

Councillors are hereby summoned, and members of the public and press are invited, to attend a meeting of the **Full Council** to be held on **Monday 28 July 2025**, starting at 18.45, in the Beech Suite, George Reynolds Centre, South Street, Crewkerne for the purpose of transacting the business outlined on the agenda below.

Notes:

- The recording of the meeting will be uploaded for members of the public who wish to view it via the following link: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCTA9K-7L4Onjcli2Gtz7tCg>.
- Members of the public requiring assistance or reasonable adjustments to aid their attendance at council meetings are asked to contact the Council Offices in advance using the above contact details. Documents are available in large print by request.
- Recording of meetings is permitted under the Openness of Local Government Bodies Regulations 2014; please refer to the Council's Policy on Audio/Visual Recording & Photography at Meetings ([Recording-Meetings-policy-Feb-2022.pdf \(crewkerne-tc.gov.uk\)](#)).
- Public participation is welcome during the allocated Public Open Forum session, please refer to Section 3 of the Council's Standing Orders ([Standing-Orders-May-2024.pdf \(crewkerne-tc.gov.uk\)](#)).

Katharine Sheehan FSLCC, Town Clerk (signed on original)

22 July 2025

Agenda

- 034/2526 To receive and approve apologies for absence.**
a. To record members present:
Schedule 12 of the Local Government Act 1972 requires:
 - a record be kept of the members in attendance.
 - this record forms part of the minutes of the meeting.
 - Members who are unable attend a meeting should tender apologies in advance to the Town Clerk and the grounds for apologies tendered will also be recorded.b. To approve any apologies for absence:
Section 85(1) of the Local Government Act 1972 requires:
 - Members present to decide if the reason(s) for a member's absence are acceptable.
- 035/2526 To receive declarations of pecuniary or personal interests in items on the agenda and any dispensations.**
The Localism Act 2011 and the Council's Code of Conduct requires:
 - Members to declare any interests not currently recorded in the Member's Register of Interests or not notified to the Monitoring Officer of it.
 - Requests for Dispensations should be made in writing to the Clerk in advance of the meeting.
- 036/2526 To approve the minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 23 June 2025.**
- 037/2526 Public Open Forum:** Questions may be put to the Council in person during this public participation session of up to 15 minutes and a maximum of 3 minutes per person. Issues notified to the Clerk a minimum of 3 working days before the meeting (i.e., by 5pm on the preceding Wednesday) will receive a response during this session. Issues raised in this session without prior notice may be referred to the Clerk to respond to within 10 working days or listed on a subsequent agenda. The Mayor reserves the right to vary or extend these time limits.

