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Thank you to the local businesses that have bravely supported this first issue with an advertisement: we hope that you will be delighted with both product and circulation throughout Crediton.

And, of course, thank you to all those who have taken the trouble to read this first issue. Your comments are welcome at any time. Please send letters for publication at the editor's discretion (e-mails preferred) by 15th April for inclusion in the Summer issue.

Would you like to be involved?

We intend to hold occasional open meetings to invite and share views on KQ's development. If you would like to be involved in the magazine's content, production, advertising or distribution, please contact pveclipse@btinternet.com

Kind people are sought, willing to deliver a batch of KQ to one or more local streets on a regular basis, to help build a comprehensive distribution network.

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Who wants parking meters?

Devon County Council (DCC) wants to introduce parking meters on the High Street and nearby streets in CREDITON. But for whose benefit?

The consultation period ended in early January, so let's hope that the county council received some well-informed responses and will pay attention to the town's unique situation and its sensitive trading needs. DCC argues, among other things, that parking meters will help increase the turn-over of short-term parking (while conceding that meters will also make it easier for staff to enforce). Why are they so sure they will be good for CREDITON?

CREDITON is a market town whose centre is dependent both on residents (not all in walking distance) and customers from surrounding villages to sustain its trading economy. Our High Street is notable for its many independent businesses, as well as housing a sizeable residential population. It also doubles as a busy A-road with a hefty flow of private cars and vans, buses, school coaches, emergency vehicles, agricultural traffic and heavy commercial lorries. We ask a lot of our High Street.

The rapid turnover of short-term on-street parking spaces, few in number though these spaces are, is a vital element in attracting customers to our shops, cafes and other local businesses. So any adjustments proposed by the county council to the enforcement of restricted-period parking on and around the High Street have been greeted sceptically, even with horror, in some quarters.

It is difficult to argue against those who sense the proposals may be more about optimising revenue streams for DCC than a genuine attempt to improve the behaviour of motorists. (Particularly when DCC officers have regularly dished out penalty notices on bank holiday Mondays – something that the old-style traffic wardens never did – and which certainly has nothing to do with improving traffic flow.)

DCC is proposing that new parking meters will permit a first hour's parking for free (as long as a valid ticket is displayed) but that a longer stay, for an additional hour, would require a £1.50 payment. But people staying longer than an hour is surely what High Street businesses *don't want*. If there are to be parking meters at all, they should dispense free tickets for one hour only, and nothing else. Otherwise our very few spaces will soon be clogged up, to the detriment of local shops who depend on car-drivers spotting a free space and grabbing the opportunity to park up and pop in. *PV*

NB: The recent consultation has included the welcome proposal that Bank Holiday Mondays would in future be excluded from the normal Monday-Saturday restrictions. Well done all those who protested against that wicked practice of issuing penalty notices when we're all trying to enjoy some much-needed rest at home.

Crediton Town Council

In the rather gloomy deep winter days, when the Christmas lights are back in their boxes and warm spring sunshine seems a long way off, it can feel as if there's nothing much going on and nothing to look forward to.

But behind the scenes things are happening. The town council is working with other organisations on events and opportunities in 2024 for people of all ages in Crediton, including D-Day 80th Anniversary commemorations, the summer Food Festival and St Boniface Day celebrations in the park for the whole family.

It's important that we work with our district council, too, to make the most of any investment that comes our way. We will continue discussions with them on projects that benefit the town. Mid Devon District Council's Crediton Masterplan proposals will be on display in February at the Town Council office in North Street. The consultation continues until 26th February so there's just time to look at the plans and give your views.

We are committed to ensuring that Newcombes Meadow continues to have a paddling pool, currently maintained by the district, and easily accessible toilets while making best use of existing facilities.

In late March we will be holding a public event about forward planning and future development in Crediton. The views of residents will help us to update the Crediton Neighbourhood Plan. The district council will be progressing the new local plan during the year, so it's a good time to ask people what they think about the future of Crediton and what they want for their town.

