

## **Crediton Town Council- September Update**

### **A new member of the team ...**

You may well have seen that we now have a new member of the Town Council Team. We are delighted to welcome Richard Martin, our Youth Worker. Richard has already made some fantastic links with the schools, setting up a summer transition programme for primary school leavers embarking onto their secondary school journey. He has also established a Youth Group who have been working on a graffiti project. If you would like to contact Rich about any projects or his availability you can email: [youthwork@crediton.gov.uk](mailto:youthwork@crediton.gov.uk)

### **A dash of colour for summer in Crediton**

Once again this year the High Street was decorated with 60 flags courtesy of the Town Team Flag Project and a grant from Crediton Town Council. There were 32 repaired flags and 9 new ones (7 of them replacing old flags). Each flag is individually designed by a local business or community group with the help of local artist, Charlotte Turner. Charlotte and her team of volunteers then make the flags. They have now been taken down to protect them from the elements until next year. If you would like to leave some feedback on the project please visit <https://forms.office.com/r/kZKFPwuDgU>. If you would like to take part in the flag project in the future, whether helping with putting them up or with the sewing of the flags, then please contact Rosemary via email: [rosemarystephenson@gmail.com](mailto:rosemarystephenson@gmail.com)

### **A Tribute to Councillor John Ross**

It is with great sadness we report that Councillor John Ross recently passed away. Cllr Ross was co-opted as a member of the Town Council for Boniface Ward in May 2017 and was a well-respected and committed member. As the Town Council representative for Sustainable Crediton, the Chamber of Commerce and The League of Friends of Crediton Hospital, Cllr Ross was closely involved in the community and showed a huge passion and interest in the environment and sustainability of our town. We are hugely grateful for his contribution to the Town Council and our wider community in all that he did and he will be fondly remembered and greatly missed.

### **A vibrant Town Square**

It has been wonderful to see the Town Square with such a buzz this summer. Everyone can help us to keep the Square a great location for all to use. Please act responsibly and think of others. Kindly remove your rubbish, especially cigarette ends, when you go and please leave the tables widely separated.

This attractive, flexible space is achieved by several partnerships. The cleanliness and maintenance by Turning Tides; the colourful flowers lovingly looked after by Bert and Margaret Jewell; the hospitality businesses around the square; the Arts Centre's entertaining music programme—all these have combined throughout the summer to create a great place to spend time in Crediton.

### **Bloomin' Marvellous**

The summer weather may not have been typical at times, but it's been delightful to see the beds maintained by Sustainable Crediton along with the Newcombes Wildflower Circle buzzing with activity and looking beautiful. These were taken on by Sustainable Crediton as a pollinator project, planting wildflowers to promote the attraction of bees and other pollinators such as butterflies and beetles.

To attract pollinators, flowers produce nectar, a sugary liquid high in energy. When the bee lands on the flower, the pollen also becomes attached to their body so then, when they fly to another flower, the pollen is transported with them.

### **COVID - 19 ALERT**

Covid rates are high in Devon. Please take extra precautions by getting tested (you can access free tests, whether you have symptoms or not), isolating if you have symptoms or have tested positive, getting vaccinated as soon as you can, and meeting outdoors where possible. You can access further information at [devon.cc/enhanced-response-area](https://devon.cc/enhanced-response-area).

### **Floral Crediton 2021**

It was a delight as ever for our judges, Bert Jewell and Cllr Liz Brookes–Hocking, to visit some beautiful gardens in Crediton for this year's Floral Crediton Competition.

We had a total of 12 entrants and the standard was a high as ever. The categories were:

Small formal garden (with or without veg)

Large formal garden (with or without veg)

Small managed natural garden

Large managed natural garden

Family garden

Patio or hanging baskets and tubs

Judging took place on 8<sup>th</sup> July. The awards evening is on 29<sup>th</sup> September and we look forward to celebrating the fantastic achievements of your entrants. Look out for photos of our awards evening and some of the winning gardens in our next newsletter.

### **Crediton's very own COP 26 (Climate Change Summit)**

Just before the first lockdown – yes, all that time ago! – the Town Council's Climate Change Committee was organising a Community Conversation about the Climate Emergency. Now, things are even more urgent, as extreme weather events around the globe have shown us this year. So we're reviving the event and this is it –

Crediton COP 26

Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> November

The Boniface Centre 9.30 am-1.00 pm

Climate and Ecology Emergency – What should Crediton do?

You are invited to come and hear about the current global situation; find out what the District Council is doing to work towards net zero carbon by 2030 and how we can help; get up-to-date information about land use and food security, agriculture and biodiversity, and sustainable transport. There will be opportunities to discuss the issues and join in working out what a community like ours can do to make a difference.

### **CTC are looking for a Youth Worker!**

We have launched an ambitious youth work programme, seeking to support young people

by developing existing and creating new services. We have an exciting opportunity for a Youth Worker to join our team working with young people, engaging in meaningful activities and programmes that provide a fun, balanced and inclusive offering of personal and social education opportunities. This role will be for six months, working 22 hours per week.

An application pack can be obtained from [www.crediton.gov.uk](http://www.crediton.gov.uk) or by contacting the Town Clerk by email ([townclerk@crediton.gov.uk](mailto:townclerk@crediton.gov.uk)).

### **Christmas in Crediton 2021!!!**

We're excited to announce our *Christmas in Crediton* event will be back in the Square this year\*!! The date for this year's event is Saturday 27th November 2021.

We have some fantastic entertainment lined up on the Square starting from 1pm. The Land Train returns for rides from 2pm. Our Fancy-Dress Competition is at 4pm, followed by the parade down to the Town Square in preparation for the appearance of Father Christmas and the Big Lights Switch-on at 5pm.

We will be running a Superhero Hunt Competition through the High Street which will be launched on the event night. And the theme for this year . . .

### **Santa's Superheroes!!!**

So dust off your capes, decorate a mask and change into your favourite superhero costume. (The event will continue subject to no additional government restrictions being introduced covering the event date.)

### **Things to look out for**

Sustainable Crediton Autumn events

Saturday 25 September, The Big Green Fair, in the Town Square 11am-2pm

Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> October, Post Lockdown Relaunch (incorporating our AGM), The Boniface Centre 11am-2pm

Remembrance Day, the Civic Service and Parade will be on Sunday 14 November 2021.

The CCTV Project installation is currently nearing its final stages so we hope that the system will be fully up and running by the end of September.

### **Dates for your Diary**

September 4-Farmers Market, Crediton Town Square

September 18- Farmers Market, Crediton Town Square

September 21 Full Council Meeting 7pm Old Landscore School

October 2 & 16 Farmers' Market, Crediton Town Square

### **COVID 19 update – Meetings and Office Opening**

We have now resumed face-to-face meetings, however you can still follow these via livestream on our Facebook feed.

Although the door to the Council Office remains closed, staff are available to assist from 10.00—14.00. Please ring the doorbell and you will be greeted by a staff member. Alternatively, you may contact the office by phone on the number below or by email.

