# CREDITON TOWN COUNCIL

# NOVEMBER 2026 UPDATE

## CHRISTMAS IN CREDITON 2026



Crediton is set to sparkle as the town's annual Christmas celebration - the Light Switch-On in the town square returns on Saturday 28 November.

Residents and visitors of all ages are invited to gather in the square for an afternoon and evening of festive entertainment, culminating in the much-anticipated Christmas Light Switch-On. This year, the honour of lighting up the town will go to bestselling Devon crime writer Stephanie Austin.

The event will feature live music, local traders, festive food and drink, and seasonal entertainment, bringing the community together to enjoy the sights, sounds and spirit of Christmas in the heart of Crediton.

The celebrations continue with Late Night Shopping on Friday 4 December, supported by Crediton Chamber of Commerce. Local businesses are invited to stay open late, offering festive gifts and special deals while showcasing the independent shops and traders that make Crediton so special.

Come along, support local businesses and celebrate the festive season with family, friends and the wider community. Follow us on Facebook and Instagram for the latest Christmas in Crediton updates. The full programme will be announced shortly.

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## REMEMBRANCE SERVICES THIS YEAR



**Sunday, 8 November** - Crediton Parish Church Service at 10.00 AM, followed by a parade to the War Memorial at 10.45 AM where the service and wreath laying will commence.

**Wednesday, 11 November** - Armistice Day Ceremony at the War Memorial, commencing at 10.50 AM with a two minute silence to be observed at 11.00 AM.

# CREDITON COMMUNITY GRANTS 2027/28

Apply Now!

Applications are now OPEN for 2027/28 Community Grants!

Crediton Town Council budgets a sum of money every financial year for grants to local voluntary or charitable organisations where the activities will contribute to, and be of benefit to, the life or community and support the people of Crediton.

Find out all you need to know about the application process under the 'Finance' page of our website www.crediton.gov.uk along with the forms to download.

Please note the closing date for all paperwork to be submitted is Sunday 29 November 2026.

# HOUSEHOLD SURVEY

Look out for this leaflet coming through your letterbox. The town council is undertaking the first townwide survey of residents since 2015 so we want to hear from as many people as possible. Your views will be used to guide the town council in making decisions on services and assets over the next few years, to update the Crediton Neighbourhood Plan and to inform our responses to Mid Devon District Council's local plan, 'Plan Mid Devon'.




If you need any help with the survey, please contact: reception@crediton.gov.uk

The survey will close at 23.59 on Sunday 29 November 2026

# CREDITON YOUTH SERVICE






We have had a busy September, alongside our long-running Wednesday Project Night, we have opened a Wednesday After School Club and delivered a range of pop-up activities, including attending Involve Mid Devon's Cooking Club, a Screening of the People's Emergency Briefing and a swap shop at the Big Green Fair on 26 September.



As part of Sustainable September, children were able to bring toys, games and books they no longer used, to swap them with others at the Big Green Fair, hosted by Sustainable Crediton. Friends of the Library kindly contributed books for the stall and those without items could donate money towards Friends of the Library, overall, raising £81.70!

As part of Crediton Youth Service's 'Tree on Tour', youth service peers were able to use this opportunity to speak to the public about suggestions on how to improve Crediton's sustainability and raising awareness of their Micro-Forest Project.

## NATIONAL EMERGENCY BRIEFING



Crediton Youth Service and Queen Elizabeth's School co-hosted the first Devon County school screening of the National Emergency Briefing on Monday 28 September. The event attracted 54 attendees, with over 30 young people from QE Sixth Form and Exeter College. The short film creates a shared understanding of the scale and implications of climate and nature breakdown and encourages discussion about shared climate action through community conversation.

