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NEWSLETTER CREDITON, WINTER 2025



MESSAGE FROM YOUR COMMUNITY BUILDER

I was delighted to join Involve in May and become their Community Builder for Crediton. My background is in nursing and fitness and I have been in Devon since 1985 so a while now!

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 and 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

Emma

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INTRODUCING KATH - CREDITON COMMUNITY BUILDER JOB SHARE WITH EMMA



I'm delighted to be one of Crediton's community builders with Involve. I support existing groups and help set up new groups to bring people together to strengthen our community. I am also a British Cycling ride leader and hope to create new, fun mid week rides specifically for beginners or those who want to return to cycling.

I have lived in Crediton since 1998. I am delighted to join the team at Involve after a 30 year career in the environmental sector. My goal is simple: to combine my love for people and the environment to ensure Crediton remains a fantastic place to live.

I started working for Involve on 3rd November, so everything is still all very new. My first week was full of learning and introductions and I have, of course, been working very closely with Emma to start getting involved in some of the activities she has been working on.

I have been learning about Involve, the 'Communities that can' project and all the great work that has happened so far as well as future plans for the project. I had the pleasure of meeting the lovely group at the cancer support coffee morning, who gave me such a warm welcome. It was great to meet them again on 20th November at the pottery painting and lunch event sponsored by Macmillan.



Kath

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OUT AND ABOUT IN CREDITON

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CREDITON VINTAGE FARMERS

It was a real pleasure to join Involve formally on 1st May but I was lucky enough to join Tamlyn and 65 fabulous Vintage Farmers at their first anniversary meal at the Waie Inn, Zeal Monochorum on 30th April.

Richard and Stephen from the FCN and Hazel Evely attended and we thanked them for their fantastic support this past year. Tamlyn, Richard, Stephen and members also spoke on BBC Radio 4's Farming Today about rural isolation.

The Group is going strong with over 90 members and regular monthly meet-ups at lovely local venues like Homeleigh, Bow Garden Centre, Mole Avon, and Exe Valley Farm Shop.

"Farming can be a lonely job and when you retire it can just get more lonely. It's great to see old friends and meet new ones. I'm so grateful for this group"





CREDITON CANCER SUPPORT

The Cancer Support Group continues to grow. Alongside our monthly coffee mornings at Homeleigh Garden Centre, we're excited to launch a new coffee morning at Bow Garden Centre, helping us reach more rural communities.

Supported by a grant from Macmillan, we have run a six-week Pilates course and have a series of creative workshops and gentle Yoga sessions booked over the next couple of months - see Dates for the Diary.

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.

"I come in feeling miserable and leave feeling so much better"

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.

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





CANCER SUPPORT - POTTERY PAINTING

The pottery painting group was help at Paint Pots of Devon and an opportunity to ignite everyone's creativity and to provide a space where individuals can get together, make friends and have fun.

The activity proved popular with 10 attendees, 2 of which were new. and feedback was very positive;

It's great to have time to be creative with friends!

I just loved being immersed in painting. Everyone just understands - sometimes I want to talk about having cancer and all that it entails and more often I want to talk about anything but!

OUT AND ABOUT IN CREDITON

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ECOTHREADS AND PRE-LOVED PROM

Ecothreads has been an incredible initiative to be part of, especially working alongside creative and motivated students in Years 13 and 10. Collaborating with these inspiring young people has been a real highlight. The project is making a meaningful impact by promoting sustainability, improving access, and helping with the cost of living.

IMPACT SNAPSHOT

400+
Items of schoolwear donated

£3,500
Saved by the community

16
Pre loved prom outfits rented





COMMUNITY ALCOHOL PARTNERSHIP

We're working with a range of local partners through CAP (Community Alcohol Partnership), which aims to reduce alcohol harm among young people, with a focus on preventing underage drinking. Our partners include Mid Devon Police, Crediton Town Council, QE School, Mid Devon District Council, and businesses across the town.

