

## Annual report 2014-2015

Once again the year has been one of successes, challenges and frustrations. The town council's 12 councillors have had an interesting and active year taking a lead in several community projects and running projects of their own.

Christmas in Crediton proved to be an even bigger success than the previous year. The parade was headed by Queen Victoria who was followed by a number of organizations from the town. The High Street was closed for one hour which required many marshals drawn from several associations in the town. This event showed community cooperation at its best. It also featured briefly on Spotlight.

The same can be said for the efforts of the Friends of Newcombes Meadow, which took on the challenge to completely refurbish the play area. Councillor Andi Wyer was the council's representative on this very active group.

The Scout Memorial Garden is now a well-established feature in Peoples Park Road and is also now home to a wildlife area, which is a town council project that has involved several groups from the town including pupils from the two primary schools who built bug hotels.

The council also undertook a household questionnaire in order to form its Neighbourhood Plan. It was a huge undertaking but the town council was pleasantly surprised at the high level of returns of questionnaires, which will help in future planning.

Because of Mid Devon District Council's decision to limit funding of the town's toilets and Devon County's ceasing to fund the youth service the town council decided to increase the precept by 16.5% in order to cover the shortfall of the above services.

We have seen the emergence of the High Street Traders Group, which has amalgamated with the Crediton Chamber of Commerce to form a strong and active group to represent commercial interests in the town.

The town council now has a new member of staff, Miss Emma Lucas, as assistant to the town clerk and the mayor. This means that the office is now open for five days a week from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. thus offering the town a much better service.

**Crediton Town Council**  
**Income & Expenditure Account**  
01/04/2014 to 31/03/2015

(Last) Year Ended 31 Mar 2014		(Current) Year Ended 31 Mar 2015
	<b><u>Income</u></b>	
65.25	Administration	63.26
500.00	Council & Councillors	0.00
3,980.32	Property & Parks	5,383.10
3,000.00	Grants	0.00
590.00	Amenities	5,990.85
136,800.00	Precept	140,973.98
8,600.00	Ear Marked Reserves	200.00
3,500.00	TAP Fund	5,593.00
	Neighbourhood Plan	6,300.00
-1,514.43	Restated	0.00
<b><u>£155,521.14</u></b>		<b><u>£164,504.19</u></b>
	<b><u>Expense</u></b>	
7,716.35	Neighbourhood Plan	7,099.89
4,683.15	Administration	8,611.82
22,823.40	Council & Councillors	3,801.83
3,874.63	Property & Parks	17,595.58
17,000.00	Insurance	1,667.60
4,696.24	Grants	14,302.50
110.00	Amenities	15,986.33
28,044.86	Honarium	0.00
51,899.24	Ear Marked Reserves	7,405.14
3,500.00	Salaries	54,138.83
	TAP Fund	5,593.00
	Provision for Doubtful Debts	5.82
<b><u>£144,347.87</u></b>		<b><u>£136,208.34</u></b>
40,000.00	<b><u>General Fund</u></b>	
155,521.14	Balance at 01 Apr 2014	53,633.68
195,521.14	ADD Total Income	164,504.19
144,347.87		218,137.87
51,173.27	DEDUCT Total Expenditure	136,208.34
-2,460.41		81,929.53
<b><u>£53,633.68</u></b>	Transfer to/from Reserves	1,480.01
	Balance at 31 Mar 2015	<b><u>£80,449.52</u></b>
	Transfers:	
	General Fund to Earmarked Reserve	£1,480.01