Over the years, the town council has gradually added to the formally planted floral decorations in Crediton. Quite a lot of these are now being planted and maintained by volunteers. Other small pockets of land have been taken on by community groups, some recently, some several years ago, transforming previously unloved corners into colourful, blooming patches buzzing with life. Many of them entered the Royal Horticultural Society's (RHS) *It's Your Neighbourhood* competition and were highly scored. They really do make a huge difference to our neighbourhoods. We are grateful for all the work that volunteers do to make the town attractive and look forward to being impressed again this year as the seasons change.

There will be a lot to do in 2024 so look out for events and projects around the town. If you have questions for the town council about the work we do, the activities we organise or need information, please contact the town clerk, Rachel Avery: townclerk@crediton.gov.uk or phone 01363 773717.

Liz Brookes-Hocking, Chair

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our community



CREDEN TOWN COUNCIL

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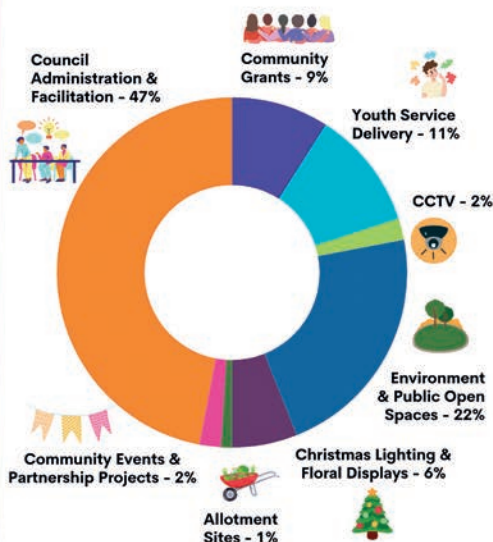
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*This part of your council tax is known as the precept. We use the precept to fund the functions and services Creden Town Council provides.

Some of the functions and services Creden Town Council provides



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For more detailed information
regarding Creden Town Council's
budget, please head to our website:
www.creden.gov.uk

McDonalds approved

Already our High Street bus shelters proclaim the wonder of limited-offer McDonalds specials! The burger giant, which has well over 1200 outlets in the UK, has planning permission to build a 24-hour 'drive-thru' restaurant at Crediton's eastern gateway, promising employment for up to 90 local people.

Crediton Urban Taskforce

A new initiative styled [CUT!] and led by local residents has gained town council approval and some funding to engage voluntary organizations and local residents to keep pavements, kerbs and other visible bits of the town in better condition. Anyone can join in: the town council has agreed to remunerate volunteers the costs of tools, materials, trips to the recycle centre and even refreshments. Some training may be required before works can begin.

Warm space among books

Crediton Library has re-opened 10am-1pm on Wednesdays until the end of March thanks to a grant from The National Grid to ensure that everyone has access to warm spaces. Free refreshments available.

Crediton Masterplan

An exhibition put on by Mid Devon District Council (MDDC) in January at the Boniface Centre displayed ideas for future town development, including the conversion of the Newcombes Meadow toilets into a café/community 'hub', a High Street greened with trees and planters, and a roundabout near the train station - to provide access east of the

station for housing and to QE's Barnfield site? The plans are now on display at the town council's office until 26 February.

QE to consolidate?

So will QE Academy, part of Exeter's Ted Wragg Academy Trust, make up its mind to settle on a single site either on Western Road or up on Barnfield? Historically QE is a state comprehensive school formed by the mergers of the former boys' Grammar school on Western Road, the girls' High school next door, and the 1960s former Secondary Modern school at Barnfield.

Public convenience at last?

The town council is recommending to MDDC to build new (hopefully vandal-proof) loos next to the children's playground and paddling pool. It's time the park had improved facilities. For too long shame-faced parents have escorted desperate young children to nearby flower-beds and hedges!

Retail stories

The former J D Wetherspoon General Sir Redvers Buller pub re-opened under new management, with an improved food offering (if costing a bit more). But what possessed Wetherspoon boss Tim Martin - sorry, *Sir* Tim Martin - to forsake Crediton? Anyway most customers apparently still refer to the pub as 'Spoons ...

And Homeleigh Garden Centre opened at Barnstaple Cross, with a huge café capacity alongside plants, garden wares and lots of seasonal novelties. Come the warm weather, this'll be a lovely place

to sit out and admire the view of rich Devon farmland and Dartmoor beyond.

