



Statement on Crime & Disorder

Section 17 of the Crime & Disorder Act 1998 placed a new duty on Police and Local Authorities to consider crime and disorder and community safety in all their activities.

It is the responsibility of Credition Town Council to have due regard to this when exercising its various duties and responsibilities. The Council is committed to doing all it can to prevent crime and disorder in Credition. To achieve this, it closely monitors and reviews the work it carries out to ensure it meets this obligation as well as considering crime and disorder reduction in everything it does.

The Town Council also works closely with Police and local agencies to prevent and combat crime and disorder within the community in the following ways:

- Regular attendance at Mid Devon Safety Advisory Group (SAG) meetings relating to events hosted by the Town Council. The Group brings together relevant regulatory authorities to assist event organisers to conduct safe and lawful events. The Council consults this group in relation to the annual Christmas in Credition Parade and Light Switch-On.
- Attendance at Creedy Local Action Group meetings. This Group brings together regulatory authorities, local councils, organisations and groups to find ways to address anti-social behaviour, domestic violence, youth issues etc.
- Managing CCTV in Credition. The Council manages three cameras in Credition Town.
- Direct liaison with Police and other agencies. Council staff regularly meet with Police officers and PCSO's to seek advice, guidance and discuss new and ongoing initiatives and/or issues.
- Inviting the Police to attend Council events, with the aim of maintaining and improving the crucial link with the community.
- Supporting initiatives within the Town that assist with crime and disorder prevention such as:
 - The Council grant funds a Youth Café in the Town, following Devon County Council withdrawing its youth service in the Town.
 - In 2017 the Town Council is funding a new Detached Youth Work Project. Detached youth work involves working with young people away from buildings and in a setting they choose. The Credition project will focus on engaging with young people in Newcombes Meadow, the Leisure Centre Skate Park, Southfield Drive walkway and Peoples Park Road and will be delivered by local youth workers.
 - Installation of lighting at the Bandstand to combat and prevent vandalism and undesirable behaviour.
 - Using, and promoting the use of, Devon Community Payback to undertake work within the Town and assist with community projects, including the Peoples Park Wildlife Garden, clearing and cleaning the Station car park and public footpaths.
 - Acting as an agent for Devon County Council, with delegated powers under Section 132(2) powers of the Highway Authority, to remove fly posting and unauthorised signs from the highway that can affect highway safety and detract from the amenity of Credition town.
 - Creation and promotion of the Keep Credition Clean campaign. The Town Council is taking a pro-active lead in encouraging businesses and residents to take positive action and help Keep Credition Clean. This is currently focusing on littering, dog poo and flyposting.