

Crewkerne Town Council

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LIGHTING UP

Friday 30th November
6 pm – 8 pm

Organised by the Crewkerne Christmas Committee

The nights are drawing in and Santa's beard is growing. It can only mean one thing: Christmas is just around the corner. The Crewkerne Christmas Committee have been as busy as Santa's elves, organising Lighting Up night. Put the date in your diary: Friday 30th November.

The popular craft fair will be upstairs in the Victoria Hall from 5.30 pm. There will be charity stalls in Falkland Square and food and drink around the town, including a hog roast, mulled wine, bacon butties and mince pies. All the usual entertainment will be available: Phoenix Brass Band will play, music will be provided by Steve Carpenter in Market Square, where there will also be Christmas carols with CUDOS, just before the lights are switched on.

Santa will travel down Market Street and will arrive at the Town Hall in time to help the Mayor switch the lights on at 7 pm. Santa will then make his way to the grotto in the Town Hall to hear the children's Christmas wishes.

As always, many businesses in the town support this event and the Christmas Committee would like to say thank you to Humphries Kirk for allowing the use of their electricity to light up the town over the Christmas period.

LANTERN WORKSHOP & PARADE

Saturday 24 November
Victoria Hall, Market Square
10 am – 5 pm

For the first time this year, the Christmas Committee are pleased to bring a lantern parade to Crewkerne. There will be a lantern workshop run by PlayArt Education on Saturday 24 November in the Victoria Hall, Market Square from 10 am – 5 pm.



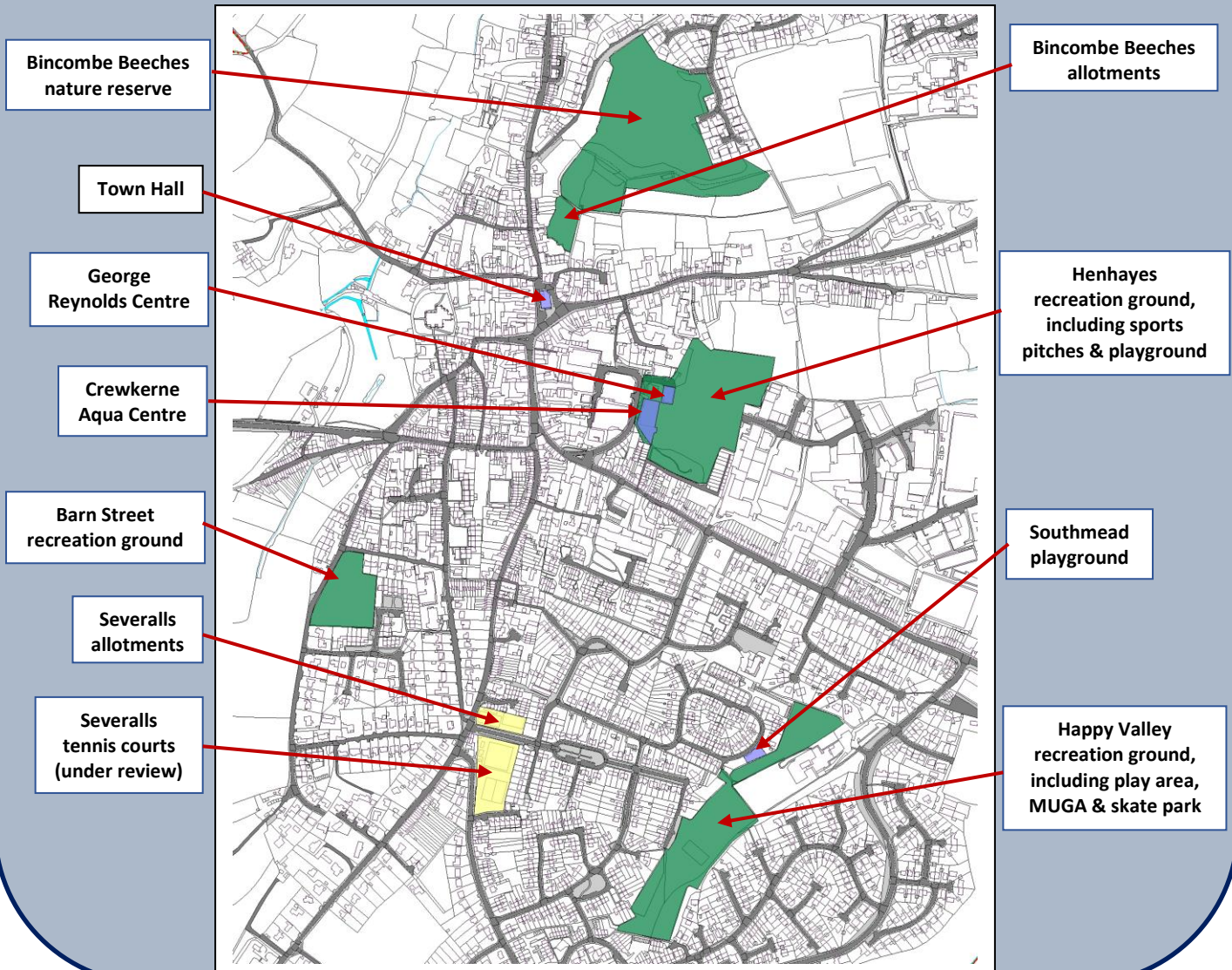
Come and learn how to make your own lantern, materials will be provided. Family and friends are welcome and children must be supervised. Then bring your lantern along on Friday 30 November and join the Christmas procession and also have your lantern judged. To book a place on the workshop please email: deputyclerk@crewkerne-tc.gov.uk