- 038/2526 To receive reports from:**
- a) Somerset Council.
 - b) Crewkerne & Ilminster Local Community Network.
 - c) Crewkerne Neighbourhood Policing Team.
- 039/2526 Clerk's progress report:** to receive a verbal update report (for information only).
- 040/2526 Finance & Procedure:**
- a) To approve the accounts for payment for July 2025 as listed.
 - b) To report the bank reconciliation for June 2025 has been completed.
 - c) To note the monthly accounts for the War Memorial Commemoration Trust have been checked.
 - d) To receive Q1 income and expenditure summary.
- 041/2526 Planning:** to consider applications requiring comment before the next Planning and Highways Committee meeting:
- a) 25/01821/TCA 2 Bincombe House Popleswell Crewkerne Somerset TA18 7ES**
Notification of intent to fell No. 2 Horse chestnuts – 13ft tall and 10ft tall likely planted by squirrels. Needs to be removed as likely to grow too big eventually and dangerously close to a land drop. Carry out Tree Surgery works to No. 1 Cypress Tree – Some tidying where dead and loose branches are overhanging thus dangerous within a Conservation Area.
 - b) 25/01659/REM Land At Gold Well Farm Yeovil Road Crewkerne Somerset**
 Application for the approval of reserved matters of appearance, landscaping, layout and scale for the development of 67 No. dwellings and associated works pursuant to Condition 1 ('the reserved matters') of outline planning permission 20/03708/OUT. The outline planning application was not an Environmental Impact (EIA) Application.
 - c) 25/01693/FUL Land At 346017 109612 Higher Easthams Lane Crewkerne Somerset**
 Creation of a wetland with associated development including construction of an in-take/out-take to the Viney Brook, earthworks and landscaping and excavation of land.
- 042/2526 Crewkerne Hospital:** to discuss and consider the Council's response to the proposed closure.
- 043/2526 Crewkerne Boards:** to approve the artwork for the three 'Welcome to Crewkerne' boards.
- 044/2526 Telephone Box:** to consider potential future uses.
- 045/2526 Neighbourhood Plan:** to consider a request from the Steering Group for a financial contribution towards finalising the draft plan.
- 046/2526 To receive the following minutes and approve any recommendations contained therein:**
- a) Planning and Highways Committee 14 July 2025.
 - b) Policy & Resources Committee 9 June 2025.
 - c) Joint Burial Committee 3 June 2025.
 - d) Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group 15 July 2025.
 - e) Reports from Town Council representatives to outside bodies.
- 047/2526 To receive Matters of Report** (verbal reports for information only).
- 048/2526 Next meeting:** Monday 22 September 2025, 18.45, Council Chamber, Town Hall.
- In accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 s 1(2), to resolve that the press and members of the public be excluded from following items having regard to the confidential issues to be discussed.*
- Confidential Session:** Exclusion of the Press & Public – Contractual, staffing and commercially sensitive information.
- 049/2526 GRC Manager:** to agree the recruitment pack.

050/2526 **Finance Officer:** to agree the recruitment pack.

051/2526 **Banking Hub:** to consider a request for an extension to the agreement.

052/2526 **Youth Service:**
a) To receive an update on the Youth Service contract.
b) To consider a Happy Valley outreach options.

Number of offences											
Category	Dec-24	Jan-25	Feb-25	Mar-25	Apr-25	May-25	Jun-25				
Violence against the person	21	35	18	31	23	17	15				
Thefts	8	12	3	16	17	19	13				
Arson and Criminal Damage	4	7	4	4	5	11	5				
Public Order offences	7	7	10	8	9	7	8				
Burglary	2	1	4	2	2	1	6				
Sexual offences	1	4	3	5	5	2	4				
Vehicle offences	1	0	2	3	0	0	0				
Antisocial Behaviour	34	37	38	38	31	38	39				
Misc. Crimes against Society	0	2	1	2	2	5	4				
Fraud	0	1	0	0	0	0	0				
Robbery	0	0	1	2	1	0	1				
Possession of weapons	0	0	1	0	0	1	0				
Drug offences	0	0	0	0	1	0	2				

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT - 28th July 2025

Checked by:.....

Date:

