

CREDITON TOWN TEAM

Report to the Town Council for the Annual Town Meeting 27 March 2019

Crediton Town Team has continued to work to improve the vibrancy of the town.

The Team members are:

- Rosemary Stephenson (Chair)
- Kate Lock (Vice-Chair)
- Martin Ashley (Treasurer)
- Rod Brookes-Hocking (Secretary)
- Jo Ward
- Rachel Vowles
- Lorraine Harris
- Paul Tucker (non-voting)

Our Projects

Crediton Festival 2019: We are busy preparing for our 4th CredFest, which will run from 2 to 23 June, showcasing numerous community groups. Highlights will include a free open air cinema in Newcombes Meadow, an Art Trail in the shops displaying the work of more than 40 local artists and a new musical by CODS in the Parish Church. The Festival will open with a huge Picnic in the Park and end with a Party in the Square.

Boniface Panels: We've been awarded £16,000 from the LEADER Fund, enabling us to install a magnificent heritage trail, with 8 panels across the town depicting the life of Boniface. Each panel, made of reinforced glass, will depict a scene from his life. We hope to have these ready to mark Boniface Day on 5 June 2020.

High Street Flags: This popular project has become an intrinsic part of summer in Crediton. This is our 7th year and we will be running community workshops throughout May to repair some of the older flags and make new ones to add to our collection.

WellBeing Crediton: In partnership with Involve MidDevon, we have attracted significant funds to set up two pilot social prescribing schemes in the town, one for over 50s and one for over 18s. These involve employing Community Connectors to work with the socially isolated to find activities and support to improve their wellbeing.

The Community Hub: This ambitious, long term plan to build a facility for Arts, Community and Enterprise in the town has made significant progress in the last year. An independent not-for-profit organisation, with 9 trustees, has been set up to lead this work. Called 'The Heart Project' with the strapline '*Keeping the Heart in Crediton*', they will be running a major public consultation campaign this summer to find out what the people of Crediton want.



Active Mums Crediton: We've continued to support this group who organise weekly bike rides for mums with their babies and toddlers. The Town Team have raised enough funds to buy bikes and trailers, as well as pay for a ride leader. We are hugely grateful to Create Storage for providing a home for their equipment free of charge. After a break for the winter, rides are due to resume soon.

Get Out: What's On EX17: A monthly listings of all the arts, music and drama happening in the Crediton area, a project initiated in and run by Andrew Vaccari and subsidised by the Town Team. For the last year Get Out has had a monthly page in the Crediton Courier, enabling it to reach many more people.