

## SEPTEMBER UPDATE – CREDITON TOWN COUNCIL

### CREDITON SKATE PARK CONSULTATION

The poll results will be presented at the next Planning & Town Strategy meeting and shared with Mid Devon District Council for consideration. Keep an eye on our social media pages for further developments.

#### What happens next...

After a fantastic launch event on 25 July, the Town Council's six-week consultation on how to improve skateboarding, biking and scootering facilities in Crediton has now closed. In partnership with Mid Devon District Council, the aim of the questionnaire was to gather information on what is important to users and we are pleased to say we received over 90 responses. And a huge congratulations to Ellie! Who has won a new skateboard deck from skatewarehouse.co.uk as part of the consultation competition entry.

### COMMUNITY BUDGETING WORKSHOP

Throughout November, we will be holding three community budgeting workshops. The aim of these sessions is to give YOU the opportunity to help to shape our annual budget. We deliver a range of services including floral displays, community events, footpath maintenance, youth services, grass cutting.

We would like to know what you think is important. Please come along and help us shape Crediton.

#### Workshop 1

Date: Saturday, 4 November

Venue: Crediton Library

Time: 13.00 - 15.00

#### Workshop 2

Date: Saturday, 18 November

Venue: Boniface Centre

Time: 10.00 - 12.00

#### Workshop 3

Date: Tuesday, 21 November

Venue: Old Landscore School

Time: 18.00 - 20.00

### SAVE THE DATE

CHRISTMAS IN CREDITON, 25 November 2023, 14.00 - 18.00, Crediton Town Square

Follow us on Facebook, join the event page and keep up to date!

Check out page two of this newsletter for details of how you can get involved on the day!

### HOMES FOR UKRAINE

Following the planting of the iconic Ukrainian Kalyna-bush in Peoples Park, on behalf of CISCO, Cllr Natalia Letch has released the following statement:

"Our community has indeed been particularly welcoming hosting and supporting Ukrainian families. However, as the war continues with recently renewed bombing in many towns and cities, we appeal for more sponsors and hosts."

Please contact Cllr N Letch directly if you want to take part in the Homes for Ukraine government program. Contact details can be found on the back page.

The Viburnum, and newly installed plaque, can be found in the centre of Peoples Park to the left of the Scout Memorial Garden.

## **A MESSAGE FROM JO... OUR NEW PROJECTS & EVENTS OFFICER**

Way back in 2018, I was living happily in Exeter, unaware that Crediton even existed! I popped out here one Saturday for lunch and it was love at first sight.

There was music in the town square, people chatted to each other, the high street was full of independent shops – there was even an arts centre in a town of only 8000 people; fast forward to 2021 and I'd moved in.

I was a primary school teacher but I needed a job that fitted around my two small children while still contributing to society. This is a perfect role for me and I've loved every day so far. I'm looking forward to Christmas in Crediton 2023 and some exciting new projects in 2024.

In my spare time I help run BAPS, the breastfeeding and parent support group in Old Landscore School, and sew matching outfits for my long-suffering children.

## **TAKE PART IN CHRISTMAS IN CREDITON 2023**

### **We're looking for local performers...**

Although closing the High Street is no longer viable, we would still like to extend the festive celebrations onto the High Street in another way. We are looking for local talent to perform along the high street, whether that's singing, music, juggling or even living statues. The plan is to utilise alleyways and put on an array of street entertainment, encouraging residents and visitors to spend some time enjoying what our high street has to offer as well as the main event on the town square!

### **Marshals needed!**

To allow the parade and light switch-on to take place, we will be closing Market Street, Parliament Street and North Street. And, to do this safely, we need marshals on all road closure points throughout the event. Necessary training is provided, so if you are interested in marshalling at the event, contact [projectsofficer@crediton.gov.uk](mailto:projectsofficer@crediton.gov.uk) for more information.

## **CREDITON DIVERSITY FESTIVAL**

Despite the hot weather, Crediton's Fifth Diversity Festival was well attended on Saturday, 9 September. The town square event was organised by local equality, diversity and inclusion campaigner, Alan Quick, with the help of Jo Davey, the town council's Projects & Events Officer.

The event included live entertainment as well as information and advice stalls from many groups and organisations - not to mention an appearance from Trisha Sail, winner of the BBC television programme "Race across the World". The event was supported by Crediton Town Council, the Crediton Courier, Crediton Youth Club, Crediton Arts Centre, Crediton Tesco, Crediton Morrisons and Devon County Council.

## **WE NEED YOUR HELP – PEOPLES PARK WILDLIFE AREA**

We are looking for someone with the knowledge and passion to lead our Peoples Park Wildlife Area tidy up days. The Wildlife Area, located at the east end of Peoples Park, has been created and cared for by volunteers since 2014. Due to changes in personal circumstances the group is no longer meeting and the area is in need of some TLC.

We would like to arrange two tidy up days per year and already have a small group of volunteers ready and willing to join in. If you are interested in leading on this project or would like additional information, please email [deputy@crediton.gov.uk](mailto:deputy@crediton.gov.uk) or phone 01363 773717. Or, if you would just like to join the volunteer group, please get in touch!

## **CREDITON YOUTH SERVICE – SUMMER ROUND UP**

An insight into some of the activities that the young people got involved in during July and August. This included a volunteer training day, a range of activity days, street snooker competition final and den building.

### **Membership & Subscription**

Youth Club is free to join. Membership is by registration.

We use money raised from subscriptions to pay for food and activities and this is essential to the running of the youth club. Junior Youth Club: max donation of £3 per session. Includes food and materials. Link to membership form: <https://forms.office.com/e/euU0Du4K4u>

### **Fundraiser – Save The Date**

Crediton Youth Club Benefit Gig

Friday, 29 September - £6 admission on the door - doors open 7 pm

Proceeds to Crediton Youth Club

Crediton Arts Centre, East St, EX17 3AX with Licensed Bar

Performances by: Yellabellies, Hot Club of Cider Town and DJ CutnShut

## **WATER TROUGHS**

Two water troughs have been installed at the Exhibition Road allotment site, following a discussion at the most recent Boniface Allotments Association (BAA) AGM. The feedback from plotholders has been fantastic: "Thanks for the troughs, they are great. So much quicker and easier, especially at 'rush hour' when there used to be queues at both taps as water just trickled out into our watering cans."

## **FREE DEFIBRILLATOR AWARENESS TRAINING**

Monday, 20 November 2023, 19.00 at Old Landscore School, Greenway

Free community event providing an opportunity to learn how to:

- use a defibrillator
- recognise cardiac arrest
- carry out CPR
- manage an unresponsive casualty

To book a place, please email [reception@crediton.gov.uk](mailto:reception@crediton.gov.uk)

## **PHOTO GALLERY**

- Image of planters next to war memorial. Caption: Planters surrounding the war memorial - planted by volunteers and Crediton residents, Sally & Paul Parkhouse.
- Image of tiered flower towers. Caption: this year's vibrant flower towers on the Town Square
- Image of Bird Cherry planted in Newcombes Meadow. Caption: Tree dedication plaques installed in Newcombes Meadow & Peoples Park

## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

### September

02 & 16 March - Farmers Market 10.00 – 13.00

19 - Meeting of Crediton Town Council, Old Landscore School, Greenway 19.00

29 – Youth Club Benefit Gig, Crediton Arts Centre, 19.00

### October

07 & 21 - Farmers Market 10.00 – 13.00

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