CREDITON TOWN COUNCIL

SEPTEMBER 2026 UPDATE

CREDITON YOUTH SERVICE - WHAT'S ON?

Summer Highlights from Crediton Youth Service

Our youth work team has enjoyed a fantastic summer with young people across Crediton. Alongside our regular project night and girls' group activities, we hosted eight young people for work experience. They joined in with a range of youth work activities and even created a fundraising video — look out for it on our social media channels. A highlight for many was taking part in Crediton Food Festival and giving something back to the local community.

Events and Activities

In partnership with Community Alcohol Partnership (CAP), we ran a Youth Fringe event in Newcombes Meadow Park, featuring graffiti art, games, zorbs and sumo suits, with support from our friends at Space Youth Services.

Thanks to the Crediton Heart Project, young people also took part in two creative workshops: giant flower making and drumming. To round off the summer, Crediton Youth Voice ran two fun-packed activity days, followed by a screening of Rio in partnership with Films for Crediton.

Skills and Learning

Twenty young people attended a First Aid course, initiated by Crediton Youth Voice as part of our commitment to providing practical skills and learning opportunities. They learned CPR, how to respond to injuries, and how to use a defibrillator.

For details of our Autumn term activities, visit our website: www.crediton.gov.uk/youthwork or email c.kelly@crediton.gov.uk







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NEWCOMBES MEADOW WATER PLAY SURVEY

A huge thank you to everyone who responded to the Newcombes Meadow Water Play Survey. With nearly 700 responses we have spent the summer collating the data and reading the comments. The responses will be presented at the Community Committee meeting due to be held on 15 Sept 2026. And congratulations to the 3 prize winners!



CREDITON FOOD FESTIVAL - ROUND UP







On 11 July Crediton Town Council hosted over 25 local food and drink producers and businesses to celebrate some of the best of Devon's booming food and drink scene! Supported by a free programme of arts and crafts sessions, families were able to enjoy a sunny day in the shade of Newcombes Meadow. The festival attracted over 2000 visitors.

A highlight of the festival was the return of the Ashgrove Kitchens Demonstration tent, which this year hosted sessions from a range of Crediton businesses and projects including:

- QECC Community Cookery Hub
- Cookie making with Lisa Tarr
- Wine tasting with Grape and Grain
- Biltong demonstration with The Lekker Saffa

We'd like to say a big thanks to everyone who made the event possible. Events like this simply wouldn't happen without the generosity and commitment of those who support them. We'd like to offer our sincere thanks to our headline sponsor, Ashgrove Kitchens, for their continued support of the festival. A huge thank you also goes to every one of the traders, exhibitors, performers and artists. Their enthusiasm, creativity and hard work are what brings the festival to life.

We'd also like to recognise the many people working behind the scenes. Thank you to our fantastic volunteers, to Crediton and District Lions for their ongoing support, to our brilliant electricians Jo and Ian for keeping everything running safely and smoothly, and to the staff team at Crediton Town Council, whose months of planning and hard work made the event possible. Further thanks go to Emma at The Ship Hotel, Phil at ProsoundSW and Adrian at Crediton Farmer's Market for their support and help getting the event set up.

IT'S YOUR COMMUNITY! - GROUPS WE SUPPORT





Photos courtesy of Crediton Netball League

Crediton Netball League held its annual awards night on 11 July, celebrating a successful year. The league has experienced continued growth, with more teams and umpires participating than ever before.



The town council provided £700 in funding to support court hire fees, equipment purchases and umpiring courses. These resources are important to ensure matches are played in line with England Netball's official rules and regulations.

The accompanying photos show action from Thursday night summer matches and some of the league's umpires, including several who have recently gained their umpiring qualifications ensuring the continued success and future sustainability of the league.

CREDITON URBAN TASKFORCE [CUT!]

[CUT!] continues to meet on the second Saturday of every month to help clear weeds around the town. Since the last update, the group has returned to both Jockey Hill and Exeter Road. It is remarkable how much can be achieved in just a couple of hours, especially with the support of a few extra pairs of hands.

