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NEWSLETTER CREDITON, SPRING 2026



MESSAGE FROM YOUR COMMUNITY BUILDER

I was delighted to join Involve in November to become their Community Builder for Crediton. My background is in the Environment sector and I'm delighted to bring my skills to support the community work of Involve.

Since being in post I have been amazed at just how many different organisations there are in Crediton and I am busy making sure everyone knows about them. The newsletter provides an update on what I have been up to, and showcases some of the amazing groups and people that help our community thrive.

I would love to hear from you. Do you:

- Have an idea for our community
- Want to share what you care about
- Have a skill you want to share with your local community
- Need help with a local project
- Would like to receive our community newsletter
- Would like to share details of a group you run or support

Kath

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OUT AND ABOUT IN CREDITON

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CREDITON VINTAGE FARMERS

The vintage farmers group continue to meet once a month on the last Wednesday of each month. At the event shown we met Andrew Palmer from Exeter Univerisity who came to share more about NHS health research and how the farming community can get involved.



Richard and Neville from the FCN and Hazel Everly regularly attend and we would like to thank them for their continued fantastic support this past year.

The Group continues to be strong with over 90 members and regular monthly meet-ups at lovely local venues like Homeleigh, Bow Garden Centre, Mole Avon, Exe Valley Farm Shop and most recently the new cafe at Eakers DIY store.

"There's something special about being in a room full of others who've lived the same, the struggles, the pride of the work. We've all got plenty in common, and it doesn't take much for us to get chatting about what's happening in the farming world today, or reminiscing about how things used to be years ago. Those conversations mean more than most people realise."



CREDITON CANCER SUPPORT

The Cancer Support Group continues to grow. We meet on the first Wednesday of the month at Homeleigh Garden Centre at 11am. Anyone with a cancer diagnosis or is supporting family or friends with cancer can attend.

This is a friendly and supportive group which is open to anyone affected by cancer - do get in touch if you would like to attend our peer to peer support coffee mornings or planned activities.

"The group means everything to me. Being diagnosed with breast cancer out of the blue has felt really shocking and knowing there are others in the group who have been through the surgery and radiotherapy and hormone therapy is so helpful. We meet monthly and have an active WhatsApp group so there is always someone available at the click of a button if anyone needs support or help."

HAVE-A-GO WRITING GROUP



The Have a Go Writing Group is a friendly, welcoming space where people of all abilities come together to share their love of words. There's encouragement, laughter, and plenty of creativity.

Whether you're polishing a novel, jotting down poems, or simply trying your hand at writing for the first time, this group offers a supportive atmosphere to explore ideas, swap feedback, and build confidence.

It's all about having a go, enjoying the process, and discovering the joy of storytelling together.
This group is really keen to have new members.

Contact Kath to find out the next date if you'd like to join.



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COMMUNITY COOKERY HUB



We are proud to be one of five groups in Devon awarded funding to set up a Community Cookery Hub which we launched in September. Sor far we have run cookery sessions with 4 different groups. Since our last newsletter we have worked with adults and another group with families from Haywards school, all learning new skills in the kitchen. This coming term is the turn of Landscore school families. We are really looking forward to the final sessions of the academic year.

The project supports the development of practical skills, brings people together, and feeds into county-wide learning.



There is always a lot going on behind the scenes to get the cookery sessions ready for the students. We cooked chicken curry, lasagne, pizza with garlic bread and cottage pie with the adult group. And cooked chicken curry, lasagne, pizza with garlic bread and chicken goujons with families from Haywards.

We are also lucky to continue working with Queen Elizabeth's School, Crediton Lion's club, the Amber Foundation, Crediton Food Bank and Haywards school to make these sessions happen.

Thanks to a generous donation from Crediton Lion's Club, we were able to gift each participant with a lidded oven dish and pizza tray for them to carry on with their new found skills at home.

We received some amazing feedback and we were so proud of everyone who took part.

