

Crewkerne Town Council NEWSLETTER Autumn '24 Edition 79

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WEDNESDAY MARKET





👺 10AM-2PM 🔘 🈂 🍛







We are pleased to announce that the Wednesday market has been a success and it will continue for the foreseeable future. We have recently welcomed A Slice of Salerno to the market selling authentic Italian woodfired pizza, and I Made This with driftwood sculptures and bespoke gifts. They will be trading alongside our regulars Channel Island Beef, Feather Interiors, Gouda Karma, Moka Loco, Somerset Bakery & Deli. We also have casual traders Chic Woodturning, Wendy's Homemade Preserves, Ali's Homemade Produce and North Perrott Fruit Farm. Please come and support the market where you can and #shopcrewkerne.

Every Wednesday, outside the Town Hall from 10-2pm.

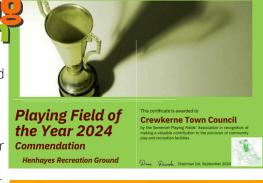
Please leave the five parking bays outside the Town Hall vacant from Tuesday afternoons to help us accommodate the market. Thank you for your co-operation.

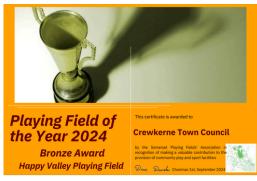
We are always on the look out for new traders. Please email towncouncil@crewkerne-tc.gov.uk if you would like to attend.



The role of the Somerset Playing Fields Association (SPFA) is to promote and safeguard fields and playgrounds by supporting the bodies responsible for providing public recreation grounds. The SPFA held an awards evening at Woolavington on Friday 4th October and attracted some high quality entries. Town Mayor Alice Samuel represented Crewkerne at the event. She was pleasantly surprised to find that the town had won two awards. The first award was a commendation to Henhayes Recreation Ground and the second was a Bronze Award to Happy Valley Playing Field. The awards were presented by Charlie Taylor from BBC Radio Somerset. Thank you to the Grounds staff and our volunteers who work

hard to maintain our open spaces.







Cllr. Teresa Bond

1957-2024

Crewkerne Town Council were saddened to hear of the passing of serving Town Councillor Teresa Bond on Friday 2nd August.

Teresa was a much respected and admired member of Crewkerne Town Council. Having moved to the area over 25 years ago, Teresa and husband Ron first served as Town Councillors together some years ago, when they were particularly involved in the development of the new playground at Henhayes. Teresa then returned as a Town Councillor at a by-election in 2021, as she was keen to make a difference to the town that she lived in and loved. Teresa was instrumental in delivering the nature trail at Bincombe Beeches and designed the first activity sheet for children to use at the Reserve. As Chair of the Planning and Highways Committee, Teresa navigated the way through many complex planning applications, often asking difficult questions to make sure responses were robust. Outside of the Town Council, Teresa served as President of the League of Friends of Crewkerne Hospital and was a member of the Crewkerne and District U3A. She will be hugely missed by staff and councillors.

BINCOMBE You may have noticed that one of the

information boards has been removed from Bincombe Beeches. This is nothing to worry about, Crewkerne Town Council have had a new board and accompanying leaflets commissioned by local artist Rachel Akerman. They will show the access points, footpaths and the ten wooden sculptures, with a scannable QR code to link to the website. We look forward to installing the boards shortly. This project was financed by a health and wellbeing grant from SALC.



SEAGULLS AND BADGERS

Please do not feed seagulls or badgers. Feeding them disrupts their natural hunting instincts, making them dependent on human food. This dependency not only leads to overpopulation and nuisance behaviours but also harms their health, as our food lacks the necessary nutrients they need. Feeding wildlife can attract them to urban areas, causing conflicts with humans and pets. Please preserve their wild habits and promote a healthy, balanced ecosystem.



Defibrillator Update





A generous donation from the League of Friends of Crewkerne Hospital has enabled a new defibrillator to be installed on the side of the West One surgery. Thank you also to McKinlays for re-establishing the defibrillator in the George Shopping Centre.

The Town Council has now set up a fund for defibrillator consumables - replacement pads etc can be expensive and donations towards the fund are gratefully received as it means consumables can be replaced efficiently and without cost to the community groups who look after the units. If you notice an issue with any of the defibrillators in Crewkerne, please contact the Town Council on towncouncil@crewkerne-tc.gov.uk. The Town Council is also looking into the provision of bleed kits in the town, so watch this space!

CHRISTMAS LIGHT SWITCH-ON

On Friday 29th November the annual Christmas light switch on will take place. The festivities will commence from 5pm with mulled wine, festive foods and fairground rides. In Falkland Square there will be charity fundraising stalls and Phoenix Brass Band. The George Shopping Centre will have Christmas vibes with Rockin' Daddys and snow. In Market Square the main stage will have a DJ and entertainment from CUDOS, St. Bartholomew's School Choir and special guests. In Victoria Hall there will be a Christmas market with handmade gifts and produce. The brownies, majorettes and the lantern parade will lead Father Christmas through Market Street, arriving at the Town Hall at 7pm to turn on the Christmas lights, before he retires to his grotto and awaits the visit of many excited children!

On Saturday 30th November the Christmas market in Victoria Hall will continue, with the addition of stalls outside. The Christmas market will run from 9am-2pm.

Come and start your Christmas shopping and #shopcrewkerne



Wessex Water COMMUNITY DROP in

Come and meet Wessex Water

Chat to us in person if you have a query about:

Your water bill Your water services

Your sewerage services

How to save water

How to prevent sewer blockages

Town Hall | Wednesday 22nd January 2025

10am to 12pm



Did you KNOW?

Crewkerne Town Council is responsible for dog and litter bins (on open spaces), community buildings, playgrounds, community events, recreation grounds and nature reserve, Christmas lights, weekly market, youth club provision, community grants, cemetery and chapel, allotments, Falkland Square public toilets and the tennis courts. Any issues with any of theses areas or services can be reported to us: 01460 74001 or towncouncil@crewkerne-tc.gov.uk

Any issues relating to pavements, highways, planning or fly tipping should be reported to Somerset Council using the links below, or by phoning 0300 123 2224



Damaged pavements:

https://www.somerset.gov.uk/roads-travel-and-parking/report-a-problem-on-the-road/



Report a pothole online:

https://www.somerset.gov.uk/roads-travel-and-parking/potholes-and-road-damage/



Faded road markings:

https://www.somerset.gov.uk/roads-travel-and-parking/road-signs-bollards-and-road-markings/



Fly-tipping:

https://www.somerset.gov.uk/bins-recycling-andwaste/how-to-fight-fly-tipping/



To view or comment on a planning application:

https://www.somerset.gov.uk/planning-buildings-and-land/view-and-comment-on-a-planning-application/



To report overflowing bins:

https://www.somerset.gov.uk/environment-and-food-safety/litter-bins-and-drug-debris/



Speak to your Councillor!

The next Council Surgery is 10.30-12 noon in the Local Information Centre on Saturday 23rd November



VOLUNTEER DAYS

Cemetery: 10am: Thurs 21st November - meet at the cemetery

Henhayes: 10am: Thurs 19th December - meet at the entrance to the GRC

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