Other shops, new and old

C J Interiors opened at 10 High Street (formerly Evans newsagents). Established for several years in Tiverton, the business offers kitchen, bathroom and bedroom design, build and fitting. To complete your home and dining table why not visit Barney & Knowle, the new antiques and interiors boutique fronting 100 High Street?

Creedy Kitchen, bakery of tasty traybakes, has expanded into premises at 100 High Street (behind @100 Café). Pop in and pick up a slice from their wide range.

What about Adams homewares? The business is offered for sale, so will a new owner please come forward to preserve Crediton's most cherished High Street store, its several thousand product lines and unstinting levels of helpful advice?

Hair care, plant care, tech-care

There has been an outcrop of Turkish barber shops on the High Street - are there enough Mid Devon heads of hair to go round? Meanwhile Cutters Yard hair salon at 18 Union Road (the former Berry & Vincent premises) is Vidal Sassoon-trained Yvette's new venture offering a one-to-one service in an attractive setting.

The interior is enhanced by the presence of many potted plants supplied by interior plant-specialist Leaf Culture (at 2 Creedy Vale, Down End, deep in Lords

Meadow Ind Est where retail customers are welcome).

Also note: Crediton's computer expert has re-located The Technology Shop to a workshop above Cutters Yard (see above) where it will focus on repairs and servicing. Appointments only from now on!

Bookery enters new phase

Our community-owned bookshop entered a new phase at the end of 2023 with the retirement of book-store stalwart Andrew Davey and CEO Dee Lalljee, who both contributed hugely to the success of the award-winning not-for-profit literary enterprise.

The Bookery took over Crediton's independent bookshop some years ago, relocated it to the middle of the High Street, changed its name from Crediton Community Bookshop, and expanded into the shed behind to create a handy meeting-room and professional work-space.

It has put on some exceptional events, including visits from famous authors and personalities Val McDermid, Raynor Winn, Adrian Edmondson, and our own (well, Mid Devon resident anyway) Michael Morpurgo, author of Warhorse and other popular children's books.

celebrating our town's resources

Crediton Library

Crediton Library is open five days a week and is fully accessible, with off-road parking, including for disabled users. We have a wide range of junior and adult fiction and non-fiction book titles, audiobooks and language courses to borrow. Our four home library service volunteers can also deliver books to people who cannot get to the library.

The library has free Wi-Fi and a small study area, 8 public-access computers, which are free to use for up to 2 hours each day, plus printing, photocopying and scanning facilities.

We offer a range of regular events for all ages, such as Under 5's Bounce & Rhyme and Crafty Tales, Duplo & Lego Club, knitting groups and reading groups for adults, teens and children. To find out more about the regular and one-off events please visit our website - devonlibraries.org.uk/web/arena/creditonlibrary or our Facebook page - facebook.com/CreditonLibrary/

The library is a warm space with free hot drinks, newspapers and magazines to read, and jigsaws and colouring books available.

There is a community food larder and fridge at the library with short-dated food from local shops and excess fruit and vegetables from people's gardens and allotments. The



Witty Knitters meet at Crediton Library on Tuesdays 10am

food is free for people to help themselves to and varies in amount and content each day. You can find us on Belle Parade, next to Newcombes Meadow Park. The library is open Monday and Friday 9am–6pm, Tuesday and Thursday 9am–5pm and Saturday 9am–1pm. Until the end of March it is also open on Wednesdays 10am–1pm as part of the Libraries Unlimited Warm Libraries offer. Due to generous Warm Spaces funding from the National Grid, Crediton Library is also open 7pm–9pm every Friday evening with a range of free events.

Sue Lee, Supervisor, Crediton Library

crediton.library@librariesunlimited.org.uk or phone 01363 772578

REPORT

Celebration of Youth

Lords Meadow Leisure Centre, afternoon of Monday 22nd January

An inspired event this was, open to all, bringing together a host of youth activities and support services, ranging across music, drama, dance, crafts and sports, along with army cadets, Guides, Scouts and the two youth clubs (one run by the Congregational Church and the other by the town council).

