



CREDITON TOWN COUNCIL

2025

JANUARY UPDATE

NEW YEAR MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

We have had a great year in 2024 with the D-Day 80th Anniversary commemorations, summer Food Festival and St Boniface Day celebrations. Hundreds of local and not so local people (representatives from our Boniface link towns, Dokkum and Fulda) attended these events making them very special occasions in the town, that will be remembered for a long time.



The Big Boniface Bash, June 2024

Credition has real heart in its community, with numerous people volunteering in organisations that provide help and support to local people. As part of World Sight Day, Credition Lions Club blindfolded me and guided me to a local café to buy a coffee, highlighting how visual impairment impacts daily life. The Town Council provide grants to many town organisations, helping them to continue their community work. A big thank you to all of you for being part of our community and to the organisers and volunteers in the town that make it a vibrant place, in which to live, work and enjoy so many events and activities.



*Blindfolded walk with Credition Lions Club.
Photo credit: Alan Quick, Credition Courier*

Our 2024 events ended with a wonderful celebration at the switch-on of the Christmas lights in the town square, which was well attended. Everyone seemed to be enjoying the event as much as ever. Children loved the fake snow (as did some adults), and a happy atmosphere filled the town square.



Christmas in Credition 2024. Photo Credit: Alan Quick, Credition Courier



2025 may well see the start of some changes in our county's local government two-tier structure of district and county councils. The government have recently published their white paper on devolution, trying to improve on local democracy by setting up new unitary authorities across the country. These changes don't usually happen that quickly but the town council will need to be prepared potentially to take on more non-statutory responsibilities and services that are currently being undertaken by our district and county councils.



Lidl development. Photo credit: Warren Radmore of Aerial Dimensions

2025 will also see new businesses opening in the town, a new supermarket and fast-food outlet, providing new employment opportunities for local people, of all ages. The town council will continue to work with the district and county councils, encouraging local enterprise and ensuring we have the right balance of places to live and work locally.

As we all look forward to what the New Year will bring to our ever-growing community, may I wish you all a happy and fulfilling year ahead.

Credition Town Council Chair & Mayor, Guy Cochran

BUDGETING WORKSHOPS UPDATE

Thank you so much to the members of the public who visited us at our two budgeting workshops held on Saturday 16 November and Tuesday 19 November. The Town Clerk and councillors had useful discussions with members of the public regarding assets and services that Crediton Town Council manages, how we spend the money collected through council tax and areas of importance.

We were able to discuss with visitors what they deemed to be important, noting that whilst there is no restriction on how much Crediton Town Council can charge for delivering services (known as the precept), there have been large increases in previous years to continue to deliver and further develop services such as Crediton Youth Service.



The Youth Service, Community Grants, Community Events and floral displays were all seen as being important to the community and many residents were supportive of smaller increases to continue to provide them.



Crediton Town Council will decide its budget and precept requirement at its Full Council meeting on **Tuesday 21 January 2025** at 19.30, in the Boniface Centre. Members of the public are welcome to attend from 18.30 to meet with staff and councillors. Tea and coffee is provided before the meeting, we would love to see you!

APPLY NOW

COMMUNITY GRANT APPLICATIONS

For more information on how to apply, head to our website www.crediton.gov.uk/Finance/Grants where you can find a copy of our grants policy and applications forms. The deadline for submitting applications is **Friday 17 January 2025**. Here's some of the feedback from some of last year's recipients:

Much of this work has been done by a dedicated team of volunteers, but thanks to the support of the Town Council we have been able to employ a social media manager to create an invaluable resource for the town and surrounding villages.

Crediton Heart Project

Crediton RFC are always grateful each year for the continuing support of Crediton Town Council. This month our membership stands at a record high of 630 members and growing.

Crediton RFC

The grant from Crediton Town Council was invaluable, as it meant we were able to keep the cost to members low, to ensure access to all.

Crediton Youth Theatre

PEOPLES PARK WILDLIFE AREA

Leaves everywhere!