This kind of collaborative work is at the heart of what we do. It strengthens our efforts and helps achieve the best outcomes for the community. Next stage is the survey with QE students.

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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.

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

There was lots going on behind the scenes to get the project and we have now launched with our first group - Crediton Youth. We had a fabulous 4 sessions where we cooked chicken curry, lasagne, pizza and garlic bread and our final session was a delicious chicken and vegetable pie.
We were lucky to work with some other fantastic groups to make these sessions happen - Queen Elizabeth's School, and Crediton Lion's club.

Thanks to a generous donation from Crediton Lion's Club, we were able to gift each participant with a lidded oven dish 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. We are extremely excited to start our next sessions with a new group... watch this space.





WITH SPECIAL THANKS TO

QE SCHOOL

CREDITON LION'S CLUB

CREDITON TOWN COUNCIL

CREDITON YOUTH

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LISTENING EVENTS

"I thoroughly enjoyed my most recent Listening Event in October. I was able to listen and chat with 18 locals at Redlands Primary care." - *Emma, 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 Wednesday 21st January 2026 from 10am-12pm.

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 Emma or Kath to find out the next dates

Contact details:
Emma - 07719 072 940
Kath - 07902 744 811

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COMMUNITY
LISTENING EVENT



Hi,
We're Kath and Emma your Community Builders for Crediton.

We help connect people, grow ideas, and support wellbeing so our community can thrive. Now we'd love to hear your ideas.

Your voice matters

Join us at this friendly drop-in 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

We'd love you to attend our next Listening Event!
Redlands Primary Care, Crediton
Wednesday 21st January
10.00am - 12.00pm

Contact Emma:
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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/

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CREDITON LIBRARY

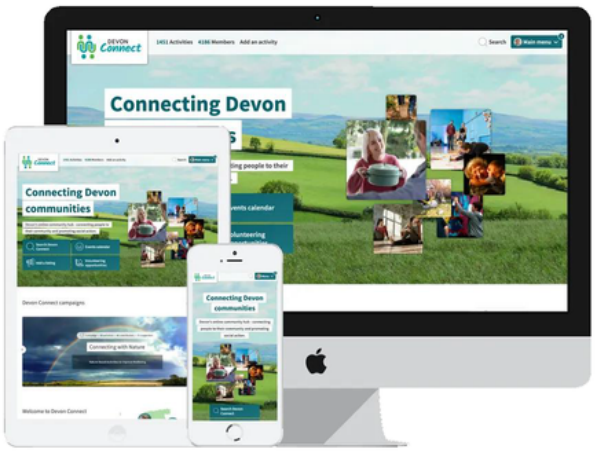
Are you looking for a new interest and want to support your local library? The Friends of Crediton Library are a group of volunteers who organise events to support Crediton Library. For more information please send an email to creditonfriendssec@gmail.com or call in at the library and leave your details.

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/

DATES FOR THE DIARY

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CANCER SUPPORT GROUP COFFEE MORNING

The Bow Garden Centre, 11th December, 11.00-12.30pm.



Join us for a hot drink and a biscuit at The Bow Garden Centre Cafe on Thursday 11th December. Just look out for the red tablecloth! It's a warm, welcoming space and we'd be delighted to meet you.

'HAVE-A-GO' WRITING GROUP

Crediton Library, 11th December, 10.30-11.30am.



After a successful first meet, the Have-a-Go writing group welcomed two new members and looks forward to welcoming many more!

