



Credition Town Council

Newsletter

October - December 2019

Autumn Edition

It's a MASKERADE! by Cllr Liz Brookes-Hocking

Saturday 23rd November 3-6.30 pm – MASKERADE!

Entertainment in the square

Our pre-Christmas celebrations start with the Christmas in Credition community event and the Big Lights Switch-on. Entertainment starts in the town square at 3.00 pm with choirs from our primary schools, and music and dance from local groups. The ever-popular land train gives rides up and down the High Street. And this year, there will be a mask-making workshop for last minute masks. . .

And then – A Masked Parade!

Children, mums and dads, and the whole family are invited to make, create, decorate and bring a mask to wear in the parade. It can be any kind of mask imaginable. Children can enter the Mask Competition, 4.00 pm at the Methodist Church. They can dress up as well but only the masks will be judged. Children who haven't made a mask before the day can make one on the square between 3-4.30 pm. Then everyone assembles for the parade down Market Street around 4.45, arriving in the square for the Switch-on of the tree lights at 5.00 pm.

The fun goes on

Live music continues until 6.30, along with the train rides. Food and drink stalls are serving throughout the afternoon and early evening. With extra Christmas lights at The Green and more decorations than ever down the High Street, Christmas in Credition puts a fizz and a sparkle into our seasonal celebrations for the whole town. More community events follow, including the Christmas Tree Festival at Holy Cross parish church 4th-8th December, and the Community Carol Sing with the Town Band in the square on 23rd December at 7.00 pm.



Night Flying by Clare Dalley, Town Clerk

For the last few years Devon Air Ambulance Trust (DAAT) has been expanding its night time flying operations by working with communities across Devon to create a network of community landing sites. These are pre-surveyed floodlit landing sites which are developed and part-funded by local communities.

During this time the Town Council has been working closely with DAAT to find a suitable night-time landing site in Credition. We are now pleased to announce that one will shortly be installed at Credition Football Club. The Credition project, costing in excess of £4,000, plus VAT, will be funded by grants from DAAT (from the Bank LIBOR fines), Credition Hospital League of Friends and the Town Council. Credition Football Club has also confirmed it will be helping with the ongoing electricity costs. Everyone is now working together to ensure the installation of such an invaluable community asset is not delayed.





Facing The Challenge by Cllr Andi Wyer

In July the Town Council followed the lead of Devon County Council and Mid-Devon District Council in declaring a Climate Emergency. We also agreed to aim to be carbon neutral by 2030.

Unlike the bigger councils we do not run fleets of vehicles or own multiple buildings so we know our work in combating climate change will have to focus on the local level and concentrate on the practical steps that are achievable within our community.

The Town Council are setting up a specialist sub-committee tasked with taking a lead role in encouraging local residents to respond to the issues of climate change and sustainability. We already have various groups (such as Sustainable Crediton) within the town working on many aspects of these issues. It is hoped that this sub-committee will bring together people and groups with relevant experience or knowledge and then combine this with the resources of the council to create practical proposals that work for Crediton.

Several Town Councillors have been actively networking with other Councils and organisations to learn from their experience and to try and identify what aspects of climate change we can influence. The Town Council will also be reviewing its own carbon footprint, identifying ways we can improve and aiming to lead by example in Crediton.

We will also be keeping a close eye on the District and County Councils to see how declaring a Climate Emergency affects their planning policies and strategic plans and how these will affect Crediton in the future.



Crediton Neighbourhood Plan Update by Cllr Liz Brookes-Hocking

We're approaching the end of preparing a Neighbourhood Plan for Crediton. We started in 2015 with a town-wide consultation of households, schools and businesses. Ideas were drawn up into a vision and aims for the development of the town over the next 25 years.

We have taken guidance from Historic England, Natural England, local historians and environmentalists. We have had extensive advice and discussions with Mid Devon District Council Forward Planning department and our own planning consultants.

From all this input we have written a draft plan which was published in April 2019 for a 6-week comment period. The plan will be amended to take in comments from Devon County Council, Mid Devon District Council, Queen Elizabeth's Academy School and local residents. Some further documentation has to be prepared before the final plan can be submitted to the local planning authority (MDDC), who will check the plan and seek further comments for 6 weeks.



