



Credition Town Council

SEPTEMBER UPDATE



The COVID Challenge



As restrictions have started to ease, the town is beginning to feel a little more 'normal', with shops re-opened and people able to do a little more of what they used to! In such difficult times, supporting our local businesses has never been so important. Although it may be daunting, the safety measures in place along the high street allow you to visit with confidence, knowing that every step has been taken to ensure public safety.

Although rules are relaxing, the Town Council offices remain closed to protect staff and public safety. Members of staff are, however, in the office on various days. The Town Clerk, Mrs Rachel Avery, can be contacted via the Town Council telephone number Monday to Friday. If you wish to meet with the Town Clerk, please email townclerk@credition.gov.uk, to arrange an appointment.

You may have seen the Farmers' Market is back up and running, which means the Town Council surgeries are too! Every first and third Saturday of the month, a member of the Town Council will be on the Square to answer any queries you may have and distribute the town council newsletter.



In addition to the Farmers' Market, we're sure you will have noticed what a success *Share in the Square* has proved to be, taking an open space in the town and making it the perfect spot to safely enjoy your food or drink. The Town Square has been truly buzzing and all whilst complying with the current restrictions! We may still be a little way off 'normal', but we are certainly heading in the right direction!



Contacting your local Police!

In recent months, there has been an increase in reports to the Town Council regarding anti-social behaviour. If you are concerned about an issue, please use the contact information below to ensure it is reported using the most appropriate and efficient channel.

- Non-emergency issues should be reported via 101 (phone or online/email) <https://www.devon-cornwall.police.uk/contact/contact-forms/101-non-emergency/>
- If you feel a situation is posing an immediate risk and therefore an emergency, please call 999.

The Credition Town Police email address is not monitored daily, therefore issues reported in this way will not get a quick response or acknowledgement. By using the 101 reporting system, a police log/crime will be generated or the report will be sent directly to one of the Credition policing team.

Members of the public can also register to 'Devon Alert', which enables you to report crime that you are concerned about in your local area. <https://alerts.dc.police.uk/>

County Lines: What is it?

County Lines is a term used to describe urban gangs supplying drugs to other parts of the UK using dedicated mobile phone lines. The gangs are likely to exploit children and vulnerable adults to move and store drugs and money, often using coercion, intimidation, violence and weapons.

To find out more visit www.devon-cornwall.police.uk

Victory over Japan Day

On Saturday, 15th August, representatives of the town council, the local churches and ABF The Soldiers' Charity, as well as members of the public, came together to hold a small ceremony to commemorate the 75th Anniversary of VJ Day, which marks both the surrender of Japan and the end of the Second World War.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



September

5th & 19th **Farmers' Market** Crediton Town Square
22nd **Crediton Town Council** meeting 7.00 pm

October

3rd & 17th **Farmers' Market** Crediton Town Square

Details of how to join Zoom meetings can be found on our website within the Public Notices.

Fingerpost at Forches Cross

We were sad to hear the fingerpost at Forches Cross had once again been vandalised.



Thankfully, two of the three missing arms have been returned to the council offices and we are working hard to find someone willing to take on the task of repairing such a historical piece. If you have any recommendations, or would be interested in this project yourself, please contact us!

And there's more...

Whilst the Town Council Offices remain closed, staff and councillors have been carrying on business as usual behind the scenes. The next 12 months are set to be busy, so keep your eyes peeled for some exciting projects:

- ◆ A continued collaboration with Crediton Town Team and the *Share in the Square*
- ◆ The future of Old Landscore School
- ◆ The installation of a new CCTV system
- ◆ The installation of two much-needed grit bins at Town Park & Butts Park

Remember, all Town Council meetings are open to the public, so please get involved. Alternatively, keep up to date via our website www.crediton.gov.uk or social media pages.

i Crediton Town Council Offices are located at 8a North Street, Crediton. Normal opening hours are Monday to Friday 10.00 am to 2.00 pm. In line with government advice, the office is currently closed due to Covid-19

Crediton Town Councillors - Boniface Ward

Joyce Harris (Deputy Mayor)	5 Charlotte Street, Crediton EX17 3BB	01363 775221
Jim Cairney	31 East Street, Crediton, EX17 3AX	01363 773490
John Downes	Blagdon House, Blagdon, EX17 1EH	01363 774267
Louise Martin	28 Dean Street, Crediton, EX17 3EN	07519 930040
John Ross	3 Victoria Place, Pounds Hill, EX17 1DS	01363 775146
Hannah Zorlu	Hilary, Barnfield, Crediton, EX17 3HY	01363 530037

Crediton Town Councillors - Lawrence Ward

Frank Letch (Mayor & Chairman)	2 Butt Parks, Crediton, EX17 3HE	01363 775739
Liz Brookes-Hocking	Oliver House, 7 North Street, Crediton, EX17 2BT	01363 774562
Mike Szabo	9 Alexandra Way, Crediton, EX17 2EA	01363 775255
Paul Vincent	3 Western Villas, Western Road, Crediton, EX17 3NA	01363 775048
Rachel Avery (Town Clerk)	Council Offices, 8A North Street, Crediton, EX17 2BT E-mail: townclerk@crediton.gov.uk	01363 773717

Useful Contacts

Mid Devon District Council	01884 255255	www.middevon.gov.uk
Devon County Council	0845 155 1015	www.devon.gov.uk
Crediton Library	01363 772578	
Crediton Hospital	01363 775588	
Social Services	0845 155 1015	

District & County Councillors

John Downes (District)	01363 774267
Jim Cairney (District)	01363 773490
Frank Letch (District)	01363 775739
Andi Wyer (District)	01363 777160
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