



Mayor of Crewkerne, Cllr. Kathy Head, reads the Local Proclamation of the Accession of the King (Photo credit: Jeff Hutson)



Crowds gathered in Market Square to witness the Proclamation of the Accession of King Charles III (Photo credit: Jeff Hutson)

HM Queen Elizabeth II: Crewkerne pays its respects

Following the sad news of the passing of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II on 8th September, the town of Crewkerne came together to pay tribute to the late Queen and proclaim the accession of His Majesty King Charles III. With flags over St Bartholomew's Church and Town Hall lowered to half mast, floral tributes were laid on the steps leading to Victoria Hall. Books of Condolence were opened in the Local Information Centre, Library and Church, for people to put their thoughts into writing.

Crowds assembled in Market Square on Sunday 11th September to hear Cllr. Kathy Head, Mayor of Crewkerne, read the historic Proclamation of the Accession. The flag was returned to full mast while the Mayor was supported in the Proclamation by clergy from Crewkerne Methodist Church, St Bartholomew's Church and Crewkerne Community Church, who each read a prayer. The Proclamation concluded with a special rendition of 'God Save the King' played by cornet player Kent Sibley. The Mayor led the crowds with a rousing 'three cheers for His Majesty the King', before the crowds dispersed and the flag was again lowered to half-mast for the remainder of the period of national mourning. Cllr. Head commented:

"As Mayor of Crewkerne, and on behalf of the Town Council and its residents, I am saddened to hear of the death of Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II. The Queen has served this country for over 70 years and for many of us has been the only monarch we have known in our lifetimes. Our thoughts and condolences are with the members of the Royal Family at this sad time".



Floral tributes were laid and flags flown at half mast

Tennis Courts

update

The green space around the tennis courts is now open to members of the public to enjoy as recreational space. In coming weeks look out for benches and bins to complete the area.

The latest news about the courts themselves is that a condition survey has been carried out by the Lawn Tennis Association (LTA), who are looking to fund the refurbishment of both courts to a high standard, in conjunction with funds from SSDC. The courts at Severalls are among others across the area of South Somerset which will be upgraded as part of this plan.

Town Councillors were due to meet representatives of the LTA recently to hear further details about the project but unfortunately this had to be postponed due to the period of national mourning.

The meeting has been rescheduled for the coming weeks and further updates will be reported at Council and Committee meetings.



BINCOMBE BEECHES Volunteer Days

- Thursday 20 October
- Thursday 17 November
- Thursday 15 December

*Tasks will include vegetation clearance
& footpath maintenance*

10.00 am onwards

**Please meet at the entrance by Beechwood Drive
everyone welcome, just turn up**

**Unfortunately, refreshments cannot be provided
Please bring your own gloves**



**Xmas Lighting Up:
Friday 25th
November!**



TO MAKE A BOOKING, OR FOR DETAILS AND AVAILABILITY

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- Meeting & function rooms
- Bar & Kitchen hire

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Speak to your Councillor!

Councillor surgeries are back! Anyone is welcome to drop in. These are held on the third Saturday of each month to coincide with the Farmers' Market.

Surgeries are 10.30 to 12 noon in the Town Hall:

Saturday 15 October
Saturday 19 November
Saturday 17 December

A Vision for Crewkerne - What is a Neighbourhood Plan?

A Neighbourhood Plan is a part of the set of legal documents that must be referred to whenever there is an application for development or other planning action such as change of use. A Neighbourhood Plan is prepared at a local level in response to consultations with local people.

Creating a Neighbourhood Plan gives a community (including residents, business owners and employees) an opportunity to develop a shared vision for their neighbourhood. Through it, people can help to shape the positive economic, social and environmental development of their local area in a way that meets local needs.

The process gives people opportunities to help provide answers to questions such as:

- Where do we want any new homes, shops or offices or other businesses to be built?
- What should any new buildings look like?
- What kind of infrastructure, including footpaths and cycleways, should we have?
- How can we protect and enhance our local natural environment?
- How can we preserve the historic character of our town?
- Do we have enough green spaces and where might we want more?
- What are the opportunities for formal and informal leisure and recreation and do we need more?
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The vision, objectives and policies contained in the Neighbourhood Plan are based on the responses the community provides during periods of consultation. These consultations will usually take the form of questionnaires which will be available as hard copies and online.

Crewkerne's Neighbourhood Plan is being prepared by a Steering Group which consists of a number of local residents and Town Councillors.

To keep everyone up to date with progress there will shortly be a dedicated website which will include information about the launch event to be held in the Local Information Centre in the Town Hall and links for the online consultation surveys.

I hope you will feel able to take part in this process as and when the opportunities present themselves.

Pat Lunt, Chair, Crewkerne Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group



The designated area of the Crewkerne Neighbourhood Plan

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UPDATE: Transfer of 'Tommy' and Severalls War Memorial Gardens

A petition to have the War Memorial gardens at Severalls transferred back to the Town Council was recently organised by local resident John Davies. Along with Deputy Mayor Alice Samuel, John presented the petition of almost 500 signatures at a meeting of South Somerset District Council (SSDC) back in July.

Following this presentation, SSDC has confirmed that it is willing to transfer both the gardens and "Tommy" into Town Council ownership. Legal proceedings are underway and Town Council officers are now liaising with the War Memorials Trust about how to conserve our lovely war memorial for years to come. "Tommy" is in need of some TLC and the Town Council in its capacity as Trustee of the Crewkerne War Commemoration Trust is currently applying for grant funding to allow us to have a professional conservator's report, which will guide us with next steps.

You may not be aware, but there are pillars at the entrance of Severalls Park Avenue. When Crewkerne Urban Council had the foresight to create one of the first council owned estates in England, for those returning from the war, they had hoped to have a stone archway into the estate. Unfortunately, due to a cut in funding from central government, the arch was never completed, but the pillars had been built. The pillars also need some work to maintain them, and the Town Council has also applied for a grant to help with these costs.

Crewkerne Town Council would like to thank all the volunteers involved with the gardening and maintenance of this very special place.



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