The new structure detailed above will take effect from May 2021 and allows responsibilities to be evenly distributed across committees, increases transparency when dealing with council finances and will contribute to effective budget setting. A full copy of the Terms of Reference will be available on our website from May 2021. Any queries in the meantime, please get in touch!

# CREDITON TOWN COUNCIL

## 2021/22 BUDGET

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR YOU?



### What does Crediton Town Council provide for residents and how is your money spent?



- Maintenance of Public Open Spaces, including Peoples Park and Upper Deck
- Continued allotment provision
- Seasonal bedding at the Town Square, St Lawrence Green and Newcombes Meadow
- Grass verge cutting
- Footpath maintenance
- Street furniture maintenance

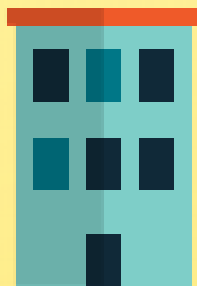
A brand new CCTV system for Crediton High Street, Town Square and Newcombes Meadow



Annual 'Christmas in Crediton', Remembrance Sunday, and other community events



Strategic Planning for the future of the town including post-Covid recovery and the ongoing development of council policy



Provision of community facilities and infrastructure, including Newcombes Meadow toilet block and Old Landscore School

Grant funding to community groups/organisations (2021/22 grant budget of £27,500)



Crediton Town Council's precept (paid directly to us as a percentage of your council tax) has been set at **£325,197**

from April 2021 to March 2022, an increase of 24.2% on last year.

In real terms, this equates to an increase of £2.03 a month per Band D household.



What does £2.03 buy....one takeaway coffee or a box of cereal?





# A message from your Town Clerk

As I enter my ninth month as the Town Clerk here in CREDITON, I reflect on how challenging this past year has been for many of us; new ways of working, becoming home schooling pros and feeling far more lonely than usual are just a few of the issues that I have faced.

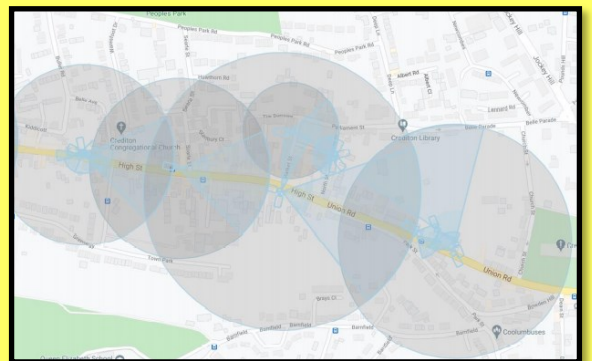
Even with restrictions in place, we were able to organise a poignant Remembrance Sunday event and a successful 'virtual' Christmas light switch on. Recently, we started live streaming our meetings to Facebook. This seems to have been received well, and I would like to thank anyone who has watched our videos, either live or recorded. I feel that this has offered a greater level of inclusivity and transparency, and it is something that we will continue to offer whilst we wait for details on when and how our meetings will return 'in person'. Watch this space!

What you may not get to see though, is the behind the scenes work that CREDITON Town Council is involved in. Our twelve councillors are supported by myself and three other members of staff, working on a range of issues, projects, plans and initiatives. We deal with the day to day running of the council, but are often in the background on a range of activities. We have supported the employment of a new detached youth worker, are facilitating the seasonal bedding at St Lawrence Green and Newcombes Meadow, and have provided marshalling for Covid vaccinations at Lords Meadow Leisure Centre. 2021 and beyond holds further exciting initiatives including the proposed purchase of Old Landscore School and the renovation of Newcombes Meadow toilet block.

Whilst we are not currently in the office, our 'door' is always open. You can contact us on our usual office number or email us. One of the biggest perks of my job is speaking to the most important people in the town – those who live here.

## CCTV - it's happening!

We are thrilled to confirm that the Town Council has approved the installation of a Town Centre CCTV system! After discussing primary needs with the local police, coverage will include the High Street, Town Square, Newcombes Meadow and the War Memorial/toilet block area with the system being made up of 12 cameras, using 7 locations in the town.



With the kind cooperation of landlords and businesses, successful surveys have been carried out with regards to electrical connections in buildings and the next stage will be to carry out some camera demos to ensure optimum views. With the necessary checks in full swing, we hope to have an installation date booked in by the end of March!