The event was motivated to a considerable degree by local (and national) concerns over the health and mental well-being of children and young people, so it was useful too to encounter a number of health professionals working in this area.

Something akin to a university 'freshers fair' aimed at children and teenagers, the idea came from Involve (Mid Devon's Council for Voluntary Service) and the event was held in partnership with Crediton Town Council, Mid Devon Healthcare Primary Care Network and QE Academy. The leisure centre kindly provided the venue for free.

QE encouraged many of its younger pupils to attend, and they were rewarded with goody bags in return for taking an active interest and filling in a brief survey form. It included the useful advice: *"To live a full and happy life, NHS Ways to Wellbeing recommend you should be active, learn something new (such as a creative hobby), give to others, connect with friends and spend time being mindful"*.

It was a fine turnout from all the groups that took part, filling the sports hall, though not every local club or activity was represented. There is surely scope to run a truly comprehensive activities fair but this was an excellent start.

Several other youth organizations could be encouraged to attend, the large and inclusive Crediton Youth Football Club, for instance, and our long-established Queens Badminton Club. And what about the parish church Junior Choir?

The following were also represented: QE's Duke of Edinburgh award scheme and after school clubs, Young Farmers Club, Crediton Rugby Club, Bang Bang Boxing, Crediton Taekwon-Do, Katharine Mitchell School of Dance, Crediton Youth Theatre, Crediton Library, Crediton Heart Project, Significant Seams, Crediton Youth Orchestra, BAPS (breastfeeding support), Turning Tides Project, Kooth (a national counselling service), The White Room, and NHS/social prescribing.

focus on community groups

Crediton & District u3a

The u3a is an international organisation founded in the 1970s. It came to the UK in the 1980s and now has over 1000 branches. Although we work within the rules laid down nationally, each branch is run by the local membership and we provide opportunities suited to our members.

Although most members are retired, membership is open to anyone not working full time. Our main aims are to provide stimulating activities, developing our skills and knowledge, and to enhance our well-being through social and physical activities.

Currently we run a monthly Open Meeting at the Boniface Centre. Here there is an opportunity to meet members and listen to an interesting talk. There is also a monthly Coffee Morning at The Hayloft café at Mole Avon. Both events are open to members and non-members.

We have a range of special interest groups. The current groups are listed below. The groups vary from time to time, and new groups start whenever there is sufficient interest.

Bird watching for all
Book Groups
Boules
Carpet Bowls
Collage
Crafts
Creative Writing
Current Affairs
Cycling
Dance
Energy Action Group

Exercise groups
History & Historic visits
Mindfulness
Poetry discussion
Pub Lunches & Sunday Pub Lunches
Theatre trips
Ukulele
Walking groups (Crediton Strollers,
Intermediate walks, Walking with
dogs, Moorwalkers)
Wine Appreciation

If you would like to know more about us, we have a website u3asites.org.uk/crediton/home - or come along to one of our Open Meetings on the 3rd Wednesday of every month at 10am. The coffee mornings are held on the 3rd Tuesday at 10.30am and anyone is welcome to attend.

Liz Ouldrige, Chair



u3a Moorwalkers group: lunch at Oke Tor near Belstone last December

Helping refugees in Crediton - Furniture, storage and delivery needed!

The *Welcoming Refugees in Crediton* project wants to expand its role. It had a great start when an individual made a generous donation, the entire contents of a house, to support local refugees and provide for those who could not afford to buy furniture or household goods. Since then we have received a small grant to develop further.

Finding space to store larger household goods is challenging, but facilities have been secured in Crediton thanks to discounted rates offered by Create Storage (Westward Business Centre, Mill St). Here volunteers receive, sort, clean and renovate items. Refugees in the town select from photos according to their needs when they are ready to move on from host families into independent accommodation.

We are looking for larger, dry and safe storage at low cost to hold household items to help our refugee friends set up in their new homes. If you have suitable items to donate, would like to volunteer to help or have storage space, please email creditonforukraine@gmail.com or text/leave a message on 07466 254400

With many thanks!