WITH SPECIAL THANKS TO

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CREDITON LION'S CLUB

DEVON COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

AMBER FOUNDATION & CREDITON FOOD BANK

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LISTENING EVENTS



"I thoroughly enjoyed my most recent Listening Events in January and April. I was able to listen and chat with 9 locals at Redlands Primary care and 6 people at Crediton Food Bank Cafe.

This month people were interested in things they can do for free so I have included some things to do for free in Crediton during May and June" - Kath, *Crediton Community Builder*

LISTENING EVENTS COMING UP

Your voice matters!
Join us at these friendly drop-in sessions to share:
What you'd love to see in your community
Ideas for activities, spaces, or events
What's most important for making Crediton a great place to live
The next listening event is on Friday 12 June 2026 from 10am-12pm at Crediton Food Bank Cafe

WHERE TO FIND UPDATES ABOUT OUR LISTENING EVENTS

We advertise our regular listening event dates on our Facebook page (Crediton Community Builder), on posters around Crediton, GP surgery screens and in our quarterly newsletters. You can also contact Kath to find out the next dates

Contact details:
Kath - 07902 744 811

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WHAT THE COMMUNITY IS SAYING

Every month, we ask a question on social media to spark conversation, gather ideas, and make sure lots of different voices are heard. This helps us really understand what matters most to the community. As the project moves forward, we'll show how your feedback shapes what we do next.

I am really keen to listen to your ideas on Volunteering opportunities, the local community and the types of community groups and organisations you would like to see in Crediton. Come and talk to us - every great adventure starts with the first step.

https://www.facebook.com/creditoncommunitybuilder



VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES

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LIONS, CREDITON



Lions are ordinary people who do extraordinary things to help others and support good causes throughout the British Isles. Globally they have more volunteers in more places than any other service club organisation, and love to step forward to volunteer, help other and make things happen.

E: bronwyn.nott68@gmail.com
W: https://e-clubhouse.org/sites/creditondistrict/

CREDITON HEART PROJECT

The Crediton Heart Project, an independent charity run entirely by volunteers, is dedicated to keeping creativity, connection, and community at the centre of local life.
At the core of their work is www.creditonheartproject.org, a vibrant online hub designed to support local people, promote events, and showcase the many wonderful activities and initiatives happening across the area.

AGE CONCERN, CREDITON

To become a volunteer for Age Concern Crediton, contact them directly by phone at 01363 775008 or email at melissa.gulley@ageconcerncrediton.co.uk to discuss opportunities, which can include befriending, driving, or assisting at fundraising events. No special skills are needed for many roles, just a friendly and willing attitude, and the charity offers support and training.

SUSTAINABLE CREDITON

Their mission is to help people in Crediton and the local area to lead more sustainable lifestyles and work towards a carbon neutral future. They have various groups that are volunteer led, these include the Repair Café, Woodland Management Group, Tree Team, Pollinator Group, Community Fridge, a book group and more.

Sign up to their newsletter to see what you can get involved with.
https://sustainablecrediton.org.uk/

VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES

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CREDITON LIBRARY

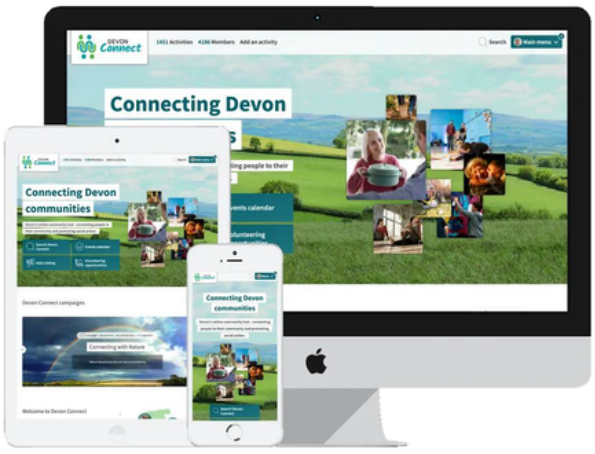
Are you looking for a new interest and want to support your local library? The Friends of Crediton Library are a group of volunteers who organise events to support Crediton Library. For more information please send an email to creditonfriendssec@gmail.com or call in at the library and leave your details.

