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Newsletter

April - June 2020

Spring Edition

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Coping with Change

Mrs Clare Dalley, Town Clerk



This year we are going to see some considerable changes as we all try to cope with Coronavirus, which is having a significant impact on our community. There is no doubt it will affect us all personally. We are having to change what we do, where we go, how we interact with each other. Events are being cancelled, people are at home self-isolating and our local businesses are struggling. Through all that we will face over the coming months, I will never lose faith in the Crediton community, its ability to adapt to the changing circumstances, its deep seated ability to pull together and look after each other. Whatever happens now and in the future, I know from experience that Crediton will always rise to a challenge and we will come out the other end stronger and wiser.

Not an April Fool Joke

There is no doubt that COVID-19 has had a dramatic impact on our lives. Here we have seen the postponement and even cancellation of many events and meetings including those of the town council. Despite all, we have tried to keep as many services going as possible.

This health crisis has brought out the best in our caring community with many volunteers helping the vulnerable and home isolated. We shall not mention those who selfishly stripped our hard-pressed supermarkets of food and toilet rolls!



**Frank Letch MBE
Mayor and Chairman
of the Town Council**

Would you like to be a Town Councillor?

Would you like to be part of an organisation that makes a difference?

Would you like to help shape Crediton and represent the needs of the community?

Crediton Town Council has two vacancies in Lawrence Ward. You can download a copy of the Co-option Pack from our website or alternatively contact the Town Clerk by e-mail (details on back page). The closing date for applications is 12 noon on Friday, 24th April 2020.

Goodbye & Thank You to Clare

CLlr Frank Letch

After 7 years of devoted service to our council and town our wonderful town clerk, Clare Dalley, has decided to make a career change. Clare has become a well-known figure in the town known for her energy, vision and commitment. She has greatly helped the council and town to move forward by initiating a whole host of ideas and proposals. I have had the pleasure and privilege of working with Clare for 7 exciting years. We shall miss her and wish her every success in her future career.

Meet your new Town Clerk

Hi there everyone, my name is Rachel Avery and I am very excited to be the new Town Clerk to Crediton Town Council. I am Devon born and bred, having lived in Newton Abbot and the surrounding area my whole life. Being a bell ringer, I have been able to visit all corners of our beautiful county and can't wait to move to Mid Devon with my husband and two daughters. With ten years of local government experience, I am looking forward to serving the Town Council both with its day to day running, but also its current projects and future aspirations and goals. We are looking forward to becoming part of what is clearly a very special community.

It will be great to meet many of you when I am in the office and out and about in the town, let's all work together to make Crediton as brilliant as it can be.



Crediton CCTV Project

The Town Council are well aware of the importance of CCTV within the local community. Unfortunately, local crime rates within Crediton have risen and the local policing team need help to tackle these issues. A fully functioning CCTV system would provide them with beneficial assistance in tackling crime.

The Town Council is looking to install a CCTV system that will cover the entire high street from Old Landscore School to the war memorial, also including the Town Square and bandstand. In the coming months, councillors will deliberate over the quotations received and we will get the ball rolling! We also hope to secure vital support from the Police & Crime Commissioner's CCTV Funding Scheme.

We are also exploring the possibility of remotely linking into a CCTV monitoring hub. This means the footage will be streamed directly to a monitoring hub for instant viewing!

This a huge project, and with the current uncertainties we may face some delay, but watch this space as we aim to get things moving as soon we can in order to protect our community!



Floral Crediton

Whilst we are all being told to stay at home, and the sun is finally shining, it's the perfect time to get into our gardens and do all those jobs we 'keep meaning to do'!

Although the Floral Crediton Competition has had to be cancelled, due to the current circumstances, the gardens of Crediton's residents still make a huge contribution to making the Town look lovely. Not to mention, adding a significant positive impact to our wildlife.

The floral displays in the town will still be going up thus bringing added colour and cheer to our streets. Hopefully as lockdown restrictions are lifted we will all be able to benefit from them!