Eszter (Crediton for Ukraine)



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Full English, folks? checking out Crediton's cooked breakfasts

When Wetherspoon's closed in Crediton last October, people missing their traditional fry-up had to search elsewhere. However our local businesses have been quick to fill the gaping hole - even if it's impossible to match 'Spoon's low prices.

A proper Full English breakfast is popular with tradespeople working in the early hours of the day, and attractive to customers with leisure time mid-morning or later, hence the 'all-day' breakfast offered by some outlets.

What makes the perfect cooked breakfast? The essentials are pretty much agreed: sausage, egg, bacon, beans and buttered toast - with tomato, black pudding, mushrooms and hash browns (having long replaced fried bread, sadly!) all having their fans.

Al's Grill

At the top of Lords Meadow industrial estate, this trailer outlet enjoys a cult following among local employees (especially the adjacent Graphic plc) and is a rendezvous point for coach operators, truckers and white van drivers. Chairs outside means you can enjoy your takeaway seated in comfort. Open early- from 7.30am.

Elephant on the Green

Self-styled neighbourhood venue, the Elephant offers a grilled breakfast from 10am on the four days it opens as a cafe (incl. Sunday). Three or more diners, pre-booked, get a small discount. Parking nearby can be a challenge though.

The General Sir Redvers Buller

The former Wetherspoon pub re-opened under new ownership before Christmas. While promising a serious

revamp this Spring, breakfasts have resumed 9am–3pm daily. While not as cheap as Wetherspoon, the food quality is undoubtedly higher. Crucially it still offers free refills on hot drinks.

Homeleigh Garden Centre

Up at Barnstaple Cross breakfast with a hot drink is a bit more pricey than some, but come the summer you can bask on the terrace with fine views across the valley. Open 7 days a week, it's a useful destination for car-drivers, and acres of tables and seating to choose from.

Hot Stuff

Starting (or finishing) early? Hot Stuff is open from 6am and offers a its 'all-day breakfast in a box'. The flame-decorated trailer is popular with taxi-drivers, passers-by, and customers of Jewson's where it's located. 10% off for emergency services and NHS staff!

The Kitchen @ 25

High quality food here, as you'd expect from our long-established deli. Their breakfast is unique in being topped with small juicy tomatoes on the vine. You can observe the High Street at the front or enjoy the privacy of the little dining room at the back.

Mel's Diner

Well situated right on the High Street, there's a nod towards an American-style diner experience, with red & white table coverings, vintage pop music and a smattering of USA-influenced décor. Family friendly, with high chairs available for the youngest diners.

Paint Pots

Combine with some craft! On the lower floor of The Creedy Centre this is part café and part paint-your-own activity centre. The walls are lined with shelves of white clay ornaments ready to decorate with paints and brushes.

The Red Deer

Newest on the scene (and handy for those in a car) the pub is now open from 9am. The management here has worked hard to create a friendly community welcome in this modern Marstons public house.

The Ship

The pub/hotel won't serve you their 'all-day' breakfast until 12 noon (when you can get a breakfast-with-a-pint deal!) and you may need to squeeze past a few regulars at the bar, but it'll be worth it for a fine cooked platter.

Tesco Wellparks

Take a lift to the upstairs cafeteria. Breakfast served from 8am (Sun 9.30am) where you can enjoy the view over the food aisles. Easy parking, of course. One small irritation: I asked for some mustard and they suggested I could buy some downstairs and bring it up!

PS: And try the occasional Mens Breakfast on a Saturday at the **Congregational Church** (NB: the ladies have their own, lighter one on another occasion!) Popular with those in CCC's church community. Donations invited. Keep an eye on CCC's noticeboard at 98 High St for the next one.



Cooked breakfast at The Red Deer - black pudding, mushroom, and hash brown come as standard

CONCLUSION

We all like a good breakfast! Crediton has a residential population of around 8,000, is a market town serving numerous villages, and its A377 through-road means many thousands more stop by for refreshment. Cafes, pubs, restaurants and takeaways should be thriving round here!

As far as breakfast is concerned, what do customers really appreciate? Good value certainly, under a tenner if you're going to dine frequently, and hopefully with a hot drink thrown in for the price? Free refills definitely! Friendly helpful service, yes! And, some outlets, please note, it keeps hot longer when served on a nice warm plate.

