

Crediton Town Council November 2022 Update

Town Council Budget 2023/24

Crediton Town Council is starting to set its budgets for 2023/34, and beyond. With the ongoing pressures of increased living costs, we will look to make savings where possible and investigate the delaying of projects in order to meet the current financial needs and constraints.

We face further challenges with the likelihood of Mid Devon District Council (MDDC) cutting service and provision to Crediton in many different areas, including grass cutting and public toilets. If MDDC assets are transferred with an inadequate funding package, we will need to consider whether we are in a position to take on assets and services or fund MDDC to enable them to continue provision.

Do you know what services the Town Council currently provides?

Amongst other things, we:

Maintain public open space including: Peoples Park, Upper Deck,

Fulda Crescent and Spinning Path Gardens

Undertake grass verge cutting

Run a youth club and associated provision including visits to QE

Run and manage town CCTV

Events, including Christmas in Crediton and Remembrance Day

Benches

Allotments

Provide grants to town organisations.

Crediton's first Citizen Award

On Monday, 10 October, Mayor of Crediton, Cllr Liz Brookes-Hocking, was proud to present the town council's newly introduced Citizen Award.

The town council Citizen Award is gifted as a tribute to a member of the community who has made a significantly positive contribution in the Crediton Town Council area.

After around 20 years of invaluable voluntary service in the town, Bert Jewell was the well-deserved recipient of the first Citizen Award.

Crediton Youth Club

Crediton Youth Club had a great start to the Autumn Term with sustainable activities for the month of September. As part of Sustainable September, we repurposed a range of second-hand items into sculptures and mobiles. Sustainable Crediton members, as well as parents, supported us with donations of textiles and unwanted clothing. We worked with young people to alter and mend a dozen items and rehome over 30. Our young people also made bird balls and seed bombs which we sold at the Big Green Fair, raising over £50 for youth club funds.

During October we explored the themes of who are we and where we come from as we considered our family trees and homes, as part of Black History Month. We discovered huge diversity amongst our young people: one young person had 11 siblings whilst another had family in Denmark! Young people from our senior club visited the Northcott Theatre to watch Noughts and Crosses, a captivating drama of love, revolution and what it means to grow up in a divided world.

Silver Gilt Award for Crediton

The South West In Bloom judges visited Crediton during the scorching hot week of 19 July and visited 20 volunteer led groups who entered the It's Your Neighbourhood Award (IYN) campaign, while also closely examining the town against the criteria of community participation, environmental responsibility, and gardening achievement.

The town was awarded a prestigious Silver Gilt Award and 10 IYN entries earned the highest level of achievement, Outstanding! Another 5 IYN groups earned the level of Thriving. Advancing Awards were presented to another 5 IYN groups.

We are all living in very challenging days so, it is very refreshing to have so many volunteer led groups helping to make Crediton a delightful place to live.

Keep Crediton Clean

Unfortunately, we have been receiving high levels of complaints regarding increased dog fouling around the town. Following the visit from the Britain in Bloom judges in the summer the lack of litter, graffiti and dog foul was positively commented on, and we want to maintain this standard.

Please remember that litter bins are now marked as dual-use, for both litter and dog foul. Any bin will do, so please do your bit to help us Keep Crediton Clean.

You can also report a dog fouling incident to Mid Devon District Council by visiting www.middevon.gov.uk/residents/dogs/dog-fouling.

How to report ASB

Mid Devon District Council has a handy antisocial behaviour (ASB) toolkit available on its website which can help you to understand the different sorts of ASB and the necessary steps to take when reporting it. Issues such as bonfires and noise can be reported to MDDC online and via the "Noise App".

Where the ASB you have experienced/witnessed is classified as a criminal offence, this should be reported to the police. You should only phone 999 in an emergency. To report a crime, use the online crime reporting form or call 101.

Visit www.credition.gov.uk/useful-contacts for all the relevant links to report ASB

Bin-It 123

Since mid-October Mid Devon District Council's (MDDC) waste collection service has changed.

All black sack waste will now be collected every three weeks in an effort to increase recycling and reduce waste. All other collections remain unchanged – with food waste collected weekly and dry recycling each fortnight.

Black wheelie bins were delivered to all households across Mid Devon. All non-recyclable waste should be in the wheelie bin provided and the lid must be close when placed out for collection.

To check your collection dates, request an additional black bin or any other queries relating to the new scheme, please visit: www.middevon.gov.uk/residents/recycling-rubbish/bin-it-123

Dates for your Diary

November

5 & 19 Farmers' Market Credition Town Square

13 Remembrance Sunday Service & Parade, Credition Parish Church, 10.00

22 Credition Town Council meeting, Old Landscore School, 19.00

26 Christmas in Credition, 14.00 - 18.00

December

3 Farmers' Market Credition Town Square

10 Youth Club Tabletop Sale, Old Landscore School, 14.00 - 16.00

17 Christmas Farmers' Market Credition Town Square

For Information

Crediton Town Council Offices are located at 8 North Street, Crediton. We are open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday 10.00 to 14.00. Please note, we are closed on Wednesdays.

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