

Crewkerne celebrates the Coronation!



Thank you to everyone who came to celebrate the Coronation of King Charles III on Sunday 7th May 2023 on the Henhayes Field. The 'Big Picnic in the Park' had arts and crafts, a bouncy castle, BBQ, pancakes, ice creams, activities and games, live music and much more. It was a free fun afternoon for all the family to enjoy.

Thank you to all involved in making it a success, and thank you to everyone involved in making the town look so wonderful during the Coronation!



Photo credit: J. Hutson



Coronation Crown Colouring Competition



To celebrate the Coronation we held a competition for local children to colour a crown fit for a King. We received around 150 wonderful entries, which were then exhibited in the Local Information Office at Town Hall.

Thank you to everyone who entered.





Pavement Parking



Unfortunately, we have been receiving more and more complaints about vehicles parking on pavements. This often blocks access for mobility scooters and wheelchairs, prams and pushchairs etc. It also causes damage to the pavements.

Please can we ask motorists to be mindful of others and not to park on pavements.

Thank you!



Summer Holiday Competition!!



Enter our upcoming Summer Holiday Competition to win a family ticket to Axe Valley Wildlife Park.

Details to follow...



Crewkerne Town Council are pleased to announce that the refurbishment of the tennis courts at Severalls has begun.

We hope to see the courts in action very soon - keep an eye on our Facebook page and Instagram account for the latest updates.



Neighbourhood Plan Progress

Thank you to everyone who took the time to complete and return the latest Neighbourhood Plan questionnaire.

The next stage will be drawing up the policies, to form the bulk of the plan. When completed the information will be submitted to the local authority for approval, as well as to a public referendum for final approval from the town residents. Once agreed the process is complete.

There are not many stages left but the next stage is the lengthy one, writing the policies to make the objectives happen.



Aims & Objectives Consultation

Make sure you have your say

What has been done so far?

The initial community survey has been completed and the responses have been analysed. The Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group has now developed a set of draft aims and objectives.

What happens now?

We now need to consult the community again to check that the draft aims and objectives correctly reflect the views expressed in the initial consultation.

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A survey is being delivered to every household in Crewkerne.

The forms can also be downloaded for completion at www.crewkerne-neighbourhoodplan.co.uk.

Completed online forms can be emailed to towncouncil@crewkerne-tc.gov.uk.

Please return paper copies to the Town Hall.

Closing date for responses is Monday 3rd July

What happens next?

Finalised Aims and Objectives will be used to create policies for the Neighbourhood Plan.

Wildflowers Welcome!

Crewkerne Town Council has identified a number of areas around the town's open spaces which are suitable to leave to grow in order to create a wildflower meadow effect. These are reaching maturity and look fantastic, as well as being great for biodiversity, providing a food source for wildlife and reducing emissions when compared to weekly mowing.

The wildflower areas can be found at the following locations:

- Bincombe Beeches Nature Reserve
- Happy Valley Recreation Ground
- Henhayes Recreation Field
- Barn Street Recreation Ground
- Townsend Cemetery
- St Bart's Churchyard

Councillor Alice Samuel, Mayor of Crewkerne, added: "Following the initial success of our pilot wildflower areas, the town council has identified additional areas for this summer to bring more wildflowers to Crewkerne. The areas look great at the moment – we even have orchids! This is helping with our biodiversity commitment and providing a source of food for wildlife. Please take a tour of the sites to see the vibrant colours of the wildflowers whilst they are at their best."

Please help us to look after our wildflower areas – we mow designated pathways through these areas to protect their growth and insect habitats. We would welcome suggestions for additional wildflower areas next year – drop us a line on towncouncil@crewkerne-tc.gov.uk.



Speak to your Councillor!

Councillor surgeries are held on the third Saturday of each month to coincide with the Farmers' Market.

Surgeries are 10.30 -12 noon in the Town Hall:

Saturday 19th August
Saturday 16th September
Saturday 21st October

VENUES FOR HIRE!

We have recently made some improvements to our fantastic venues. The Victoria Hall has undergone a beautiful floor refurbishment. The George Reynolds Centre now benefits from air conditioning, and has a fully equipped kitchen.

If you are interested in hiring the venues please contact us on:

01460 74001 or email
towncouncil@crewkerne-tc.gov.uk

UPCOMING EVENTS



Townsend Cemetery Open Day

Please come and join us on Sunday 10th September 2023 from 10am until 2pm for the annual Open Day.

Local Funeral Director, Tracey Warren of Stoodley & Son, will give a talk in the chapel at 12pm, followed by a guided tour of notable graves in the older part of the cemetery. The guided tour around the cemetery is always full of interesting information and historic facts.

Bincombe Beeches Volunteer Days:

10am onwards

Thursday 24th Aug, 21st Sept, 19th Oct

Tasks will include vegetation clearance and footpath maintenance. Meet at the entrance to Beechwood Drive, please bring your own gloves and refreshments.



Save the date...

BINCOMBE BEECHES ACTIVITY DAY

Please come and join us on Saturday 21st October 10.30am - 2.30pm for fun family-friendly outdoor activities celebrating Nature and our wonderful Local Nature Reserve at Bincombe Beeches.



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