NB: Apologies (for the time being) to outlets who offer alternatives for the calorie- and/or cholesterol-conscious, vegan & vegetarian options and anyone seeking a lighter continental-style breakfast. Maybe a KQ reader would like to research a further Kirton café guide?

Al's Grill

Down End, Lord Meadow Ind. Est.
07967 992895
Tues-Fri 7.30am-2pm

Elephant on the Green

14 St Lawrence Green
01363 775048
Thurs-Sun 10am-12

The General Sir Redvers Buller

37 High Street
Order on-line: gsrb.co.uk/order
Daily 9am-3pm

Homeleigh Garden Centre

Barnstaple Cross
01363 779138
Daily 9.30am-12 (Sun from 10am)

Hot Stuff

Jewson's car park, Exeter Road
07849 787718
Mon-Sat 6am-2pm

The Kitchen @ 25

25 High Street
01363 772332
Mon-Sat 9am-4pm

Mel's Diner

11-12 High Street
07407 536729
Wed-Sat from 8am (Sun from 9am)

Paint Pots

Creedy Centre, 117 High Street
07854 716032
Mon-Sat from 9.30am

The Red Deer

Exeter Road
01363 774248
Daily from 9am

The Ship Hotel

132 High Street
01363 894020
Wed-Sun from 12

Tesco Wellparks

Exeter Road/Joseph Locke Way
0345 671 9454
Daily 8am - 11.30 (Sun from 9.30am)

NB: times and days of the week are subject to change, so may not be accurate. Check by phone, or search for website info to be sure.

KIRTONIAN CONTACTS

where a landline phone number is given the Crediton area code 01363 should be prefixed

LOCAL AUTHORITIES

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Enquiries to Town Clerk: Rachel Avery
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*For all 12 Crediton town councillors in
Boniface & Lawrence wards:
[crediton.gov.uk/Your-Council/
Councillors](http://crediton.gov.uk/Your-Council/Councillors)*

*For public meetings of town council:
[crediton.gov.uk/Your-Council/
Meetings](http://crediton.gov.uk/Your-Council/Meetings) Venues are stated on the
Agenda for each meeting*

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NB: for waste/recycling collections:
[middevon.gov.uk/residents/recycling-
rubbish/check-collection-dates/](http://middevon.gov.uk/residents/recycling-rubbish/check-collection-dates/)

Devon County Council (DCC)

County Hall, Exeter
0345 155 1015 devon.gov.uk

County Councillor for Crediton:
Cllr Frank Letch
fletch@devon.gov.uk

NB: To report pot-holes/highway issues:
[devon.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/
report-a-problem/](http://devon.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/report-a-problem/)

TOWN FACILITIES

Crediton Arts Centre

East St 773260

Crediton Library

Belle Parade 772578

Crediton Museum

(Crediton Area Museum & Local
History Society) Old Town Hall, High St
773919 creditonhistory.org.uk

Lords Meadow Leisure Centre

Commercial Rd (01884) 234970

Post Office

7 Market St 0345 611 2970

HEALTH, SAFETY, ADVICE

Crediton Community Hospital

Western Rd 775588

Emergencies

Police, Ambulance, Fire emergencies
999

Police non-emergencies 101

dc.police.uk

Defibrillators Masonic Hall, Union Rd;
Leroy Funeral Directors, High St; Post
Office, Market St

NHS Doctors Surgery

Redlands Primary Care, Joseph
Locke Way 727111 (out-of-hours GP:
phone 111)

Pharmacies

Crediton Pharmacy, 19a High St
773030

Boots, 126 High St 772062
Tesco Wellparks 0117 240 3898
Threshers Pharmacy, 772841

Citizens Advice Bureau (CAB)
The Manse, Congregational Church
(CCC) 01237 879230

Crediton Foodbank
The Manse, Congregational Church
(CCC) 07740 202721
help@creditonfoodbank.org.uk