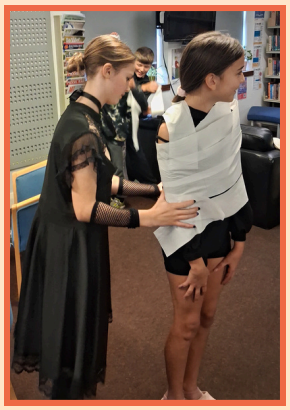


# YOUTH HALLOWEEN PARTY





On 28 October Crediton Youth Service delivered a lively and spooky Halloween party that filled the evening with excitement for young people! Activities included apple bobbing, face painting, crafts and competitions. The party attracted 22 attendees, who all had the most amazing time. Attendees arrived in fantastic costumes, and those with the best costume won a prize. The talented Peer Educator, Izzy, was face painting for the young people, which went down a treat. The young people described which element of the afternoon they enjoyed most - good food, face painting, painting and ping pong, showing that these elements shaped their overall positive experience. The celebration was a memorable highlight for everyone involved.



# CELEBRATING CREDITON IN BLOOM





At the South West in Bloom Presentation Awards on 23 October, Crediton retained its Silver Gilt Award. This year's judges were particularly impressed by the strong community effort across the town, while feedback identified opportunities to increase interpretation boards to better showcase the work of local voluntary groups. Something to work on for next year!

The It's Your Neighbourhood certificates were also presented, with all Crediton entries achieving excellent results. Full details will be announced at a local awards presentation in the coming weeks. A particular highlight of the day was the presentation of the Alf Crouch Memorial Award for Outstanding Service to South West in Bloom to long-standing volunteer Bert Jewell. Bert's contribution to Crediton spans more than 40 years, from helping to build one of the brick planters at the town entrance in 1984 to maintaining tiered planters, formal flower beds and even roundabout transformations! Despite taking a step back a few years ago, the vibrant planters behind the War Memorial are still looked after by Bert, with the help of his wife Margaret.

We are incredibly fortunate to have a groups of such dedicated volunteers in our community, and it is wonderful to celebrate their achievements and commitment to making Crediton a brighter place.

# TREE WARDEN NETWORK

Join us at 10.30 on Sunday 29 November in the Library, for a session all about trees in the Crediton area. We will be hearing about the work of the Tree Council, discussing development of a parish network of tree wardens, and reporting on local initiatives supporting trees. This will be followed by a light lunch and exploring the Newcombes Meadow Tree Trail.

**BOOKING IS ESSENTIAL**



# COMMUNITY EMERGENCY PLANNING

SCAN TO GET INVOLVED

On Thursday 12 November at 18.30 we will be holding an online Emergency Plan Workshop. Whether you have emergency response experience or simply want to help support your community, everyone is welcome. Your local knowledge and skills could make a real difference in helping Crediton prepare for and recover from emergencies. The workshop will cover: current emergency risks for Crediton, identification of local skills, resources and facilities, recruitment of volunteers for the Community Response Team, roles and responsibilities during an emergency, next steps for training, communication and plan development. If you are unable to attend, but want to be involved, contact: e.anderson@crediton.gov.uk

# DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

## NOVEMBER

**SUN 08** — REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY SERVICE
HOLY CROSS CHURCH
10.00

**THURS 12** — COMMUNITY EMERGENCY PLANNING
ONLINE
18.30

**TUES 17** — FULL COUNCIL
CREDITON LIBRARY, BELLE PARADE
19.30 (PUBLIC DISCUSSION FROM 19.00)

**SAT 21** — FARMERS MARKET
CREDITON TOWN SQUARE
10.00 - 13.00

**SAT 28** — CHRISTMAS IN CREDITON LIGHT SWITCH-ON
TOWN SQUARE
13.00 - 18.00

**SUN 29** — TREE WARDEN NETWORK
CREDITON LIBRARY, BELLE PARADE
10.30 - 14.15

## DECEMBER

**SAT 05** — FARMERS MARKET
CREDITON TOWN SQUARE
10.00 - 13.00

**SAT 19** — FARMERS MARKET
CREDITON TOWN SQUARE
10.00 - 13.00

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### Exciting update on Manor Office!!

We are delighted to announce the appointment of a local contractor to begin internal works at Manor Office. These improvements will create a dedicated base for staff, provide a welcoming venue for meetings, and open up valuable space for community use. We already house CAHMS and their archiving space and are thrilled to be able to work with local organisations by providing a valuable asset on the Town Square. Exciting progress is being made and we look forward to sharing updates soon. Watch this space!

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