UPCOMING ACTION DAYS



Sat 12 Sept, 10.00 - 12.00 - George Hill brambles

Sat 10 Oct, 10.00 - 12.00 - Union Road/East Street

Please contact the Deputy Clerk for information on upcoming action days and how to get involved: reception@crediton.gov.uk or scan the QR code to visit the [CUT!] webpage and join our mailing list.

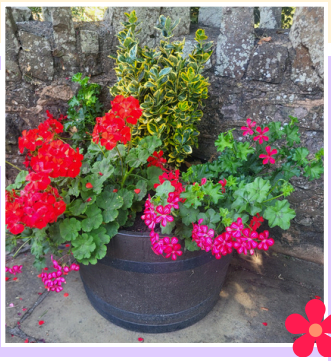
LOCAL GOVERNMENT IN DEVON IS CHANGING

The Government has recently decided that the current county and district council system will be replaced by four new unitary councils from April 2028. A unitary council will provide all local government services in one organisation, with town and parish councils continuing to provide their existing services.

Existing councils across Devon are working together through the Future Devon programme to plan for the next steps. For now, council services will continue as normal. Crediton Town Council will keep residents updated as more information becomes available and as the transition progresses over the coming years.

To find out more and read answers to frequently asked questions, visit www.futuredevon.org.uk or scan the QR code.

VOLUNTEERS HELP CREDITON BLOOM



A big thank you to all the dedicated volunteers whose hard work and commitment keep Crediton's floral displays looking so impressive year after year. Despite the challenges of maintaining flower beds during the recent warm weather, this year's judging day was a great success.



South West in Bloom judges the town as a whole as well as individual community groups who took part in the It's Your Neighbourhood Competition. It was an enjoyable occasion that provided an opportunity to showcase the colourful floral displays across the town and to recognise the wonderful volunteers who devote their time and effort to planting, watering and caring for them throughout the season. The quality of the displays once again demonstrated the pride that local groups and voluntary organisations take in helping to make Crediton an attractive and welcoming place for residents and visitors alike.

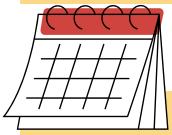


The results of this year's judging will be announced at the annual SWIB Awards Presentation, which is usually held in October. Certificates will be presented to Crediton's participating groups and voluntary organisations shortly afterwards in recognition of their valuable contribution.

ALLOTMENT RENEWAL TIME



September is the time for allotment holders to renew their tenancy agreements. This is friendly reminder to ensure all renewal paperwork is signed and returned, together with the annual tenancy payment, by 01 October. The town council manages three allotment sites across Crediton, providing residents with an opportunity to grow their own fruit and vegetables. If you are interested in taking on an allotment plot, you can join our waiting list. Email: e.armitage@crediton.gov.uk or phone: 01363 773717.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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SEPTEMBER

TUES 01 FULL TOWN COUNCIL
CREDITON LIBRARY, BELLE PARADE
19.30 (PUBLIC DISCUSSION FROM 19.00)

SAT 05 FARMERS MARKET
CREDITON TOWN SQUARE
10.00 - 13.00

TUES 15 FULL COUNCIL 18.00
COMMUNITY COMMITTEE 18.30
OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE 19.30
CREDITON LIBRARY, BELLE PARADE

SAT 19 FARMERS MARKET
CREDITON TOWN SQUARE
10.00 - 13.00

SAT 26 BIG GREEN FAIR
CREDITON TOWN SQUARE
10.00 - 13.00

OCTOBER

SAT 03 FARMERS MARKET
CREDITON TOWN SQUARE
10.00 - 13.00

SAT 17 FARMERS MARKET
CREDITON TOWN SQUARE
10.00 - 13.00

Since our last newsletter, Amazon spending stands at **£0.00**!

Council Office Update!

Sadly due to extended internal works, we are not yet operational from our new offices on North Street. Please find us at the library on a Monday between 10.00 and 14.00. Keep an eye on our social media pages and website for updates.

IMPORTANT

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