SOCIAL/CULTURAL ORGANISATIONS

Age Concern
Lady Mills Centre, Deep Lane
775008

Crediton Boniface Rotary Club 84242

Crediton & District Lions Club
0345 833 4962

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(supports environmental initiatives)
sustainablecrediton.org.uk
u3a (University of the 3rd Age)
u3asites.org.uk/crediton

SCHOOLS & DAY NURSERIES

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Lower School, Barnfield 773401
Upper School, Western Rd. 773401

Haywards Primary School
East St 772970

Landscape Primary School
Threshers 772018

Leapfrogs, East St 776474

Pippins, Market Square House, 772474

Sunflower, 82 High St 01392 777020

CHURCHES

Crediton Congregational Church
98 High St 772577

Crediton Methodist Church, Union Rd
777308

Holy Cross Parish Church, Church Lane
773226

St Boniface Roman Catholic Church,
Park Rd. (01392) 271191

TRANSPORT

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(5B), Chulmleigh (5C)
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Mid Devon Mobility (Ring & Ride, day
trips etc) 773303

CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE

Crediton Youth Club (CTC-run)
Old Landscape School, Greenway
crediton.gov.uk/Youth-Work

Crediton Youth Football Club
Lords Meadow playing fields
creditonyouthfc.co.uk

Crediton Youth Orchestra

Congregational Church
creditonyouthorchestra@gmail.com

Crediton Youth Theatre

Crediton Arts Centre
cyt@waxroom.co.uk

Friday Youth (CCC's youth club)

Congregational Church
cccyouth10@gmail.com

Holy Cross Junior Choir

Parish Church
creditonparishchurch.org.uk

Queens Badminton Club

QE gym, Western Rd
queensbc.co.uk

MISCELLANEOUS

Accommodation

Motovelo, 3 Union Rd 777299
Taw Vale, 2 Taw Vale Terrace 777879
Ship Hotel, 132 High St 894020

Allotments

Contact Town Council

Cashpoints

SPAR, Tesco Express, Lloyds Bank, Post Office, Tesco Wellparks, Morrison's, Exeter Road Garage

Crediton Town Team

(organizes town events, displays)
creditontownteam.org.uk

Newspaper

Crediton Country Courier
(published Thursday)
102 High St 774263
editor@creditoncourier.co.uk

Noticeboards (for events etc)

Sites include outside Adams homewares, Arts Centre, Library, Congregational Church, Elephant on the Green, Green Shop, Parish Church, Post Office, Refurnish, Town Council office, plus Morrison's, SPAR, Tesco

Royal Mail Sorting Office

(drop-off/collection point)
Hawkins Way 03457 740 740

Visitor information

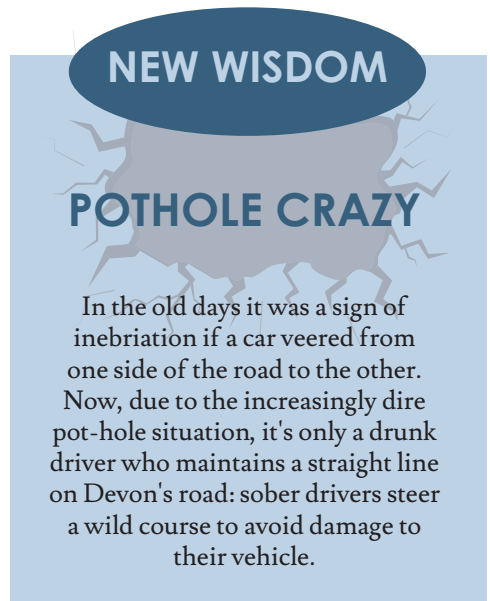
Helpful venues with local publications etc include Crediton Library, Crediton Museum, The Bookery

What's On Website

(Crediton Heart Project)
creditoninandaround.co.uk

Work Space

The Hub at The Bookery, 21 High St 774740



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CREDITON SPRING CALENDAR

Info for next issue required by 15th April (covering period c20 May to end of August)

EVENTS: CIVIC & COMMUNITY

Sat 24 Feb, 11am-2pm
Share Grow Eat
(Sustainable Crediton)
(Annual seed share & much more) Boniface Centre

Tues 19 March, 7pm
Full Council Meeting
(Crediton Town Council)
Old Landscore School
(live-streamed on council's Facebook page)

