

NEWSLETTER – NOVEMBER 2025

Christmas in Crediton takes place on Saturday 29 November, marking the start of the town's festive season. Join the community in the town square for the big Christmas lights switch-on, a magical occasion for all ages. The event will feature live choirs, local stalls, festive food and drink, and plenty of seasonal entertainment throughout the afternoon and evening. This much-loved celebration brings residents and visitors together to enjoy the sparkle, sounds and spirit of Christmas in the heart of Crediton.

Christmas Late Night Shopping returns on Friday 5 December, supported by the Crediton Chamber of Commerce. Local businesses are invited to open late, offering festive deals and gifts. Street entertainers, music and food stalls, creating a lively seasonal atmosphere. Join the community in celebrating Christmas, supporting local shops, and enjoying an evening of festive fun in the heart of Crediton.

Follow us on Facebook and Instagram to keep up to date with everything Christmas in Crediton!

CREDITON BUDGETING CONSULTATION SESSIONS

Have Your Say on Local Spending

Crediton residents are invited to take part in budgeting consultation sessions hosted by the town council at Crediton Library. These drop-in events offer a chance for the community to share views on how the town council's portion of council tax should be spent on local services and assets.

Drop In Session Details:

17 & 24 November – Crediton Library – 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM

18 November – Crediton Library – 6:30 PM to 7:30 PM

This is your opportunity to help shape the future of Crediton by telling us what your priorities are. Whether it's open spaces, community spaces, allotments, community grants, CCTV...your input matters. Come along, speak with council representatives and make your voice heard.

THIS YEAR'S REMEMBRANCE SERVICES

Sunday, 9 November - Crediton Parish Church Service at 10.00 AM, followed by a parade to the War Memorial at 10.45 AM where the service & wreath laying will commence.

Tuesday 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.

SOUTH WEST IN BLOOM – THE RESULTS ARE IN...

Crediton was proud to receive a Silver Gilt Award at the South West in Bloom Awards Presentation held on 8 October. Certificates were also collected for the town's It's Your Neighbourhood entries. Every participating group achieved either Level 4: Thriving or Level 5: Outstanding — the two highest award levels possible. This is a remarkable testament to the

commitment and passion of our local volunteers who work tirelessly to make Crediton greener, brighter, and more welcoming.

To celebrate these successes, we were delighted to present the community groups with their certificates on Monday, 3 November. This was a wonderful opportunity to thank each and every volunteer for their enthusiasm and hard work. The individual achievements of these voluntary groups truly embody what It's Your Neighbourhood is all about — recognising the incredible value of our volunteers and the lasting positive impact their projects have on the town as a whole. Congratulations to all involved for helping Crediton continue to bloom!

The It's Your Neighbourhood entries for 2025: Crediton Boniface Rotary Club, Crediton & District Lions Club, Friends of Peoples Park Wildlife Garden, Turning Tides Station Tea Rooms, Friends of Post Box Corner, St Lawrence Green Group, Sustainable Crediton Pollinator Group, Friends of Crediton Town Square, Friends of Crediton War Memorial & Crediton Library Community Garden. Full results and photos can be found on our website www.crediton.gov.uk/facilities/floral-crediton

CREDITON YOUTH EVENTS – WHATS ON

During October half term, Crediton Youth Service took part in two fantastic creative sessions — both offered entirely free of charge, thanks to the generosity of Crediton Arts Centre & Crediton Heart Project. On 27 October, young people enjoyed an energetic drumming workshop and on 30 October another group took part in a clay trinket box-making session, where they designed and created their own handmade pieces

Youth Council - The first Youth Council planning meeting took place during the half-term break. Watch this space for more information in the coming months. If you would like to get involved in the Youth Council, please drop us an email: youthcouncil@crediton.gov.uk

Join us for a trip to the panto on Saturday, 20 December to watch: Robin Hood and the Babes in the Wood

Check our website to keep up-to-date and if you would like further information please contact youthwork@crediton.gov.uk.

CREDITON COLLABORATES

YOUR TOWN COUNCIL + YOUR LIBRARY

Crediton Library has re-opened on Mondays as part of a partnership between the town council and the library. You can now pop in between 10:00 AM and 2:00 PM to:

Meet with the Town Council about local issues

Borrow or return books

Use the free WiFi and enjoy the space Use the photocopier (cash only)

There will be no library staff available on Mondays, so account help, new sign-ups, public computers and printing will not be available

CITIZENS ADVICE IS BACK IN CREDITON

We are pleased to confirm that Citizens Advice is back in Crediton and offering appointment only services every Wednesday.

Appointments are available between 9:30 AM and 12:00 PM and you can book an appointment via Citizens Advice online booking system.

Visit www.citizensadvice.tnmwd.org.uk and click 'Our Services' followed by 'View our Offices'.

You can then follow the link to complete the Crediton Outreach booking form.

Appointments will be held at the The Lady Mills Centre, Deep Lane, Crediton, EX17 2BX

AUTUMN IS PEOPLES PARK

We continue to improve the Wildlife Garden and have been delighted to work on a huge planting programme of bulbs. Big thanks to the Snow Family for their enthusiasm and help. For enquiries please contact Councillor Giles Fawcett 07484878681

CREDITON URBAN TASKFORCE

[CUT!] continues to operate on the second Saturday every month. The last session in October was lacking in volunteers with only Rachel Backhouse managing to tackle George Hill. But the photos say it all. It is truly amazing the impact just a couple of hours energy can have - so even just a few extra pairs of hands goes a long way. If you can, please come along to Union Road on 8 Nov.

SPENDING REPORTS

The town council has recently reaffirmed its commitment to avoiding purchases on Amazon.

Future newsletters will include spending reports that highlight our support for shopping locally. Any spending on Amazon will also be clearly reported. Since our last newsletter, Amazon spending stands at £0.00!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

November

SUN 09 – Remembrance Sunday Parish Church and War Memorial - 10.00 service/10.45 to Memorial

TUES 11 – Armistice Day Crediton War Memorial - 10.50

SAT 15 – Farmers Market, Crediton Town Square 10.00 - 13.00

MON 17 – Budget Consultation sessions Crediton Library (Drop-in) 10.00 – 14.00

TUES 18 – Full Council Meeting and Open Discussion, Crediton Library, Belle Parade - 19.30 (Budgeting session 18.30 – 19.30)

MON 24 – Budget Consultation sessions Crediton Library (Drop-in) 10.00 – 14.00

SAT 29 – Christmas in Crediton, Crediton Town Square 13.00 – 18.00

December

TUES 02 - Full Council Meeting, Crediton Library, Belle Parade - 19.00

SAT 06 – Farmers Market, Crediton Town Square - 10.00 - 13.00

TUES 16 - Full Council Meeting, Crediton Library, Belle Parade - 19.30 (Public discussion from 19.00)

SAT 20 – Farmers Market, Crediton Town Square 10.00 - 13.00

Council Office Update - Crediton Town Council has now relocated to Manor Office. While preparations for opening to the public are still underway, there are occasions when our team must work from home. Please rest assured that staff remain fully accessible by email and phone, so don't hesitate to get in touch. We'll keep everyone informed and share an update as soon as the council offices are ready to welcome visitors.

Calendar of Meetings

The new calendar for 2025/2026 will be available on our website:

www.crediton.gov.uk/meetings

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