

MARCH UPDATE

CREDITON TOWN COUNCIL



CREDITON YOUTH CLUB - SO FAR IN 2023...

To start the year, Crediton Youth Club held tutu making workshops on 26 January and 1 February in preparation for International Tutu Day. They joined the international tutu community on the town square to celebrate freedom of expression and to raise money for Amnesty International's campaign supporting woman in Iran.

Children's Mental Health Week took place from 6-12 February 2023. As part of this, the young people at youth club focused on the NHS 5 ways to wellbeing and created personalised jars, each filled with five things that enhance their















Join Crediton Youth Club

Youth Club is free to join, but registration is important. By registering, you consent to your young person taking part in activities and provide important information such as allergens and emergency contact details. Visit: www.crediton.gov.uk/Youth-Work to register.

Subscription

Junior session: max. donation of £3 Senior session: donation of 50p to £1

We use money raised from subscriptions to pay for food and activities and this is essential to the running of the youth club. We also use the money to buy small equipment items such as our badge machine.

VACANCIES

We currently have the following vacancies:

Sessional Youth Worker Peer Mentors (16-21 year olds) x 2 f /creditonyouthservice YOUTH CLUB







Please visit www.crediton.gov.uk/vacancies for more information and application packs. Closing date for applications: Friday, 24 March 2023

CREDITON TOWN COUNCIL ELECTIONS: THURSDAY 4 MAY 2023



TOWN COUNCILLORS LOOK LIKE YOU!

ARE YOU

- ✓ Passionate about Crediton?
- ✓ Wanting to make long lasting change?
- ✓ Full of innovative ideas?



THURSDAY 9 MARCH 19.00 - 21.00 Old Landscore School, Greenway MONDAY 13 MARCH 19.00 - 21.00 Crediton Library (Also Annual Town Meeting)



ANY QUESTIONS? townclerk@crediton.gov.uk 01363 773717



VISIT OUR WEBSITE www.crediton.gov.uk

PRE-ELECTION PERIOD, WHAT IT LOOKS LIKE...

The pre-election period (commonly known as Purdah) describes the period of time beginning with the publication of a notice of election. During this time, there are specific restrictions in place on communications activity.

In 2023, notices of election for all polls taking place on 4 May will be published on 16 March 2023. Therefore, the pre-election period starts on 16 March 2023.

Normal council business will continue over the election period. However, if it is thought that a particular initiative, proposal, consultation, or publicity within the period could be reasonably regarded as giving a candidate or their supporters/political party an advantage in the election, it will be deferred until after the election.

All council-funded publicity activities are politically neutral. However, anything that could be seen as giving a political candidate or their supporters/party an advantage in the election is not politically neutral and will take place before or after the pre-election period.

THE TOWN COUNCIL'S ROLE

Crediton Town Council focuses on the wellbeing of its residents and protecting their quality of life, environment and economic wellbeing. This includes the following areas of responsibility:

- Maintain open spaces including litter collection
- Maintain War Memorial, benches & noticeboards
- Hedge and grass cutting on town council land and other agreed areas
- Allotments for residents
- Public conveniences
- Partnership working with groups & charities
- Community grants
- Community projects
- Town events
- Making observations to planning authorities
- Campaigning for the wellbeing of residents
- Working to make Crediton more sustainable
- Youth work
- Representing residents on local issues
- CCTV
- Floral displays









COMMUNITY FUNDING

These are the grants awarded to local community groups for 2023/24:

Age Concern Crediton	£2000
Boniface Trail Association	£400
CHAT	£2000
CODS	£1000
Crediton Arts Centre	£1000
Crediton Arts Centre - BUSK IT!	£800
Crediton Arts Centre - Production	£600
Crediton Foodbank	£2000
Crediton Food and Drink Festival	£750
Crediton Food Larder	£500
Crediton Heart Project	£1000
Crediton Rugby Football Club	£1250
Crediton Town Band	£600
Crediton Town Team	£1000
Crediton Town Team - Flag Project	£1750
Crediton United Association FC	£1250
Crediton Youth Orchestra	£1000
Crediton Youth Theatre	£1000
Journey Counselling Service	£500
Mid Devon Mobility	£1500
North Creedy Choral Society	£600
Significant Seams	£1000
St Boniface Concert Society	£600
Sustainable Crediton	£1000
The Bookery	£2000
The Turning Tides Project	£1000
Citizens Advice	£3000
Unite Carers in Mid Devon	£1500





After careful deliberation, the Grants Sub-Committee approved a sum of £32,600 for community grants.

This year's grant funding process was particularly challenging with everyone feeling the strain of financial difficulties and this directly affecting the ability of community groups to operate.



CREDITON TOWN COUNCIL INVITES YOU TO THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

CREDITON LIBRARY, BELLE PARADE, CREDITON MONDAY 13 MARCH 2023 19.00 - 21.00

WHAT?

How can you become a town councillor?

What has Crediton Town Council done this year?

Meet your current councillors and town council staff

WHY?

Give us your views and opinions

Help us shape the next four years

Get to know your local community over refreshments



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BUS SHELTER IMPROVEMENTS

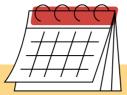
You may have noticed the new bus shelters in the High Street, by Lloyds Bank and St Lawrence Green.

Over the last few years, ownership of the bus shelters in Crediton has been looked into but, with no other authority claiming them, it has fallen to the town council to take on the maintenance.



Replacement of the perspex panels was explored, but found to be expensive. Instead, Fernbank, a Cornwall-based advertising company, are replacing the bus shelters one-by-one at **no cost** to the town council. In doing this, Fernbank gain the advertising rights to offer effective outdoor advertising campaigns, often with a local emphasis, and in return will continue to clean and maintain the bus shelters completely free of charge.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



MARCH



FARMERS MARKET Crediton Town Square 10.00 - 13.00



PROSPECTIVE COUNCILLOR EVENT Old Landscore School, Greenway 19.00 - 21.00



PROSPECTIVE COUNCILLOR EVENT & ANNUAL TOWN MEETING Crediton Library, 19.00 - 21.00



MEETING OF CREDITON TOWN COUNCIL Old Landscore School, Greenway 19.00



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CELEBRATING THE CORONATION

Friday 5 May

Service at Holy Cross Church

Sunday 7 May

Coronation Big Lunch on the Town Square

Monday 8 May

The Big Help Out - volunteer in your local community

Keep an eye on our website, Facebook page & noticeboards for further details in the lead up to the coronation weekend.

APRIL

SAT 01 FARMERS MARKET
Crediton Town Square
10.00 - 13.00



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Crediton Town Councillors - Boniface Ward

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Jim Cairney
John Downes
Giles Fawssett
Natalia Letch
Denise Ross

Joyce Harris (Deputy Mayor)

Crediton Town Councillors - Lawrence Ward

Liz Brookes-Hocking (Mayor & Chairman)
Sandy Chenore
Guy Cochran

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More on our website: www.crediton.gov.uk/useful-contacts