

## **NEWSLETTER – September 2024**

### CHRISTMAS IN CREDITON 2024

#### LATE NIGHT SHOPPING

Planning for Christmas in Crediton is well under way. And the celebrations start even earlier this year – there's Late Night Shopping on every Friday in November. Expect musicians, entertainers, food, discounts and special events in shops across the town centre.

#### LIGHTS SWITCH-ON

The Christmas lights will be switched on at 17.00 on Sat 30 November. But come down to the Town Square from 13.00 for music, market, activities, entertainers, food & drink, and more.

#### THANK YOU

This is a community event that could not happen without your generous help and sponsorship. The leaves have not yet fallen from the trees, but we have already had offers of support from Ernest Jackson, Unique Sweets & Treats, Paint Pots of Devon, The Ship Hotel, Adams Home Hardware, Hotchkiss Warburton, Helmores, Revive Beauty & Hair Design, and Nikki Blanchford Hair & Beauty. Together, we are creating the biggest and best Christmas in Crediton, ever – see you there!

#### **THE BIG GREEN FAIR**

Don't miss Sustainable Crediton's Big Green Fair on Sat 28 September from 11.00 - 14.00, on the Town Square. A great family day out with children's craft activities, good food, live music and many green stalls as well as plants, bric-a-brac, a smoothie bike and the mossy carpets project!

#### **BUDGETING WORKSHOPS**

Once again, as the budgeting process begins, we will be holding a selection of budgeting workshops open to the public. The aim of these sessions is to give you the opportunity to help to shape our annual budget. We deliver a range of services and we would like to know what you think is important.

Please keep an eye on our website and social media pages where we will announce the workshop dates and venues.

#### **CREDITON YOUTH SERVICE – WHAT'S ON THIS AUTUMN!**

We hope you all had a fantastic summer! We will be back on 5 September, with ParkFun24 continuing on Thursday afternoons as well as the return of our Youth Work Project Night on Thursday evenings. Outdoor Youth Club will also be back from Tues, 10 September for 6 weeks at QE Barnfield Campus.

#### Outdoor Youth Club:

Any young person, Year 7 upwards, with a love of nature and the outdoors is welcome at our outdoor youth club. Tuesdays from 15.30 - 17.15 (term time only) at QE Barnfield Campus, starting 10 September. Book now: [forms.office.com/e/vradaLUwGi](https://forms.office.com/e/vradaLUwGi)

### Thursday Project Night:

Our new look Project Night takes place on Thursdays from 18.30 - 20.00 at Old Landscore School and includes Quiet Club & Art Club sessions. Book now: [forms.office.com/e/uhWfU0aqGP](https://forms.office.com/e/uhWfU0aqGP)

### ParkFun24:

Join our detached youth work team in Newcombes Meadow for more ParkFun24 straight after school on Thursdays. Activities and snacks provided free of charge, but donations welcome.

### **NEW TOWN GUIDE COMING SOON!**

A new town guide has been created for CREDITON, primarily signposting visitors and showcasing what CREDITON has to offer, as a boost to the town's economic development. Guides can be found at the Town Council Offices, CREDITON Library, Lords Meadow Leisure Centre, supermarkets, cafes and further afield at holiday parks & campsites within Devon. The guide will be available to collect from the end of September! Alternatively, you can view an electronic copy on our website [www.crediton.gov.uk](http://www.crediton.gov.uk).

### **DEVON AIR AMBULANCE SHOP OPENING**

On Friday 6 September, Deputy Mayor, Cllr Steve Huxtable, attended the official opening of Devon Air Ambulance's brand new charity shop on CREDITON High Street.

He joined in with the ribbon cutting and was even the first person to make a purchase!

At the opening, Cllr Huxtable said "It's absolutely brilliant that you're here. It's a wonderful cause, you do a wonderful job."

The shop has a little bit of everything from toys and media to clothes and linens. Open Monday to Friday, 9 am - 5pm

### **WHAT IS [CUT!] ALL ABOUT?**

CREDITON Urban Taskforce [CUT!] are still working hard to remove weeds, clear/sweep pavements, and improve the overall look of our town. In recent months, [CUT!] have also started to clean road signs that are in need of some TLC. These actions are entirely down to wonderful and willing volunteers that we are very lucky to have.

CREDITON Town Council is supporting the amazing work of [CUT!] with a budget of £1,500 for 2024-25 to cover tools, printing, refreshments etc.

Isn't this why we pay our Council Tax?

We understand these frustrations. Despite Devon County Council and Mid Devon District Council once carrying out services like this, budget cuts mean that they are no longer in a position to continue to do so and with services such as weeding being "non-statutory services" this inevitably leads to them being withdrawn.

Crediton Town Council could take on services such as weeding across the town, however this would require an increase in the precept to allow for the extra costs involved. Decisions such as these will be discussed at this year's budgeting workshops, open to all members of the public, so look out for the dates and please do come along to share your views!

In the meantime, the [CUT!] schedule continues, with action days taking place on the 2nd Saturday of every month from 10.00 - 12.00. If you would like to get involved, please visit the [CUT!] webpage for details on how to join.

### **A MULTI-USE PATH FROM CREDITON TO EXETER?**

Many of you will be aware of the desire for a safe cycle/pedestrian path from Crediton to Exeter, one that doesn't use existing highway (A377 or otherwise), to serve as a safe and environmentally-friendly way of accessing Crediton, Exeter and everywhere in between!

The A377 Action Group and Boniface Trail Association have worked hard since 2016 to bring this idea to the forefront of Devon County Council's priorities, and we have now formed a group to work with DCC and their consultants to bring forward proposals for a route. Crediton Town Council, Newton St Cyres Parish Council, Crediton Hamlets Parish Council, along with higher council authorities and interested community groups have met with DCC to understand the proposed route, to provide initial feedback and have pledged to work with the community and DCC to move the project forward.

Consultations for both this project and DCC's new Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP) are due to start in the autumn and we will ensure that these are shared as widely as possible. Please keep an eye out for updates on our website, social media and future newsletters.

### **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

#### September

SAT 07 & 21 - Farmers Market, Crediton Town Square 10.00 - 13.00

TUES 17 – Public discussion, Old Landscore School, Greenway, 19.00

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#### October

05 & 19 - Farmers Market, Crediton Town Square 10.00 - 13.00

### **Calendar of Meetings**

The calendar for 2024/2025 is available on our website: [www.crediton.gov.uk/meetings](http://www.crediton.gov.uk/meetings)

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