CREDITON HISTORY

Crediton Museum is run entirely by volunteers, and more are always needed. Some of our members just come along to talks and exhibitions that they're interested in; some get involved in specific tasks and projects; and some become very involved in their work. You can do as much or as little as suits you. You don't have to be a local - lots of their volunteers have come to live here more recently and have become interested in the history of the area. The main activities are: stewarding, archiving, fund raising and more!
Email info@creditonhistory.org.uk

CREDITON FOODBANK

Crediton Foodbank currently have around 25 volunteers who carry out a range of roles, such as: picking up donations from supermarket collection bins and delivering to the Food Bank, packing food parcels for clients, dating, sorting and stacking food to ensure good stock rotation and that food does not get wasted by going out of date and lots more!
Email: help@creditonfoodbank.org.uk.



DEVON CONNECT

Devon Connect is an online platform for communities across Devon. Members can use it to find or add events, services and volunteering opportunities.

There are over 5,000 members signed up on the platform so it is a great place to advertise any volunteering opportunities in the area.

https://devonconnect.org/

COMING SOON....

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CANCER SUPPORT GROUP COFFEE MORNING

Homeleigh Garden Centre, 3 June, 11.00-12.30pm.

Join us for coffee and chat at Homeleigh Garden Centre Cafe on Wednesday 3 June. It's a warm, welcoming space and we'd be delighted to meet you.



VINTAGE FARMERS

Our next vintage farmers events is:

- Eakers Cafe, 27th May, 10.00-11.30am



MID WEEK BIKE RIDES

Wednesday's in May and June at 2pm weekly mid week rides for beginners or people returning to social riding. Meet at Crediton Square.

Contact Kath for further details on 07902744811



ANDYS MAN CLUB

Andys Man Club Crediton will be based at The Bookery and we are hoping to get the group open in the summer

Contact Steve Doyle for further details on 07483364470
https://andysmanclub.co.uk



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FAMILY FUN DAY







HAVE A GO CYCLING

Free cycling opprtunity every Wednesday afternoon throughout May & June

Meet at Crediton Square at 2pm

For more details of how to book your place please contact kath on creditoncb@Involve-middevon.org.uk

or Book through the Let's ride Website: https://www.letsride.co.uk/dashboard/rides/have-a-go-cycling-wednesday-afternoon-2

OUT AND ABOUT IN CREDITON

The Big Boniface Bash 2026

A day to celebrate Crediton

Featuring music from

Maz McNamara | Benjamin Akira Tallamy
Ethereal | The Crediton Strummers
Crediton Samba Band | The Turning Tides Project
Crediton Town Band | Haywards Primary School
East Devon Rock Choir and more...

Silent Disco*

Master of Ceremonies Jonty Depp

The Folklore Archive and Library present
The Running of the Black Dog Ceremony and Parade
Isabella's Story Bicycle

Food and Drink, Traders, Arts and Crafts, Printmaking Workshops, Local Charities, Crediton Youth Service, Well Dressing, Historical Reenactment and MORE

Newcombes Meadow Park
Saturday 6 June from 12pm
FREE

CREDITON TOWN COUNCIL

*Silent Disco is ticketed

REGULAR THINGS TO DO IN CREDITON

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CREDITON MUSEUM

Crediton Museum, operated by the Crediton Area History and Museum Society, showcases the history of Crediton and surrounding villages, offering exhibitions, research facilities, and community events from Easter to October.

Visiting Information

- ⏰ Opening Hours (Easter to October):
  - Wednesday: 10:00 – 16:00
  - Thursday to Saturday: 10:00 – 13:00
  - Sunday to Tuesday: Closed

CREDITON FARMERS MARKET

On the first and third Saturdays of every month – Crediton Farmers' Market is a lively, bustling community hub, linking the rural and urban environments and enabling each to better understand the other. Come along and wander among the wide choice of stalls and sample our produce before buying. With such a variety, there is bound to be something for everyone! Meet up with your friends and have a natter in the seating area over breakfast, brunch, lunch or just coffee.

