



Credition
Town
Council

Newsletter

January - March 2019

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New Year Message from the Mayor

Yet another year has flown by leaving us with happy memories of a hot, sunny summer followed by gales and heavy rain! Those who follow the events abroad cannot but be saddened, dismayed and concerned at the continued wars and tensions throughout the world. We can only hope that they have no direct impact on our peaceful town.

It was with sadness, but no real surprise, to learn that Mid Devon District Council (MDDC) sold our council office to a commercial buyer. We tried our best for the Council and other users of the building but have now moved out to offices across the Square. I would like to thank the CREDITON Courier for its comprehensive cover of these challenges and the various groups who have and still put pressure on MDDC to change the system that allowed 3 Cabinet members to thwart the wishes of 23 District Councillors. Despite the changes, we shall do our best to ensure that CREDITON enjoys the level of service from the Town Council to which it is accustomed. Onwards and upwards!



Crediton Foodbank needs local support, please help in anyway you can!

*The Foodbank is open
Tuesdays 10 am - 12 noon
and Fridays 6.30 - 7.30 pm*



I know the Town Councillors will all join me in wishing all Kirtonians a happy, peaceful and successful 2019. At this time of looking forward with hope, let us remember those who face each day alone, those who go hungry and with substandard accommodation. Let us be thankful that we live in a tolerant and friendly town and look forward with optimism to the undoubted challenges for us all of 2019.

Cllr Frank Letch MBE

CHRISTMAS IN CREDITON 2018

Winter WONDERLAND

The Christmas in CREDITON Team would like to say a huge WELL DONE and THANK YOU to everyone who contributed, helped, volunteered and took part in this year's Christmas in CREDITON Parade and Light Switch-On. It was another fantastic community event, with a great turnout, despite the dodgy weather!

In particular, we would like to thank our sponsors CREDITON Town Council, CREDITON Dairy, Create Storage, Yellow Mouse Studios, Hedgerow Print, CREDITON Chamber of Commerce and Mole Avon.



To see the full thank you list of all the groups, organisations and people that made it happen, which is unfortunately too long to print here and for lots of photos, please go to the Town Council's website www.crediton.gov.uk or the Christmas in CREDITON Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/christmasincrediton>.



Meet your Local Policing Team

Your local policing team are here to listen to your concerns and act upon the issues that are most concerning to your community, helping you to feel more connected.



**Inspector
Steve
Bradford**



**Sergeant
Vicky
Grimwood**



**PC Dan
Armitage**



Lisa McMillan



Nicola Payne



David Waring



Contacting your local policing team (non-emergency) Phone: 101 Email: crediton@devonandcornwall.pnn.police.uk

We have MOVED!

This is our first Newsletter from our new home at 8a North Street. We've only moved across to the other side of the Town Square and hopefully you can't miss us with our name and logo on the windows! We would like to say a big thank you for your patience during our office move in November.

Please note, meetings of the Council and its Committees are now being held at the Library or the Old Town Hall, so please check the public notices or agendas when attending a meeting to make sure you're going to the right place.

Members of the public are always welcome to attend meetings and it would be great to see you there.



Britain in Bloom

The results of the Britain in Bloom (BiB) Competition were revealed in October and once again Crediton and its local groups put in a stellar performance. Crediton maintained its high standard, with the Town being awarded a Silver Gilt in the Pennant Competition.

In addition, 15 volunteer-led community groups entered the It's Your Neighbourhood Competition. The judges praised the groups involved in the Town Square floral displays, with both groups being awarded *Level 5 - Outstanding!*

A short awards presentation was held in the Council Chamber with BiB Judge, Paul Collier, presenting the local community groups with their certificates and feedback.



BECOME A LOCAL COUNCILLOR!

Your local council has an overall responsibility for the well-being of your local community. Our work falls into three main categories: Delivery of services, improving quality of life for residents and giving communities a democratic voice.