Floral Crediton 2020 Competition

ENTRY FORM

Please tick the category that you would like to enter

- 1 Small formal garden**
(With or without veg)
- 2 Large formal garden**
(With or without veg)
- 3 Small managed natural garden**
(With emphasis on wildlife)
- 4 Large managed natural garden**
(With emphasis on wildlife)
- 5 Family garden**
(To include play/recreation area)
- 6 Patio or hanging baskets & other outdoor planted containers**

Please return completed forms to: Council Offices, Crediton Library, Tuckers Country Stores, Homeleigh Garden Centre

The Mayor will judge the favourite from the above categories.

Name:
Address:
Telephone:

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and/or certificate (details will be advertised locally)
special presentation evening (normally held in September)
decision is final and no correspondence will be entered into

Crediton Town Council, 8A North Street, Crediton, EX17 2BT
Telephone 01363 773717 E-mail townclerk@crediton.gov.uk or visit www.crediton.gov.uk

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A Helping Hand-rail

After receiving a grant in 2018 from Devon County Council's (DCC) Public Rights of Way (PROW) Team we are happy to inform you that a new handrail is now in place on Footpath 29!

This footpath connects the top of the town (near Barnfield) to the town centre (near St Saviour Way car park) however the steep incline of steps made it inaccessible for many.



After discussing the idea at a committee meeting and receiving the invaluable support of Ros Davies, DCC PROW, this footpath can be safely used by many locals and visitors!

Britain in Bloom 2020

There have been lots of entries into the Britain in Bloom It's Your Neighbourhood Competition and Crediton has, once again, entered the Pennant Competition.

We really hope these competitions go ahead as planned this summer, but if they don't, the Town Council still plans to do all it can to brighten up the Town, with vibrant and colourful floral displays, to inject some joy and happiness in such uncertain times.



Dates for your diary

All Town Council Committee & Sub-Committee meetings have been cancelled until further notice. Please check our website and social media for updates.

We aim to hold the **Annual Meeting of Crediton Town Council** on Tuesday, 26th May 2020 at 7.00 pm, Old Lansdowne School. However, this is subject to government guidance at that time.



Crediton Town Council Offices are located at 8a North Street, Crediton. Normal opening hours are Monday to Friday 10.00 am to 2.00 pm

In line with government advice, the office is currently closed due to Covid-19

The Mayor's Reception and Annual Town Meeting will be rearranged as soon as we are able to and details of these events will be widely publicised.

For details on other community events scheduled over the coming months, please contact the community group arranging the event directly.

Crediton Town Councillors - Boniface Ward

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| Joyce Harris (Deputy Mayor) | 5 Charlotte Street, Crediton EX17 3BB | 01363 775221 |
| Jim Cairney | 31 East Street, Crediton, EX17 3AX | 01363 773490 |
| John Downes | Blagdon House, Blagdon, EX17 1EH | 01363 774267 |
| Louise Martin | 28 Dean Street, Crediton, EX17 3EN | 07519 930040 |
| John Ross | 3 Victoria Place, Pounds Hill, EX17 1DS | 01363 775146 |
| Hannah Zorlu | Hilary, Barnfield, Crediton, EX17 3HY | 01363 530037 |

Crediton Town Councillors - Lawrence Ward

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| Frank Letch (Mayor & Chairman) | 2 Butt Parks, Crediton, EX17 3HE | 01363 775739 |
| Liz Brookes-Hocking | Oliver House, 7 North Street, Crediton, EX17 2BT | 01363 774562 |
| Mike Szabo | 9 Alexandra Way, Crediton, EX17 2EA | 01363 775255 |
| Paul Vincent | 3 Western Villas, Western Road, Crediton, EX17 3NA | 01363 775048 |

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| Clare Dalley (Town Clerk) | Council Offices, 8A North Street, Crediton, EX17 2BT E-mail: townclerk@crediton.gov.uk | 01363 773717 |
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Useful Contacts

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| Mid Devon District Council | 01884 255255 | www.middevon.gov.uk |
| Devon County Council | 0845 155 1015 | www.devon.gov.uk |
| Crediton Library | 01363 772578 | |
| Crediton Hospital | 01363 775588 | |
| Social Services | 0845 155 1015 | |

District & County Councillors

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| John Downes (District) | 01363 774267 |
| Jim Cairney (District) | 01363 773490 |
| Frank Letch (District) | 01363 775739 |
| Andi Wyer (District) | 01363 777160 |
| Nick Way (County) | 01363 777903 |