

NEWSLETTER – May 2024

D-Day 80

Thursday, 6 June

6 June 2024 marks 80 years since the D-Day landings, the largest seaborne invasion in history. To commemorate D-Day 80 and other battles of 1944, the town crier will read a proclamation on the Town Square at 8am. In the evening, a beacon lighting ceremony will take place in Beacon Park (at the top of George Hill). All welcome there from 8pm onwards to enjoy music from the Town Band and refreshments as well as a selection of classic cars. The beacon will be lit at 9.15 pm. Further updates on the town council Facebook page.

Crediton Food & Drink Festival

Saturday 8, June – starts at 10 am

The annual Crediton Food & Drink Festival will be back on the Town Square in June, showcasing local food and drink producers. From fudge to goulash to rum, there is something for everyone! The demo tent will host Chef James from The Duck at Yeoford and NEW this year, there will also be a bar. Follow the Food Festival Facebook Page for updates in the lead up to the event, including the stallholders you can expect to see.

The Big Boniface Bash

Sunday, 9 June – starts 12 noon

The Big Boniface Bash is a free community fun day in Newcombes Meadow, celebrating our patron saint of Devon, St Boniface, born in Crediton. From 12 noon there will be a Saxon Fayre, live music, entertainers, games, European street food, a drinks tent and more. Join us for fun in the park, bring a picnic and enjoy the entertainment. And, of course, it wouldn't be a St Boniface celebration without a Christmas tree! Keep an eye on our social media pages and follow the Big Boniface Bash Facebook event for details: www.facebook.com/creditonfoodfestival. In partnership with Crediton Heart Project.

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

This year's Annual Town Meeting will be held on Friday, 17 May in the Boniface Centre, Church Lane. With doors opening at 18.00 for light refreshments, the public meeting will start at 18.30 and is open to all. Residents on the Crediton electoral roll may raise any issue of their choice and vote at the meeting. The meeting provides an opportunity for locals to discuss important topics, ask questions and review the Council year. A Mayoral reception will follow the formal meeting. The agenda is listed below (also available at www.crediton.gov.uk):

1. Welcome and Introductions

The Mayor of Crediton Town Council, Cllr Liz Brookes-Hocking, will open the meeting, welcome local electors and members of the public

2. Minutes of Annual Town Meeting

To receive and approve the minutes of the Annual Town Meeting held on 13 March 2023

3. Review of the Mayoral Term

Cllr Liz Brookes-Hocking will reflect on her term as Mayor, sharing successes since 2021

4. Public Participation

CREDITON YOUTH UPDATE

It's been a busy year so far for Crediton Youth Service, currently hosting Junior and Senior Youth Club, Girls Group, Quiet Club and Outdoor Youth Club.

Coming up this Summer...

- Transition Project (Activity day for year 6 pupils, running May - July)
- Lark in the Park (Sport, arts, cooking and more in Newcombes Meadow. One evening a week in June & July)

Please visit www.crediton.gov.uk/youth-work for information on how to get involved.

PEOPLES PARK WILDLIFE AREA

Volunteer warden, Peter Please, and town councillor, Giles Fawssett, have reached the six-month mark in co-running the Peoples Park Wildlife Area garden project. They continue the good work of garden designer Kendra Ezekiel and other volunteers to create a garden attractive to insects and other animal wildlife, as well as being pleasing and colourful for visitors. To keep a wildlife garden 'wild' is a lot of work! But very rewarding. In March, a selection of shrubs funded by the town council were planted to improve year-round structure. This June the plan is to construct more rockery features and planting mounds.

Volunteers are welcome on scheduled mornings each month. If you want to get involved and join the volunteer WhatsApp group please contact Cllr Fawssett - 07484 878681. Important: The town council is not responsible for this WhatsApp group. By giving your consent for your number to be shared, the town council will not be responsible for the messages sent on this group or how other members use your contact information.

Crediton Urban Taskforce [CUT!]

There have now been 3 successful [CUT!] action days since our last newsletter and it is safe to say that the difference made has been incredible. Thank you for your acknowledgement, positivity and encouragement on social media. Without the dedication of volunteers, these action days would not happen. The group aims to tackle the maintenance of our pavements, kerbs, paths and other public areas due to service cuts by Devon County Council and Mid Devon District Council. If you would like to suggest an area in need of attention, please get in touch!

UPCOMING ACTION DAYS:

Sat, 4 May - High Street Sweep!

Sat, 18 May - Newcombes/Belle Parade junction

Sat, 1 June - War Memorial, Union Road

Sat, 15 June - Park St/Spruce Park

Sat, 29 June - Millennium Path entrance from Alexandra Road

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 community and support the people of Crediton. Please find below a list of the grants issued this financial year (2024-2025).

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| Crediton Food Larder | £500.00 |
| North Creedy Choral Society | £600.00 |
| St Boniface Concert Society | £600.00 |
| Crediton Town Band | £600.00 |
| Sustainable Crediton | £1,000.00 |
| Crediton Area History & Museum Society | £1,000.00 |
| Crediton Heart Project | £1,000.00 |
| The Folklore Library and Archive | £1,000.00 |
| Journey Counselling Service | £1,000.00 |
| Crediton Youth Theatre | £1,000.00 |
| Crediton & District Swimming Club | £1,200.00 |
| Crediton Rugby Football Club | £1,500.00 |
| CODS | £1,500.00 |
| Age Concern Crediton | £2,000.00 |
| Crediton Town Team - Flag Project | £2,000.00 |
| The Bookery | £2,444.70 |
| Crediton Youth Orchestra | £3,000.00 |
| Significant Seams CIC | £1,260.00 |
| Unite Carers in Mid Devon | £2,000.00 |
| Crediton Congregational Church | £1,000.00 |
| Citizens Advice | £3,500.00 |
| CAC Shakespeare play | £500.00 |
| Busk it! | £800.00 |
| Crediton Arts Centre | £1,000.00 |
| Mid Devon Mobility | £1,500.00 |
| The Turning Tides Project | £2,000.00 |
| CHAT | £3,000.00 |

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

May

04 & 18 - Farmers Market, Crediton Town Square 10.00 - 13.00

17 - Annual Town Meeting, Boniface Centre, Church Lane, 18.30 (refreshments from 18.00)

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

June

01 & 15 - Farmers Market, Crediton Town Square 10.00 - 13.00

04 - Devon Day

05 - St Boniface Day

06 - D-Day 80, Crediton Town Square & Beacon Park, 8.00 & 20.00

08 - Crediton Food & Drink Festival, Crediton Town Square, 10.00 – 16.00

09 - The Big Boniface Bash, Newcombes Meadow, 12.00 – 16.00

Calendar of Meetings

The new calendar for the municipal year 2024/2025 is available on our website:

www.crediton.gov.uk/meetings

CONTACT DETAILS

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DID YOU KNOW? The town council's Mayor/Chairman is elected every May at the Annual Meeting. Please check our website following the meeting on Tuesday 21 May, to see the elected Chair and Deputy Chair for 2024-25.

Rachel Avery (Town Clerk)

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| Mid Devon District Council | 01884 255255 | www.middevon.gov.uk |
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More on our website: www.crediton.gov.uk/useful-contacts