As a local councillor you can become a voice for your community and make a real change. Councillors are community leaders and represent the interests of the communities they serve. Local councillors have three main responsibilities: Decision-making, monitoring and getting involved locally.

For more information on becoming a local councillor and the criteria for standing for election, please contact the Town Clerk, Clare Dalley.

Even if you don't want to become a councillor, your VOTE is important! Local & District Council Elections will be held on 2nd May 2019, so don't forget to VOTE for your local councillors!

**MAKE A CHANGE
BECOME A
LOCAL COUNCILLOR**

IF YOU CARE ABOUT
WHERE YOU LIVE AND ARE
PASSIONATE ABOUT YOUR
COMMUNITY, WE NEED YOU

JOIN US AND MAKE A
LOCAL CHANGE

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Crediton Neighbourhood Plan

The Neighbourhood Plan Steering group ran a public consultation at the end of October. The key elements of the plan were displayed in the Council Chamber. People were invited to leave comments on the plan. These were taken into account in finalising the draft plan.

The full text-only version is now on the website www.creditonnp.org.uk for those who would like to see the detail. The complete, illustrated draft plan will be available in the new year, ready for a six-week consultation period in the spring.



The draft plan will be part of a day-long public consultation on 6th March 2019. At the same event, the Town Council will also be consulting on traffic proposals, activity equipment for Newcombes Meadow and community/self-build housing.

And there's more...

If your organisation would like to provide a presentation at the next **Annual Town Meeting** being held on **Wednesday, 27th March 2019** please contact Clare, Town Clerk, on the details below

FREE Defibrillator Awareness Session.
Everyone is welcome!
Wed, 23rd January 2019,
at the **Boniface Centre,**
Church Lane

Report local problems
including graffiti, fly tipping, broken paving slabs, or street lighting
www.fixmystreet.com

Dates for your diary

January

5th & 19th	Farmers Market Crediton Town Square
19th	Crediton Repair Café 10.00 am to 1.00 pm, Crediton Methodist Church
22nd	Crediton Garden Club: Developing a Community Garden 7.30 pm, Crediton Library, Belle Parade
23rd	Defib Awareness Session 6.00 pm, Boniface Centre
29th	Crediton Town Council meeting 7.00 pm, Crediton Library, Belle Parade

February

2nd & 16th	Farmers Market Crediton Town Square
26th	Crediton Garden Club: The National Gardens Scheme 7.30 pm, Crediton Library, Belle Parade

March

2nd & 16th	Farmers Market Crediton Town Square
6th	Crediton Consultation Day Boniface Centre
19th	Crediton Town Council meeting 7.00 pm, Crediton Library, Belle Parade
27th	Annual Town Meeting 7.00 pm, Boniface Centre

Crediton Town Councillors - Boniface Ward

Frank Letch (Mayor & Chairman)	2 Butt Parks, Crediton, EX17 3HE	01363 775739
Joyce Harris (Deputy Mayor)	5 Charlotte Street, Crediton EX17 3BB	01363 775221
John Downes	Blagdon House, Blagdon, EX17 1EH	01363 774267
Kay Piercy	21 Dean Street, Crediton, EX17 3EN	01363 777531
John Ross	3 Victoria Place, Pounds Hill, EX17 1DS	01363 775146
Nick Way	Westwood House, Westwood, EX17 3PE	01363 777903

Crediton Town Councillors - Lawrence Ward

Liz Brookes-Hocking	Oliver House, 7 North Street, Crediton, EX17 2BT	01363 774562
Anne Hughes	3 The Old Print Works, Crediton, EX17 3LG	01363 773131
Mike Szabo	9 Alexandra Way, Crediton, EX17 2EA	01363 775255
Bob Wright	3 Okefield Ridge, Crediton, EX17 2EG	01363 773566
Andi Wyer	3 Glen Creedy Court, Crediton, EX17 1GD	01363 777160
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Social Services	0845 155 1015	

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Bob Wright (District)	01363 773566
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