

## **NEWSLETTER – JULY 2025**

### **CREDITON FOOD FESTIVAL – SATURDAY 12 JULY**

With loyal, local sponsor Ashgrove Kitchens, we proudly present Crediton Food Festival. It is still completely free to attend, with free demos all day, and free children's entertainment. The festival takes over the Town Square, Market Street, AND Parliament Street.

There are 40 stalls - from veg boxes, milkshakes and cider, to burgers, doughnuts and brownies. The emphasis is on local producers so expect Devon honey, Devon vodka and Devon flowers.

Adults will enjoy free talks and tastes all day: cider and cheese pairing, two different curry demos and delicious sorbet. Kids (and big kids) will enjoy 'The Imaginarium' entertainment tent, walkabout chefs on stilts and craft by Crediton Youth Service.

### **CREDITON YOUTH EVENTS**

The following events are on during the holidays

Tuesday 22 July Graffiti Art Day - T Shirt painting, vinyl art and more, with D&D in the Hub - 13.30 to 17.30

Tuesday 29 July - Love Your Park! Park Fun Day with games, activities and BBQ lunch D&D in the Hub - 13.30 to 17.30

More activities TBC for Tuesday 5 August, and Tuesday 12 August. Keep an eye on our website and social media for more information!

### **INTRODUCING OUR NEW MAYOR FOR 2025-26**

On the 20 May at the Annual Meeting of the Town Council, members elected Cllr Steve Huxtable as the Chairman and Mayor for the coming year. Steve is a relative new-comer to Crediton having moved here with his wife Tina (and Digby the dog) a week before the first Covid lockdown in 2020 and joined the council later that year.

"Crediton is a special place - it had that feeling when we first drove through the town and town square. I have been fortunate to meet many extraordinarily talented and determined people and I include my fellow councillors and the dedicated staff in that too! Progress to change and make things happen doesn't always move as I'd like, but there are many balls to juggle, plates to spin and stakeholders to consider too. I have nominated Force Cancer Charity, as the Mayor's charity for the year. They do incredible work and as with many charities rely totally on donations. Their services are free and I cannot ever repay the love, care and support they provided me (and Tina) during a rather grim couple of years of my life. There is a local group who do fantastic work raising funds and awareness of Force".

### **COMMUNITY GRANTS 2025-26**

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

community and support the people of Crediton. Newly elected Mayor, Cllr Steve Huxtable, introduced grant recipients at the Annual Town Meeting held on 17 June on the town square. Please find below a list of the grants issued this financial year (2025-2026).

Crediton Talking News - £350.00	Welcoming Refugees in Crediton - £1,500.00
Involve Voluntary Action in MD - £480.00	Journey Counselling Service - £1,500.00
Crediton Lions Club - £550.00	Sustainable Crediton - £1,600.00
St Boniface Concert Society - £600.00	Crediton Rugby Football Club - £1,700.00
Crediton Arts Centre - Busk It! - £700.00	Crediton Youth Football Club - £1,800.00
Crediton Town Band - £700.00	The Bookery - £1,925.00
North Creedy Choral Society - £700.00	Crediton Heart Project - £2,000.00
Crediton Operatic Dramatic Society - £700.00	The Turning Tides Project - £2,000.00
Crediton Bowling Club - £700.00	Involve Voluntary Action in MD - £2,520.00
Crediton BAPS - £700.00	The Folklore Library & Archive - £3,000.00
CISCO - £864.00	Citizens Advice - £3,000.00
Crediton Arts Centre - £1,000.00	Churches Housing Action Team - £3,000.00
Crediton Heart Project - £1,000.00	Crediton Youth Orchestra - £3,000.00
Crediton Youth Theatre - £1,000.00	Mid Devon Mobility - £3,000.00
Crediton Area History Museum Society - £1,500.00	TOTAL: £43,089.00

### MEET YOUR NEW TOWN COUNCILLOR

At the recent election, Tim Stanford was elected as a councillor representing Lawrence Ward for both the town and district council.

Tim has lived in Crediton for 18 years and is involved in many aspects of the community. If you would like to get in touch with Tim, his contact details are on the back of the newsletter.

### ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

On Tuesday, 17 June the Annual Town Meeting took place on Crediton Town Square. Topics of discussion included Newcombes Meadow paddling pool, Pulse Hubs, traffic calming, Peoples Park grass cutting, upcoming events and how to draw more people into the town.

Thank you to everyone who attended. Minutes of the meeting are available on our website.

## PEOPLES PARK GRASS CUTTING

While the vast majority of the UK public accepts that climate change is happening, a small but notable percentage do not. YouGov data indicates that 84% of Britons believe the climate is changing. However, about 4% explicitly do not believe in climate change and around 17% believe it's happening but not due to human activity.

Crediton Town Council (CTC) accepted the climate and biodiversity crisis in 2019. I joined CTC on Tuesday 19th July 2022 on the day that the UK experienced record-breaking temperatures that reached over 40°C and the Government declared a national emergency following the Met Office's first ever issuance of a red 'extreme heat' warning. Making changes can take time and so I'm delighted that after a couple of years in the planning, our park, Peoples Park, is managed differently in order to help tackle climate change.

According to a survey by Crediton Matters, 82% support the changes in Peoples Park, saying that it's good for nature and the bigger picture. Interestingly, this figure is close to the 84% that accept climate change. For me it's now time to engage local people in other areas that will likewise tackle climate change and I hope to gain more of your support. Thanks for your understanding.

## WORKING TOGETHER TO CLEAN UP CREDITON

Crediton Urban Taskforce [CUT!] have continued to tackle the maintenance of our pavements, kerbs, paths and other public areas on one Saturday every month from 10.00 - 12.00. If you're not able to join these action days, we would love to encourage all residents and business owners to focus on the area outside of their premises. If we all work together to maintain our individual space, this would go a huge way in contributing to the upkeep of the town.

Please contact the town council's Deputy Clerk for information on how you can get involved with [CUT!] by emailing [reception@crediton.gov.uk](mailto:reception@crediton.gov.uk). You can also scan the QR code to visit the [CUT!] webpage, view the full list of scheduled action days and join our mailing list.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### JULY

SAT 12 – Crediton Food Festival, Crediton Town Square, 10.00 – 16.00

TUES 15 – Full Council meeting, Crediton Library, Belle Parade 19.00 - 19.30

SAT 19 – Farmers Market, Crediton Town Square, 10.00 – 13.00

### AUGUST

SAT 02 & 16 - Farmers Market, Crediton Town Square, 10.00 - 13.00

Summer Recess – no Crediton Town Council meetings held in August.

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More on our website: [www.crediton.gov.uk/useful-contacts](http://www.crediton.gov.uk/useful-contacts)