Many people worry about what to do with all the leaves that fall in the autumn. Piles of leaves are bagged up and driven 5 miles to Punchbowl Recycling Centre. Many more are stuffed into brown bins for Mid Devon to collect and drive 20 miles away to Willand.

At People's Park Wildlife Garden nothing is taken away. Our leaves are simply moved from the concrete steps that form our western boundary to our path that winds its way down through our garden. For more information, contact Garden Warden Peter Please or Cllr Giles Fawssett on 07484 878681.



CHRISTMAS IN CREDITON 2024



Christmas in Crediton 2025 was our biggest event ever! With musicians, entertainers, children's activities and a Santa's grotto all free from 1pm until 6pm. There was so much for residents to do, and it was all thanks to the wonderful members of our community who gave their time, money and skills.

A huge thank you to...

Our sponsors:



Jo Ward

Ian Rogers

Crediton Fire Service

Crediton Rugby Club

Crediton Courier

High Street Traders

The Greenhouse

Crediton Town councillors and staff

Jack and Crediton Arts Centre

Crediton Youth Service

The Turning Tides Project

Crediton Lions volunteers

Crediton Morrisons volunteers

Bert, Margaret and Cate

Unique Sweets and Treats

Landscore and Haywards

primary schools

Crediton Samba Band

Mike Gibson

Roger Lee

and Father Christmas



Photo Credit: Alan Quick, Crediton Courier

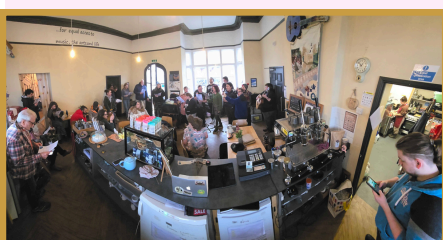
We are already thinking about Christmas in Crediton 2025 and even if you missed the recent surveys, we are always happy to hear from you with any feedback or ideas. If you would like to get in touch please email reception@crediton.gov.uk.

CONGRATULATIONS!

In December, the Crediton Courier celebrated its 50th birthday. A celebration party was held in the Boniface Centre with a display of the Crediton Courier's history, including technology once used to produce the newspaper, speeches and of course a special celebratory cake! The late Sue Read, who recently died, was also remembered, with Sue being one of the five founders of the Crediton Courier back in 1974.



Photo Credit: Alan Quick, Crediton Courier



The Turning Tides Project have also been busy celebrating their 10th Anniversary throughout 2024. This was finished off with a party in the Station Tea Rooms with performances and an exhibition. Deputy Mayor, Cllr Steve Huxtable, attended and enjoyed a freshly cooked pizza from their new pizza oven!

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Crediton Town Council would like to send huge congratulations to these organisations, both working with the community at the heart of what they do.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



JANUARY

SAT 18 FARMERS MARKET
Crediton Town Square
10.00 - 13.00

TUES 21 OPEN DISCUSSION
Boniface Centre, Church Lane
19.00 - 19.30

TUES 21 MEETING OF CREDITON TOWN COUNCIL
Boniface Centre, Church Lane
19.30

FEBRUARY

SAT 01 FARMERS MARKET
Crediton Town Square
10.00 - 13.00

SAT 15 FARMERS MARKET
Crediton Town Square
10.00 - 13.00



CALENDAR OF MEETINGS

The calendar for 2024/2025 is available on our website: www.crediton.gov.uk/meetings

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

2025

Save the date!



VE DAY CREAM TEA
Location TBC

VE DAY PICNIC IN THE PARK
Newcombes Meadow, vintage family fun



BIG BONIFACE BASH
Newcombes Meadow, family-friendly festival

CREDITON FOOD FESTIVAL
Crediton Town Square, food, drink, demos



REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY SERVICE
Crediton & Hamlets War Memorial

CHRISTMAS LIGHT SWITCH-ON
Crediton Town Square, family-friendly



The organising of these events is well underway with bookings to make and details to confirm. Please follow our social media pages to keep up to date and check out the March newsletter for more details.



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More on our website: www.crediton.gov.uk/useful-contacts		