With such a large scale project, there are of course large scale costs and we would like to thank the Police & Crime Commissioners Office, Devon County Councillor Nick Way and the East & Mid Devon Community Safety Partnership for recognising the benefits of the project and providing much-needed financial support. Not only that, but we would like to say a huge thank you to the individual traders in the town that have offered their support and contribution to the project in what has been a very difficult year. If you would like to know more about the CCTV system, please email assistant clerk Emma Anderson ([assistant@crediton.gov.uk](mailto:assistant@crediton.gov.uk)).



It's at this time of the year that we would usually be encouraging you all to get your gardening gloves at the ready, in preparation for the annual Floral CREDITON Competition. Within current government guidelines, we are unable to make definitive plans with regard to the competition taking place. But as guidance is updated, we will continue to review this to ensure the safety of the community whilst trying to return to some kind of normal! Check our website and social media for updates.



# Keep Crediton Clean

How does the area outside your front door look? Is it neat and tidy? Or are there a couple of weeds?

At present, several of the streets in Crediton are sprayed with weed killer each year, but the Town Council is actively looking into environmentally friendly alternatives.

We would like to remind everyone that a little help from residents can make a huge contribution to keeping the town as tidy as possible. If you can maintain the small area outside of your house, this would soon have a town-wide impact!



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### March

**6 & 20** Farmers' Market Crediton Town Square  
**16** Crediton Town Council meeting, 7.00 pm held via Zoom

### April

**3 & 17** Farmers' Market Crediton Town Square

### FOR INFORMATION

**Due to the most recent COVID guidance, the office is closed for appointments. Office staff will continue to answer calls/respond to emails from Monday to Friday between 10.00 am to 2.00 pm, so please call/email if you would like to get in touch.**

# Helping Hands



By Cllr Mike Szabo

Since the district council has decided to stop planting around the town, Bert Jewell, Eddie Sherwood, and Nick Hasted have taken the initiative to weed, cultivate, and prepare the bed at the junction of East Street and Charlotte Street for planting.

The bed will be filled with bee-friendly, low growing shrubs providing both summer and autumn colour. In the autumn, they will plant tulip and daffodil bulbs around the edge of the bed to match up with the blooming daffodils at the Tesco roundabout.

Many thanks to Graphic PLC for sponsoring this planting with a kind donation of £200.



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## Crediton Town Councillors - Boniface Ward

|                             |   |              |
|-----------------------------|---|--------------|
| Joyce Harris (Deputy Mayor) | 5 Charlotte Street, Crediton EX17 3BB   | 01363 775221 |
| Jim Cairney                 | 31 East Street, Crediton, EX17 3AX      | 01363 773490 |
| John Downes                 | Blagdon House, Blagdon, EX17 1EH        | 01363 774267 |
| Louise Martin               | 28 Dean Street, Crediton, EX17 3EN      | 07519 930040 |
| John Ross                   | 3 Victoria Place, Pounds Hill, EX17 1DS | 01363 775146 |
| Hannah Zorlu                | Hilary, Barnfield, Crediton, EX17 3HY   | 01363 530037 |

## Crediton Town Councillors - Lawrence Ward

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|--------------------------------|--|--------------|
| Frank Letch (Mayor & Chairman) | 2 Butt Parks, Crediton, EX17 3HE                   | 01363 775739 |
| Liz Brookes-Hocking            | Oliver House, 7 North Street, Crediton, EX17 2BT   | 01363 774562 |
| Guy Cochran                    | Dunstone House, 4 Blagdon Rise, Crediton, EX17 1EN | 07891 898487 |
| Stephen Huxtable               | Woodlands, 15b Exeter Road, Crediton, EX17 3BH     | 07875 886550 |
| Mike Szabo                     | 9 Alexandra Way, Crediton, EX17 2EA                | 01363 775255 |
| Paul Vincent                   | 3 Western Villas, Western Road, Crediton, EX17 3NA | 01363 775048 |

Rachel Avery (Town Clerk) Council Offices, 8A North Street, Crediton, EX17 2BT 01363 773717  
E-mail: townclerk@crediton.gov.uk

## Useful Contacts

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|----------------------------|---------------|---------------------|
| Mid Devon District Council | 01884 255255  | www.middevon.gov.uk |
| Devon County Council       | 0845 155 1015 | www.devon.gov.uk    |
| Crediton Library           | 01363 772578  |                     |
| Crediton Hospital          | 01363 775588  |                     |
| Social Services            | 0845 155 1015 |                     |

## District & County Councillors

|                        |              |
|------------------------|--------------|
| John Downes (District) | 01363 774267 |
| Jim Cairney (District) | 01363 773490 |
| Frank Letch (District) | 01363 775739 |
| Andi Wyer (District)   | 01363 777160 |
| Nick Way (County)      | 01363 777903 |

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