CREDITON TOWN BAND



Sat 16 May	2.30pm	Afternoon Spring Concert with 'Ad Hoc Singers'	Holy Cross Parish Church, Crediton
Sun 24 May	mid pm	Christians Together in Crediton picnic	Bandstand, Newcombes Meadow, Crediton
Sat 27 June	2:00pm	Coldridge Fete and Vintage Rally	Coldridge Village Hall
Sun 26 July	TBC	Pub Garden on the Moor	Old Inn, Widecombe in the Moor

CREDITON BABY AND PARENTS GROUP

A weekly baby group run BY Local Parents, FOR Local Parents. At Crediton Methodist Church, Tuesday 12-2pm - all weeks including school holidays. Friendly and free to attend! Bottle and combi-feeding and qualified breastfeeding support available.

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to find out more about what is coming up in your community please follow us on Facebook:

@TOWNcommunitybuilder

WHAT'S ON IN CREDITON
GROUPS FOR ADULTS

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U3A

University of the Third Age (U3A) run a wide range of groups and activities as well as general interest monthly meetings usually on the third Wednesday of the month , at the Boniface Centre in Crediton Starting at 10.00AM

W: crediton.u3asite.uk/

Crediton Bowling Club

A friendly club of over 100 members. The Club is situated on Newcombes Meadow within the Park, a very short walk from Union Road, the main street in Crediton.
Caters for all levels of player from beginner to experienced and a wide range of ages

W: www.creditonbowlingclub.org.uk
T: 07792 139333

Mid Devon Good Afternoon Choir



Meets every Monday from 1.00-3.00pm at Crediton Congregational Church, 98 High Street, Crediton EX17 3LF
Everyone welcome.

W: www.goodafternoonchoir.org/mid-devon-gac.html
T:01761 472468
E: gac@grenvillemusic.co.uk

Sandford Sings



A community choir which meets every Wednesday 19.30-21.15 at The Parish Hall, Fanny's Lane, Sandford EX17 4NA
W: www.naturalvoice.net/choir/sandford-sings/
T: 07849067724
E: ceanstee@hotmail.com

Crediton Garden Club



A group of gardening enthusiasts whos organise monthly horticultural talks at Crediton Library on the fourth Tuesday of the month for a talk at 7pm. Refreshments beforehand.

Crediton Library, Belle Parade, EX17 2AA

WHAT'S ON IN CREDITON
SUPPORT GROUPS FOR ADULTS

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Age Concern Crediton & District

Supporting and improving the quality of life for people in the 50+ age group living in Crediton and its surrounding villages - enabling independent living.
Our Community club is currently operating on Monday's, Wednesday's Thursday's and Friday's.
T: 01363 775008
W: www.ageconcerncrediton.co.uk/
E: info@ageconcerncrediton.co.uk

THE FILO PROJECT

The Filo Project is an award-winning, not-for-profit organisation that supports people living with early to moderate dementia, as well as their families and carers, across Devon and beyond.
The organisation is built on values such as empowerment, equality, reliability, sharing, and joy, aiming to reduce isolation and support both individuals and their families through consistent, relationship-centred care.
Info@thefiloproject.co.uk
T: 0333 939 8225

The Turning Tides Project

The Turning Tides Project is a Community Interest Company based in Crediton, Devon, that works to provide equal access to music, the arts, and life for people with learning disabilities or autism labels.
They provide a range of services and activities.

W: www.turningtidescic.org.uk/

Crediton Foodbank run by CHAT

Offers not only nourishing food parcels but also comprehensive assistance and guidance. We aim to provide practical help with dignity, while also advocating for justice locally and nationally.

T:07740202721 E: help@creditonfoodbank.org.uk
W: creditonfoodbank.org.uk/food-parcels/