

## **NEWSLETTER – NOVEMBER 2024**

### **CHRISTMAS IN CREDITON 2024**

#### **LATE NIGHT SHOPPING – 5pm until late**

Every Friday in November! Treats, live music, drinks, mince pies & entertainers

#### **LIGHTS SWITCH-ON**

Crediton's Christmas lights will be switched on at 5.00pm on Saturday 30 November, but come down to the Town Square from 1.00pm for music, market, activities, entertainers, food & drink, and more. There will also be a children's letter hunt on the Town Square. Completed forms can be posted at Santa's Grotto for a chance to switch on the Christmas lights!

#### **SANTA'S GROTTTO**

Come and meet Santa on the Town Square, **Saturday 30 November** from 1.00pm.

### **BUDGETING WORKSHOPS**

November marks the start of the budgeting process for the 2025-26 financial year and we will be holding budgeting workshops for the public to attend. These sessions give you the opportunity to help shape our annual budget. We deliver a range of services and would like to know what you think is important. We will also be providing an opportunity to look at the Devon Countywide Local Cycling & Walking Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP) public consultation as well as discussing future land use in Crediton.

Saturday, 16 Nov - The Hub, 8 North Street - Drop-in 10.00 - 13.00

Tuesday, 19 Nov - Boniface Centre, Church Lane - Drop-in 18.45 - 19.30

### **SOUTHWEST IN BLOOM AWARDS**

We are delighted to announce that Crediton received a Silver Gilt Award at the South West in Bloom Awards Ceremony in Bath as well as overall Winner in the Pennant Town North & South category. Certificates were also awarded to the nine It's Your Neighbourhood entries. Thank you to these wonderful volunteers creating beautiful displays for all to enjoy in the town and everyone that got involved in the July clean up.

### **CREDITON YOUTH SERVICE – WE'VE MOVED!**

Starting Tuesday 19 November, 3.30 - 5.45pm, at The Hub, 8 North Street. Come and hang out with us at the Winter Youth Cafe serving hot chocolate and snacks straight after school every Tuesday, with lots of fun, activities, games and art. Space to hang out with friends and relax or chat with the youth work team. Come and help us plan some fun trips and activities.

Scan QR code or follow link to book: [forms.office.com/e/ippVH5drDq](https://forms.office.com/e/ippVH5drDq)

#### **EVERY WEDNESDAY PROJECT NIGHT:**

Starting Wednesday 13 November, 6.30 - 8.30pm at The Hub, 8 North Street. Includes Art Club and a D&D session. November's art theme will be "YouthWork - Our places and spaces" which will start with an art exhibition during National Youth Work Week: 4 - 8

November. Also, seasonal and Christmas themed artwork. Our D&D campaigns will include all the usual shenanigans organised by our young volunteers, huge thanks to them. New players welcome! Scan QR code or follow link to book: [forms.office.com/e/utRZJTGg98](https://forms.office.com/e/utRZJTGg98)

### **MONTHLY YOUNG CARERS GROUP**

Starting Wednesday 13 November from 3.30 - 5.30pm at The Hub, 8 North Street. Continues monthly on the second Wednesday of every month; 11 December, 15 January, 12 February & 12 March. We need your ideas and enthusiasm! We'll be planning activities, events and trips, we'll have a Christmas get together and make Christmas comfort boxes, we'll explore new beginnings and healthy relationships. There will be hot chocolate and snacks!

Scan QR code or follow link to book: [forms.office.com/e/qQxYvxutxa](https://forms.office.com/e/qQxYvxutxa)

Join us for our Youth Work Week event! A celebration of Young People's Achievements and Art! Wednesday, 6 November at the Boniface Centre. Drinks, music & exhibition from 6.30pm, event starts at 7.00pm. To find out more about Youth Work Week, visit the National Youth Agency website.

### **PUBLIC DISCUSSION – COME ALONG AND HAVE A CHAT!**

Don't forget! Before each Full Council meeting, there is now the opportunity for informal and open discussion between members of the public and the town council.

The open discussion begins at 7.00 pm, with Full Council meetings starting at 7.30 pm. Self-serve refreshments will be available with an informal, social format, encouraging open conversation. **Please note, there will not be a session on 19 November due to the budgeting workshop taking place**

### **PEOPLES PARK WILDLIFE GARDEN**

October saw significant planting to fill the gaps at the Peoples Park Wildlife Garden, including a Red Falstaff apple tree, daffodils, and numerous large ferns donated by a local resident. Roll on spring! The garden's volunteerwardens are Peter Please and town councillor Giles Fawssett, assisted this time by Paul Newman, formerly a gardener with the Eden project. The wildlife garden welcomes new volunteers

### **CARING FOR THE SQUARE!**

Crediton Town Square is a huge asset to the town and despite it being owned by Mid Devon District Council, the town council works hard contributing to the maintenance.

The three-tiered planters have just been cleared out and replanted by our wonderful volunteers and Crediton residents, Sally and Paul Parkhouse, ready for the autumn/winter. Exe Valley Maintenance Services, who water the summer floral displays, have kindly spent some extra time caring for the beds beneath the trees on the square, adding some new compost and plants. This was completely free of charge as a contribution to Crediton in Bloom, thank you!

## BONIFACE TRAIL PUBLIC CONSULTATION

Devon County Council are consulting on the proposed multi-use trail between Crediton and Exeter from 1st October until 30th November.

As mentioned in the previous newsletter, there has been a long-term desire to achieve a safe cycle/pedestrian path from Crediton to Exeter, one that doesn't use existing highway (A377 or otherwise), to serve as a safe and environmentally friendly way of accessing Crediton, Exeter and everywhere in between! The number of passengers using Crediton Railway Station has more than doubled in recent years and alongside the volume of traffic/congestion issues on the A377, this has proved just how high the demand for travel is between Crediton and Exeter. Currently, there is no continuous path to provide a safe walking, wheeling or cycling link between the two. As part of the consultation, there are currently 2 proposed alignments: the A377 alignment and the Quiet Lanes Alignment. For full details, including the route alignment options, please visit [devon.cc/boniface-trail](http://devon.cc/boniface-trail). This webpage also provides details on the ways in which you can provide feedback on the proposed alignments and which you may prefer.

Details of the Boniface Trail and the full Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP) public consultation will be available at the town council's Drop-in Budgeting Session on Saturday, 16 November at The Hub from 10.00 am until 1.00 pm.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### November

SAT 02 & 16 - Farmers Market, Crediton Town Square - 10.00 - 13.00

WEDS 06 – Youth Evening, Boniface Centre, Church Lane – 18.30

SUN 10 – Remembrance Sunday, Crediton War Memorial – 10.50

SAT 16 – Budgeting Workshop Drop-In, The Hub, 8A North Street, Crediton – 10.00 – 13.00

TUES 19 - Budgeting Workshop Drop-In, Boniface Centre, Church Lane – 18.45 – 19.30

TUES 19 - Meeting of Crediton Town Council, Boniface Centre, Church Lane - 19.30

SAT 30 – Christmas in Crediton Light Switch-on, Crediton Town Square – 13.00 – 18.00

### December

07 & 21 - 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](http://www.crediton.gov.uk/meetings)

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More on our website: [www.crediton.gov.uk/useful-contacts](http://www.crediton.gov.uk/useful-contacts)