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NEWSLETTER CREDITON, SUMMER 2026



MESSAGE FROM YOUR COMMUNITY BUILDER

It has been a busy and rewarding time for our community activities in Crediton. I've been delighted to see so many people getting involved, whether through our long-established groups such as Vintage Farmers and the Cancer Support Group, or by trying something new through our cycling and neurodiversity groups. It's also been fantastic to work alongside local organisations to bring information, support and wellbeing opportunities to residents through events and partnership projects. As always, I'm grateful to everyone who contributes their time, energy and enthusiasm to help make Crediton such a connected, supportive and caring community.

I would love to hear from you. Do you:

- Have an idea for our community
- 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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MEET YOUR COMMUNITY BUILDER

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INTRODUCING EMMA - CREDITON'S RURAL COMMUNITY BUILDER



My name is Emma. Devon is my home. I was brought up in South Devon, lived in North Devon and am now settled in Crediton. My background lies in community midwifery, public health and community horticulture. Mid Devon is a special place; the rolling hills and farming rhythms around us are a constant reminder that our deepest connections are rooted in interdependence, friendships and community.

As rural community builder, I'm looking forward to meeting and connecting people and groups across the community, to establish shared interests, meaningful purpose and building the confidence that no one has to do things alone. Together, almost anything is possible. Looking forward to meeting you soon.

Emma



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OUT AND ABOUT IN CREDITON

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CREDITON VINTAGE FARMERS

Our Vintage Farmers Group continues to go from strength to strength, meeting on the last Wednesday of each month at venues across the Crediton area. In June, we enjoyed a fabulous lunch at the Devonshire Dumpling, where over 40 members came together for good food, friendship and plenty of laughter.



Richard Sampson of the Farming Community Network (FCN), entertained us with some amusing stories he has collected over the years. We'd also like to extend a huge thank you to the team at the Devonshire Dumpling for looking after us so well, especially during the warm weather.

The group now has more than 80 members and continues to provide a valuable opportunity for retired and semi-retired farmers to stay connected and enjoy regular social occasions. Recent gatherings have been held at Homeleigh Garden Centre, Bow Garden Centre, Mole Avon, Exe Valley Farm Shop and, most recently, the new café at Eakers DIY.

If you are a retired or semi-retired farmer, or know someone who would enjoy coming along, we would love to hear from you. New members are always very welcome.



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.

"What makes the group so special is the kindness and understanding everyone shows each other. It's a safe place to talk, listen and laugh together, and that support extends far beyond our monthly meetings."

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HAVE-A-GO WRITING GROUP



Our Have a Go Writing Group is looking to welcome some new faces as we relaunch and refresh the group.

Whether you're an experienced writer, a keen reader with stories to tell, or someone who has always fancied putting pen to paper, we'd love to hear from you.

The group offers a relaxed and supportive space to explore creative writing, share ideas and gain inspiration from others. There's no pressure to be an expert—just a willingness to have a go. From short stories and memoirs to poetry and personal reflections, all styles and levels of experience are welcome.

Writing can be a wonderful way to connect with others, spark creativity and build confidence. If you'd like to join us and help breathe new life into the group, please contact Kath for details of the next meeting. We look forward to welcoming you..

HAVE-A-GO CYCLING GROUP



Our Mid-Week Cycling Group is continuing to grow, with more people joining us each week to rediscover the joys of cycling.

The group is made up of a lovely mix of people, many of whom are returning to cycling after a break and enjoying the chance to build confidence, improve fitness and explore the local area at a relaxed pace.

With the recent spell of warm weather and beautiful summer evenings, we've enjoyed some fantastic rides and plenty of good conversation along the way. The emphasis is very much on enjoyment, friendship and getting out in the fresh air rather than speed or distance.

We meet every Wednesday at 6.30pm in Crediton Town Square, and new cyclists are always welcome. Whether you're a regular rider or haven't been on a bike for years, why not come along and give it a try? We'd love to see you there. As numbers are limited please book at https://www.letsride.co.uk

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COMMUNITY DAY SUCCESS

Involve was delighted to be part of a hugely successful Community Day in Crediton on Sunday 12th July, delivered in partnership with Active Crediton. The event brought together residents of all ages for a vibrant day focused on health, wellbeing and community connection.



Held at the Active Crediton centre in Lords Meadow Industrial Estate, the day was packed with activity from start to finish. From fitness classes and swimming sessions to social pickleball and CPR training, there was something for everyone to get involved in. Alongside the physical activities, attendees were able to access free health checks throughout the day, helping to promote awareness and encourage positive steps towards better health.



A real highlight of the event was the fantastic range of community stalls, with 16 local organisations in attendance. Groups including CHAT, Andy's Man Club, Unite Carers, Mid Devon Housing and Crediton Lions were on hand to share information, offer support and connect with residents. It was brilliant to see so many people engaging with the support available in their local area.

The turnout was incredible and created a real sense of energy and togetherness. The day was not only a celebration of physical wellbeing, but also of the wider support networks that help our communities thrive, from mental health and social connection to housing and financial advice.

A HUGE THANK YOU TO ACTIVE CREDITON FOR HOSTING SUCH A FANTASTIC EVENT WE LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING TOGETHER AGAIN TO HOST MORE EVENTS LIKE THIS IN THE FUTURE.