Did
you
know?

Did you know that the Town Council owns a number of major amenities in the town, including play areas, allotments, recreational areas and a nature reserve, not forgetting of course the two major facilities of the Crewkerne Aqua Centre and the George Reynolds Centre.

[Here is an easy guide to what is where.](#)



Badgers at Happy Valley

Readers will remember that the Council spent a considerable amount of (taxpayers) money repairing the damage caused by badgers to the upper level pathway at Happy Valley. Now our four-legged friends have chosen to make a home in the children's sandpit play area, which is why the Council has been forced to temporarily erect safety fencing around part of the play area.

The Council is now working to ensure that badgers are permanently excluded from the play area, with

all work being overseen by Natural England to ensure that we comply with the requirements to protect this species.



Once again, the Council would kindly request that food is not left out for badgers and ensure that dustbin bags are kept out of reach or secured in a wheelie bin.

New Town Councillor

The Town Council welcomes Charles Aslett, who was elected to the Council at the 16 October bi-election.



Charles works as a Chartered Legal Executive and has lived and worked in Crewkerne and the local area all of his life. As a Town Councillor, he is looking forward to working for the local community and in playing his part in enhancing local services.

SSDC Presence at the Town Hall

South Somerset District Council will have a new customer access point in place from 19 November 2018 in the Crewkerne Community Office. Customers will be able to access online channels, scan evidence or call a member of the customer focused team. Initially a customer advisor will be on hand to help and support customers make full use of the new customer access point, but in the New Year this support will be scaled back, with booked appointments being offered.

More information of when this will happen will be announced closer to the time.

SPEAK TO YOUR COUNCILLOR

Forthcoming Town Council Surgeries in the Community Office at the Town Hall, Market Square from 10.30 am to 12 noon.

Saturday 17 November
Saturday 15 December
Saturday 19 January

Opportunity for informal conversations with District and Town Councillors



CREWKERNE

Christmas Market

❧ **Saturday 8 December** ❧
10 am – 3 pm
Located around the
Town Hall, Market Square



❧
A variety of stalls with
Christmas gift ideas

❧
Christmas carols
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Henhayes Playground Update

Further enhancements have been made to the Henhayes playground. The disabled-friendly swing has now been installed (thanks again to Crewkerne Action for Disabled for their donation) and paving has been laid from the "yellow brick road" path to the play equipment at the centre of the play area.



This new paving adds a stylish feature to the playground but, more importantly, it should ensure that children and parents can avoid walking on muddy areas during wet weather.

Bincombe Beeches Volunteer Dates



Regular monthly volunteer days are run on Bincombe Beeches by the Council's Grounds and Amenities Supervisor. Forthcoming volunteer days:-

Thursday 13 December & Thursday 17 January

Everyone welcome, just turn up from 10 am onwards, please meet at the entrance by Beechwood Drive

VICTORIA HALL HIRE Town Hall, Market Square, Crewkerne

The hall is available to hire for:-

- Parties and wedding receptions
- Music events and gigs
- Fitness classes etc.

Please contact the Town Council office for details.

Townsend Cemetery Open Day Success

Once again, Crewkerne's Townsend Cemetery opened its doors to the public at its annual open day in September. This year saw a record number of visitors, many keen to trace their descendants who were buried at the cemetery, with the aid of the old burial records, many of which date back to Victorian times.



The Town Clerk used the open day as an opportunity to give a talk, using information from the burial records, highlighting the contrast between today's world and that of our Victorian forefathers, where life expectancy was far shorter than it is today. This presentation was followed by a lively talk and fascinating tour by Tracey Warren, a local funeral director, of some of the notable graves in the old part of the cemetery.

CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR OFFICE OPENING

The Town Council will be closed from 1 pm on Friday 21st December and will re-open on Wednesday 2nd January 2019.

If you have any queries, please ring:

Refuse/recycling: 01935 462462 Street lighting: 0845 601 0939 Highways: 0300 123 2224

If you have any comments or concerns about issues which affect Crewkerne, please contact:

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