

NEWSLETTER – July 2024

A MONTH TO REMEMBER!

June was an exceptionally busy month with D-Day 80, Crediton Food Festival and the Big Boniface Bash all taking place across 6-9 June.

These events really would not happen without the wonderful teams working hard behind the scenes. Whether it's community groups, individual volunteers, local businesses or sponsors, the support is invaluable. Not only do we want to thank everyone involved in making these events happen, but we want to express our thanks to the Crediton community for coming out to support and enjoy them.

Over the weekend, visitors from Dokkum in the Netherlands and Fulda in Germany came to Crediton to take part in the St Boniface Day celebrations and it's safe to say we showed them just how much community spirit there is. It was great to see the events enjoyed by all ages, with something to offer for everyone. We have received lovely feedback and really helpful comments/suggestions, all of which will be taken on board to make future events even better.

Crediton Food & Drink Festival

If you have photos from the events, we would love to see them. Share them to our Facebook page or email us at reception@crediton.gov.uk.

INTRODUCING OUR NEW MAYOR

At the Annual Meeting of the Town Council, held on Tuesday, 21 May, Cllr Guy Cochran was elected as Chairman and Mayor. Guy has lived in Crediton for over 30 years with his family and is also a District Councillor for Mid Devon District Council. Cllr Cochran said "I aim to continue the good work of council members and staff, ensuring that our current projects are progressed, that we have a permanent home for the council and we continue to provide best value for our community". Cllr Steve Huxtable was also elected as Deputy Chair.

WORKING TOGETHER TO CLEAN UP CREDITON

Crediton Urban Taskforce [CUT!] have been holding action days every other Saturday from 3 pm - 6 pm, to tackle the maintenance of our pavements, kerbs, paths and other public areas. If you're not able to join these action days, we would love to encourage all residents & business owners to focus on the area outside of their premises. If we all work together to maintain our individual space, this would go a huge way in improving the town.

Please contact the town council's Deputy Clerk for information on how you can get involved with [CUT!] by emailing reception@crediton.gov.uk. You can also scan the QR code to visit the [CUT!] webpage, view the full list of scheduled action days and join our mailing list.

PLEASE KEEP YOUR SURROUNDINGS CLEAN

Britain in Bloom judges will be visiting Crediton on 16 July! Whether it's weeds or rubbish, if we all pitch in and keep our individual space clean, the whole town will benefit!

WE WANT TO COMMUNICATE MORE WITH YOU!

Following the full council meeting on 25 June, changes have been made to the council's standing orders and a new informal discussion session approved. Before each full council meeting, there will now be an opportunity for informal and open discussion amongst members of the public and the council. All members of the council are invited to attend and the importance of this session has been heavily discussed by members. This will not form part of the meeting, however, and therefore members are not required to attend this pre-meeting discussion.

The open discussion will begin at 19.00, with the full council meetings starting at 19.30. Self-serve refreshments will be available and it will be an informal, social format, encouraging open conversation. The council is looking at ways to improve open and transparent communication with the public, alongside providing the opportunity to meet and chat with members and officers in a relaxed environment. This is a new idea and we are looking forward to seeing how it develops.

In addition, standing orders now allow members of the public to contribute to discussion during the formal meeting. This can be done so by the member of the public raising their hand and they will be given three minutes to speak. A copy of the revised standing orders are available on our website www.crediton.gov.uk/policies.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES THROUGH THE SUMMER

22 JULY	Coach trip to Woodlands	Pick-up QE, Western Rd
23 JULY	Premier League Kicks	Newcombes Park
29 JUL - 30 AUG	Bang Bang Boxing Free Summer 8 – 16 yr olds	Bang Bang Boxing Gym, Mill St
30 JULY	Lark in the Park Festival Green Fields vibes/music/fun/BBQ	Newcombes Park
06 AUG	Lark in the Park Festival Green Fields vibes/music/fun/BBQ	Newcombes Park
13 AUG	Totem Pole Making Free 11 – 17 yr olds	Crediton Arts Centre
13 AUG	Crediton Rugby Fun tag rugby game, BBQ & more	Newcombes Park
17 AUG	Art in the Park Delivered by Arts Centre & Heart Project	Newcombes Park

PEOPLES PARK WILDLIFE AREA

Peter Please, and Crediton Town Councillor Giles Fawssett, have reached the eight-month mark in co-running the People's Park wildlife garden project. They continue the good work of garden designer Kendra Ezekiel and other volunteers to create a garden attractive to insects and other animal wildlife, as well as being pleasing and colourful for visitors. To keep a wildlife garden 'wild' in this sense is a lot of work, but very rewarding! In March a selection of shrubs funded by the town council were planted to improve year-round structure, and more planting is planned for the autumn and winter. The project welcomes donations of rocks and other garden materials.

Volunteers are welcome on scheduled mornings each month. If you want to get involved and join the volunteer WhatsApp group please contact Cllr Fawssett - 07484 878681.

ALLOTMENT COMPETITION 2024

We are pleased to announce the winners of this year's allotment competition. The judges visited the three allotment sites on 26 June and this is the first time the judging has taken place since covid. We were grateful to welcome Peter Adams as our judge this year, who is the 'Edibles Team Leader' at RHS Rosemoor - as well as Lawrence Weston and Rob Coate, who are 'Edible Trainees'.

Prize Winners

Exhibition Road: Richard Knowles and Kayleigh & George

Hubber. Moffats Land: Peter & Kay Burks and Jane

Staniford, shared plot.

Barnfield allotments: Andrejus Mikuskinas. With a score of 24/25, Andrejus was also crowned overall winner across all three sites!

We hope the annual competition will now continue, recognising the efforts of our allotment holders. The judges were certainly impressed!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

July

SAT 06 & 20 - Farmers Market, Crediton Town Square 10.00 - 13.00

TUES 16 – Public discussion, Old Landscore School, Greenway, 19.00

TUES 16 - Meeting of Crediton Town Council, Old Landscore School, Greenway, 19.30

August

03 & 17 - 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

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