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LISTENING EVENTS



"I thoroughly enjoyed my most recent Listening Events in at the Friday Cafe at the Congregational Church and also enjoyed a knit and natter at the library with the Knitting Group.

"Recently people have told me they were interested in revitalising the writing group, building a support network for people thinking about requesting a neurodiversity assessment or waiting for one"
Kath, *Crediton Community Builder*

LISTENING EVENTS COMING UP

Your voice matters!
We're keen to hear more from people living in our rural villages and hamlets about what matters most to them. What services, activities or support do you feel are missing in your community? Are there opportunities you'd like to see for local people to connect, learn new skills or improve wellbeing?

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/

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CREDITON LIBRARY

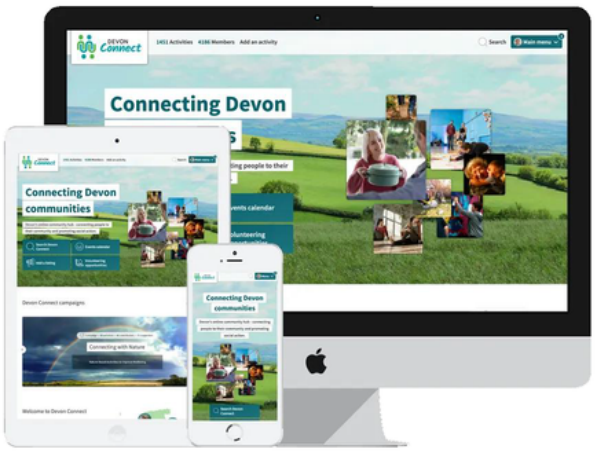
Are you looking for a new interest and want to support your local library? The Friends of Crediton Library are a group of volunteers who organise events to support Crediton Library. For more information please send an email to creditonfriendssec@gmail.com or call in at the library and leave your details.

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, Wednesday 5th August, 11.00-12.30pm.



Join us for coffee and chat at Homeleigh Garden Centre Cafe on Wednesday 5th August. It's a warm, welcoming space and we'd be delighted to meet you.

VINTAGE FARMERS



Our next vintage farmers events is:
Eakers Cafe, 29 July, 10.00-11.30am
Location TBC 26th August 10.00-11.30

MID WEEK BIKE RIDES



Wednesday evenings throughout the summer. Rides for beginners or people returning to social riding. Meet at Crediton Square at 6.30pm in Crediton Town 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 August

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

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

SUMMER ATS FESTIVAL



CREDITON'S YOUTH SERVICE - FREE DRUMMING WORKSHOP



Folklore Fridays

A free monthly folklore & heritage event

FAIRY FOLKLORE



Social meeting and presentation with items from the Folklore Library collections

Friday 31 July, 7pm

Clover's Café, 100 High Street, Crediton

FREE ENTRY – please book a place in advance if possible

Book online at bit.ly/flaevents, in person at Crediton Library or by email to folklorelibrary@gmail.com

The Folklore Library & Archive is a registered charity, no 1203418



The Summer Book Quest is a special reading adventure that encourages children to track their reading and participate in activities around the quest's special theme; this year it's transport, all the creative ways our favourite characters travel and imaginative ways we can too! Children can log activities and reading, share their accomplishments with library staff to earn stickers, and, when they complete the quest, receive a special prize!

Crediton Library

Belle Parade, Crediton
Devon EX17 2AA
01363 772578
crediton.library@librariesu...



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
CREATIVE GROUPS

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Crediton Youth Theatre
Crediton Arts Centre, East Street, Crediton, EX17 3AX



Every Tuesday during term time
5.30 - 7.00pm 11-18 years

T:01363 773337
E: cyt@waxroom.co.uk
W: credyt.co.uk

Significant Seams

Creative workshops, artwork with communities, for adults and children. Run a wide range of holiday activities for 11-16 year olds, including art workshops, outdoor learning, drama and music making.

E: admin@significantseams.org.uk
W: https://significantseams.org.uk/

Crediton Parish Choir



Every Tuesday Junior Rehearsal begins at 5.45pm followed by Junior Choir Social Club at 7.00pm – 8.00pm
Every Friday Junior Rehearsal begins at 6.00pm – 7.00pm followed by a full choir rehearsal until 8.45pm

E: creditondirectorofmusic@gmail.com
W: www.creditonparishchurch.org.uk/about-2/music/choir/

Crediton Youth Orchestra
Crediton Congregational Church



Welcomes children age 8 - 18
Any instrument, any standard (beginner to grade 8)
Wednesdays 4.15pm

E: creditonyouthorchestra@gmail.com
W: https://www.creditonyouthorchestra.co.uk/

The White Room Creative Space
50 Commonmarsh Lane, Crediton EX17 1DN

Exhibitions and community events.

E: info@whiteroomdevon.co.uk
W: https://www.whiteroomdevon.co.uk/

Home Start - Exeter and Mid Devon

Parent-to-parent support service.

T: 01395 542298 E: office@homestarteemd.org.uk
W: https://homestarteemd.org.uk/

Action for Children

The Mid Devon Family Hub provides help and services to families with children 8 and under.
The nearest family hub is in Tiverton.

E: devonfamilyhubs@actionforchildren.org.uk