VINTAGE FARMERS

Our next vintage farmers events are:

- Homeleigh Garden Centre Cafe, 17th December, 10.00-11.30am
- Homeleigh Garden Centre Cafe, 28th January, 10.00-11.30am
- Thorverton Farm Shop Cafe, 14th January, 10.00-11.30am





KEEP UPDATED ON ALL THE LATEST NEWS AND EVENTS

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

@creditoncommunitybuilder

WHAT'S ON IN CREDITON
CHILDREN AND TEENS

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Crediton Youth Club
Old Landscore School, Greenway, Crediton, EX17 3LP

Wednesday
School Years 6, 7 & 8 -3.30pm – 5.45pm
School Years 9+ -6.30pm – 8.30pm
Thursday
School Years 7, 8 & 9 -3.30pm – 5.45pm

E: communityyouthworker@crediton.gov.uk
W: crediton.gov.uk/Youth-work T: 01363 773717

Big Top - Chill & Chat
Crediton Methodist Church, Union Road,
Crediton, EX17 3AW



Monday
Age 11 + - 3.30pm - 5.00pm

E: minister@creditonmethodist.org.uk
W: creditonmethodist.org.uk

CCC Youth
Crediton Congregational Church, 98 High Street,
Crediton, EX17 3LF

Friday
School years 7 -13 - 7.00pm - 8.30pm

E: cccyouth10@gmail.com
W: creditoncongregational.org T: 01363 772577

Devon Young Farmers
Newton St Cyres Village Hall

Every other Tuesday
Age 10-28

E: admin@devonyfc.co.uk
W:www.devonyfc.co.uk/

Crediton Scouts & Girlguides

Crediton Scouts
Age 6-14
Beavers (age 6-8) or Cubs
(age 8-10) Scouts (age 10-14)

1stCreditonScoutsWaitingList
@gmail.com

Crediton Girlguides
Rainbows, Brownies, Guides
and Rangers + volunteer
opportunities for adults.
Age 4-19

creditondistrictcommissioner
@gmail.com

WHAT'S ON IN CREDITON
BABY AND TODDLER

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MOO Music, Crediton
Various venues in Crediton

Interactive music sessions for babies and toddlers

T: 07834 035599
W: https://moo-music.co.uk/areas/crediton/

BAPS Crediton - Baby and Parent Support
Crediton Methodist Church

Tuesdays 12.00-2.00pm
W: www.happity.co.uk/crediton-baps-baby-and-parent-support

Jam Babies
The Bookery, 21 High Street, Tiverton

This free drop-in group for carers with their pre-school children offers fun musical activities and creative play for the 0 – 4 yrs age range. 10 a.m. – 11 a.m. at The Bookery every Thursday morning. No booking needed.

The Fish Tank
Crediton Congregation Church

For pre-school children
Tuesdays, 10.00am - 12.00
Lots of singing, craft, free play and fun for pre-schoolers (plus coffee and cake for the adults).

WHAT'S ON IN CREDITON
SPORTS CLUBS

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Crediton Youth Football Club
Commercial Rd, Lords Meadow Industrial Est,
Crediton EX17 1ER

Various throughout the season – including training, matches and tournaments. boys and girls from U7's to U18's.

E: treasurer@creditonyouthfc.co.uk
W: Creditonyouthfc.co.uk T: 07843 099124

Crediton Rugby Club
Crediton R.F.C. Blagdon, Exhibition Road, EX17 1BY

Various throughout the season – including training, matches & tournaments. The Junior Section provides rugby opportunities for boys & girls from U9s through to U16s.

E: juniorvicechair@creditonrfc.co.uk T: 01363 772784
W: creditonrfc.rfu.club

Army Cadets
CREDITON DET - C/o Fire Station, Charlotte Street,
Crediton, EX17 3BG

Monday, Thursday: 7.00pm-9.30pm
Age 12-18

W: https://armycadets.com/find-a-detachment/

Lord Meadow Leisure Centre
Commercial Rd, Lords Meadow Industrial Est,
Crediton EX17 1ER

A fantastic facility, with 2 pools, astro pitch, tennis courts & a well equipped gym offering supervised teen sessions. The centre also partners with providers offering a range of activities including taekwondo, fencing, ballet and gymnastic classes.

W: middevonleisure.com T: 01884 234920

Kyrton Archers
QE Lower School, Barnfield, Crediton, EX17 3HX

Offers beginners courses and competitions
Age 10-18

W: https://kyrton-archers.co.uk/