If all goes smoothly, a planning inspector will assess the plan. If it is found to be sound (in conformity with local and national planning policies), and that no other modification is necessary, it will be put to a public referendum. If passed by a simple majority, it will become a legal planning document.

The draft plan can be viewed on the Neighbourhood Plan website www.creditonnp.co.uk or via a link on the town council website www.crediton.gov.uk



Cultivating Success by Cllr Michael Szabo

On 4th July, the Mayor, Cllr Frank Letch and Bert Jewell, Crediton's horticultural expert, visited 17 gardens within the town enabling residents to showcase their gardens and receive valuable feedback from the judge, Bert Jewell, as part of the Floral Crediton Competition. In addition, Mr Jewell also visited 11 businesses and assessed their floral displays. This annual competition helps the town's entry into the Britain in Bloom (BIB) Pennant competition by providing evidence to the judges of voluntary community involvement into the BIB campaign. To give recognition and appreciation to the participating residents and businesses for all their efforts a presentation event was held at the Boniface Centre on Monday, 16 September.

On 8th July, Steve Adams, Manager of Homeleigh Garden Centre visited and judged over 100 allotment gardens owned by the Town Council. The results and feedback were revealed at the presentation event on 16 September.

After months of propagating seeds and plugs into healthy plants, Bert and Margaret Jewell planted out the flower towers and troughs around the town. Then, 40 hanging baskets were installed throughout the town while volunteers weeded, litter picked and cleaned up some of the graffiti to brighten up the town for the summer and prior to the arrival of the BIB judges.

On July 11th, the BIB judges visited Crediton to assess the overall appearance of the town against the strict criteria of the Pennant Award, which is, floral displays, environmental responsibility, and

community involvement. This is the 4th consecutive year Crediton has entered into the BIB Pennant Award category having been awarded Silver Gilt for the previous 3 years.

Every year, since 2013, Crediton has also entered the It's Your Neighbourhood (IYN) competition, a category in the BIB programme. IYN is designed to give support and recognition to volunteer led community groups who are trying to "green up" the town. The criteria include community participation, environmental responsibility, and gardening achievements. This year, 19 groups entered, including both Landscore and Hayward's primary schools. A presentation event will take place in the Boniface Centre on Monday, 14 October at 5.30pm to give recognition and appreciation to all the participating groups.



To see a full list of how everyone did in all the various competitions please go to the Council's website www.crediton.gov.uk

Toilet Takeover by Cllr Frank Letch

On 1st August the toilets at Newcombes Meadow became the property of Crediton Town Council. This is in no small part due to the diligent work of our office staff and the officers of Mid Devon District Council who were keen for the toilets to remain open! The final stumbling block, finding someone to open, close and clean the toilets, was overcome when Cllr Tim Matthews offered to take care of the toilets in a voluntary capacity.



And there's more...



Have you seen the newly installed bench at Deep Lane? The original was removed by Mid Devon District Council. Realising how important a bench is at this location the Town Council has stepped in and replaced it.



Thank you to the Crediton Courier for supplying the Town Council with some fab photos.

This year's **Remembrance Sunday Service & Parade** will be held on **Sunday, 10th November 2019**. The service will begin at Crediton Parish Church at 10.30 am

Report local problems including graffiti, fly tipping, broken paving slabs, or street lighting
www.fixmystreet.com
 or
www.devon.gov.uk/roadsandtransport/report-a-problem/

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Dates for your diary

October

5th & 19th Farmers Market Crediton Town Square

November

2nd & 16th Farmers Market Crediton Town Square

10th Remembrance Sunday Civic Service & Parade

19th Crediton Town Council meeting 7.00 pm, Crediton Library, Belle Parade

23rd Christmas in Crediton Parade & Light Switch-On

December

7th & 21st

Farmers Market Crediton Town Square

12th

Christmas Concert Parish Church 7.00 pm

23rd

Community Carol Sing Crediton Town Square 7.00 pm



Crediton Town Council Offices are located at 8a North Street, Crediton.

We are open Monday to Friday 10.00 am to 2.00 pm

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