

Crewkerne Town Council NEWSLETTER Edition 78 Summer '24

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FAMILY FUN DAY

On Saturday 27th July we held our free Family Fun Day in conjunction with the youth group, Active Learning & Skills (ALS). Town Crier David Craner opened the event alongside Deputy Mayor Kathy Head. The sun shone and local children had a fabulous day taking part in the water slide, face painting, giant bubbles, bouncy castle and water fights. There was also a barbecue, ice creams and toasted marshmallows! The children were also able to play a variety of wooden games which have been made for us by the Crewkerne Shed.

Local community groups were given the opportunity to have a stall at the event. For some this was a valuable fundraising opportunity, and for others it was a chance to promote their group and make local connections.

ALS run Fun Time sessions in term time for children aged 5-11 on a Wednesday from 6.30-8.30 pm and Youth Zone for 11 years and over on a Tuesday from 7-9 pm.



Community Interest Company

A Not-For-Profit Organisation - Helping Young People Enjoy, Grow & Learn



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The trial weekly Wednesday market has now been underway for a few months. Traders include:

Ali's Homemade Produce

Channel Island Beef

Chic Wood Turning

Curriott Hill Farm

Feather Interiors

Gouda Karma Moka Loco

North Perrott Fruit Farm

Somerset Bakery & Deli

Wendy's Homemade Produce

The market runs every Wednesday from 10:00-14:00. If you would like to trade at the market please e-mail towncouncil@crewkerne-tc.gov.uk or call us on 01460 74001 for further information.





OF Grant support for rainwater recycling OF



Crewkerne in Bloom were delighted to hear that they were successful in a recent grant application to the Wessex Water Foundation Environment Fund. This grant will support their work to install a Rainwater Harvesting System at the toilet block in Falkland Square to enable them to collect and re-use rainwater for watering the planters and hanging baskets throughout the town. The Environment Fund supports charitable and community activities across the region that have a positive impact on the local environment. The fund is part of the Wessex Water Foundation which provides dedicated funding for projects across the Wessex Water region every year.

Mini Police @ Happy Valley

The Mini Police at St. Bartholomew's Primary School recently met with Somerset Council Chairman, Mike Best and Mayor of Crewkerne Alice Samuel at Happy Valley to place some rewilding signs.

The group spent a term working with PCSOs to look at different ways of enhancing Happy Valley, such as bigger litter and recycling bins, removing graffiti from play equipment and thinking of ways to ensure it is a safe and welcoming environment. Crewkerne Town Council had some signs made by The Shed and the Mini Police at St. Bart's School painted them.

Unfortunately, some of the signs have been removed and some thrown into litter bins. Please respect the time and effort that the children have put into these signs as they are rightly very proud of their handiwork.







WATCH THIS SPACE: VE-DAY 80



Next year will mark the 80th anniversary of VE-Day. Plans are under way to help Crewkerne mark the occasion. A plague has been commissioned to mark the spot in Townsend Cemetery where a spitfire crashed in 1944. A young Canadian pilot, Flight Sergeant Frederick Schofield ran low on fuel and bailed out over Crewkerne. Flight Sergeant Schofield was able to return to duty the next day and the wreckage of the spitfire was recovered many years later in a dig televised for the BBC.

It is hoped that Flight Sergeant Schofield's son will join us in spring 2025 to unveil the plaque, with an event and service supported by the Royal British Legion.





D-DAY 80 1994-2024



On June 6th we commemorated D-Day. Town crier David Craner read the morning proclamations alongside Deputy Mayor Kathy Head and the D-Day 80 flag was raised on the Town Hall. In the evening Mayor Alice Samuel read the International Tribute and lit a lamp of peace at the site of the 'Tommy' on Memorial Avenue.

With thanks to Richard Hall and Debra Best for helping us to commemorate the occasion with their 1943 Leyland Hippo and to Jeff Hutson for taking excellent photographs of the event.

Well done to all the entrants in the spitfire colouring competition. Congratulations to the winners who all won book tokens. First place place was Harrison (age 10), second place was Evie (age 9) and third place was Iris (age 3).













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Thursday 9th – Saturday 11th May was the Twinning weekend in Crewkerne. On behalf of Crewkerne, the Mayor Alice Samuel would like to thank Lorna Scudder the Chairman of the Twinning Association. She arranged a fabulous weekend that the Igny and Bures guests thoroughly enjoyed.

Crewkerne Twinning will be visiting Igny and Bures next year, but in 2026 it will be the 50th anniversary of the Twinning of Igny and the 20th anniversary of Twinning with Bures sur Yvette and the town will welcome them back with a great celebration!

VOLUNTEERS WANTED!

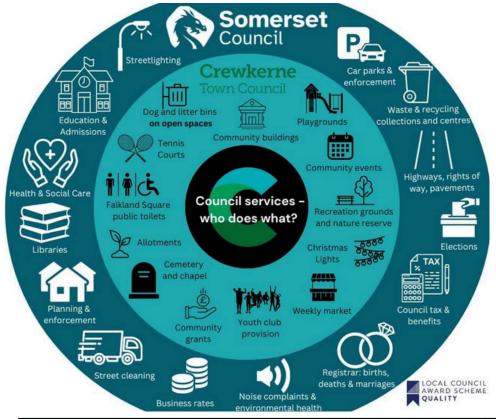
We are looking for two volunteers to help us with our local Public Rights of Ways. Training, equipment and insurance would be provided.

Strimmer Volunteer - To cut back vegetation.

Parish Paths Liaison Officer - To help respond to local issues along the Public Rights of Ways.

Please contact towncouncil@crewkerne-tc.gov.uk for more information.





Speak to your Councillor!

Council surgeries are changing!

To coincide with the new Farmers' Market, Council surgeries will now be held on the <u>fourth</u> Saturday of each month:

- No surgery in August
- Saturday 28 September
- Saturday 26th October
- Saturday 23rd November

Starting 10.30-12.00, LIC @Town Hall

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