Date, time, venue tba
Annual Town Meeting
(organized by town council: statutory meeting for local people/organizations to discuss community issues)

1st & 3rd Saturdays
Farmers Market
9.30am-1 Town Square

Last Sat, 10am-12
Repair Café
(Sustainable Crediton)
Elephant on the Green

PERFORMANCES/ EXHIBITIONS/TALKS

Wed 21 Feb, 10am
The Battle of Britain outside London (u3a: talk by Brian Fernley)
Boniface Centre

Fri 23 Feb, 7pm
Magic Fire & Singing River (story-telling by Lisa Schneidau) Library

Fri 1 March, 7pm
Dartmoor's Daughter
(talk by Dartmoor tour guide Emma Cunis)
Library

Sat 2 March, 2pm
Framed (Paddleboat Theatre) Arts Centre

Sun 3 March, 2.30pm
An afternoon with Jim Causley (folk singer)
Library

Wed 6 March, 7pm
David Treadaway
(songs with guitar)
Elephant on the Green

15 March, 7pm
Meet the Museum Curator (Museum of Dartmoor Life) Library
15 March, 7.30pm

The Last Waltz
(film: The Band/Dylan concert) Arts Centre

22 March, 7pm
Using Crime in Fiction
(talk by author Tracey Norman) Library

23 March, 7.30pm
Daniel Kemish (singer of Americana) Arts Centre

29 March, 7pm
Meet the Museum Curator (Tony Gale/ Crediton Museum)
Library

Mon 8 - Sat 13 April, 7.30pm
The Wedding Singer
(CODS - musical) QE

Lower School

Fri 19 April, 7.30pm
Kathryn Roberts/Sean Lakeman (folk duo)
Parish Church

26 April 7.30pm
The Blackheart Orchestra
(2-person multi-instrumentalists)
Arts Centre

Sat 27 April, then Wed-Fri 10am-4pm, Sat 10am-1pm
Cures, Charms & Curses
(Crediton Area History & Museum Society, display of Mid Devon folklore)
Crediton Museum

Sat 27 April, 7.30pm
Mozart Requiem
(North Creedy Choral Society) Parish Church

REGULAR

ENTERTAINMENTS

1st Thurs, 6.30pm
Jazz on the Green
(jazz combo/Sri Lankan buffet: advance booking only) Arts Centre

1st Thurs 7.30pm
Open mic Three Little Pigs

3rd Thurs, 7.30pm
Moon Jazz Club
Three Little Pigs

1st & 3rd Fri, 7.30pm
Curious Cinema Club
Elephant on the Green

3rd Fri, 7pm
Open mic @100 Café

1st Sun, 6-9pm
Trev the Pianoman
Crediton Inn

2nd Sun, 7-10pm
Blues Jam Red Deer

Last Sun, 7-10pm
Great Crediton Jam Night
Red Deer

REGULAR SOCIAL EVENTS
Wed 10am-12

Causeway (Coffee & social, esp for those with learning disabilities, carers etc) CCC

Thurs 10-11.30am
Coffee & Company
(esp older residents) CCC

Sat 10am
Together4Coffee
Methodist Church

SPORTS FIXTURES
Crediton Rugby Club,
creditonrfc.rfu.club

Crediton United AFC
(football)
fulltime.thefa.com/

SUNDAY SERVICES
Holy Cross Parish Church
9.30am
Choral Evensong 1st Sun, 6pm

Congregational Church
(CCC) 10.30am

Methodist Church
10.30am

St Boniface R.C. Church
9.30am

SCHOOL DATES
Queen Elizabeth's Academy, Haywards Primary, Lanscore Primary Half term: Mon 12 - Fri 16 Feb; Last day

of Spring term: Thurs 28 March; Summer term starts: Mon 15 April

This is by no means a comprehensive listings service. Readers are recommended to sign up to mailing lists or social media pages for any/all of the above venues and/or organisations.

See also *Crediton Courier's* Kirton Raiser events diary, published Thurs weekly.

NB: booking may be required for some events – please check! Events include free or drop-in events as well as those with admission charge



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