Payment Ref	Gross	Vat	Net	Payee	Description
O P Jul 1	£2,046.00	£341.00	£1,705.00	Fern Garden Tree Services	Cemetery grass cutting May 25
O P Jul 2	£336.00	£56.00	£280.00	Fern Garden Tree Services	Henhayes grass cutting
O P Jul 3	£1,039.46	£173.25	£866.21	Loxston Groundcare Ltd	Ride on mower service
O P Jul 4	£759.60	£126.60	£633.00	Dantek Environmental Services	Quarterly water hygiene monitoring
DD44	£738.43		£738.43	Everflow	Water rates Jul 25
DD60	£82.70	£3.94	£78.76	British Gas	Gas Lodge Office 11/5 - 13/6/25
DD33 C.Card	£18.03	£3.01	£15.02	Amazon Marketplace	Stationery
DD33 C.Card	£12.99	£2.17	£10.82	Amazon Marketplace	Stationery
DD33 C.Card	£37.44	£6.24	£31.20	Amazon Marketplace	Stationery/Ink cartridge
DD33 C.Card	£7.00	£1.17	£5.83	Amazon Marketplace	Stationery
DD33 C.Card	£17.34	£2.89	£14.45	Flagpole Express	Flagpole rope
O P Jul 5	£144.99	£24.16	£120.83	Sheehan, K	Expenses
O P Jul 6	£111.02	£18.50	£92.52	Castle Gardens	Bedding Plants
O P Jul 7	£84.00	£14.00	£70.00	Fern Garden Tree Services	Barn Street rec. tree watering
O P Jul 8	£73.27		£73.27	James Hardware	Sundries
O P Jul 9	£1,584.36	£264.06	£1,320.30	Edge IT Systems	Finance & Cemetery software
O P Jul 10	£14.99	£2.50	£12.49	Stuart, A	Expenses
O P Jul 11	£1,330.00	£221.66	£1,108.34	Allen Computer Services Ltd	Desktop PCs x 3
O P Jul 12	£1,791.25		£1,791.25	Active Learning & Skills	Provision of Youth Services Jun 25
O P Jul 13	£3,500.00		£3,500.00	D.W.Hyett & Sons	Cemetery paths
O P Jul 14	£3,908.13		£3,908.13	HM Revenue & Customs	Tax & NI Contributions Jun 25
O P Jul 15	£4,194.78		£4,194.78	SCC Pension Fund	Pension Contributions Jun 25
DD33 C.Card	£18.40	£3.07	£15.33	Amazon Marketplace	Floor cleaner for Victoria Hall floor
DD33 C.Card	£11.99	£2.00	£9.99	Amazon Marketplace	Broom
DD23	£223.99	£10.67	£213.32	British Gas Business	Electricity Town Hall 20/5 - 20/6/25
DD55	£511.00		£511.00	Somerset Council	Rates Lodge office Jul 25
DD2	£1,360.00		£1,360.00	Somerset Council	Rates Town Hall Jul 25
DD51	£649.00		£649.00	Somerset Council	Rates GRC Jul 25
DD13	£1,752.93		£1,752.93	Aviva Credit Services UK Ltd	Insurance Jul 25
DD20	£309.00		£309.00	Somerset Council	Rates Workshop/Cemetery Chapel Jul 25
DD33 C.Card	£51.70	£8.62	£43.08	Amazon Marketplace	Wet & forget cleaning solution
DD33 C.Card	£51.70	£8.62	£43.08	Amazon Marketplace	Wet & forget cleaning solution
DD33 C.Card	£51.70	£8.62	£43.08	Amazon Marketplace	Wet & forget cleaning solution
DD33 C.Card	£2.47		£2.47	Amazon Marketplace	Stationery
DD33 C.Card	£7.20	£1.20	£6.00	Amazon Marketplace	Stationery
DD48	£37.82	£1.80	£36.02	British Gas Business	Electricity Lodge office 11/5 - 16/6/25
DD22	£8.88	£0.42	£8.46	British Gas Business	Gas Victoria Hall 16/5 - 16/6/25
DD21	£92.87	£4.42	£88.45	British Gas Business	Electricity Happy Valley floodlights 23/3 - 22/6/25
DD21	-£87.07	-£4.15	-£82.92	British Gas Business	Electricity Happy valley floodlights CREDIT
DD30	£135.65	£6.46	£129.19	British Gas Business	Electricity Public toilets 23/5 - 21/6/25
DD59	£146.33	£6.97	£139.36	British Gas Business	Gas GRC 19/5 - 19/6/25
O P Jul 16	£1,488.00	£248.00	£1,240.00	Fern Garden Tree Services	Grass cutting Henhayes/Cemetery Jun 25
O P Jul 17	£431.74	£71.96	£359.78	Sovereign Fire & Security	Town Hall emergency lights works
O P Jul 17	£215.80	£35.97	£179.83	Sovereign Fire & Security	Town Hall panic alarm works
O P Jul 18	£114.00	£19.00	£95.00	Paperchase Recycling	GRC general waste collection 1/4 - 4/5/25
O P Jul 18	£54.00	£9.00	£45.00	Paperchase Recycling	Cemetery general waste collection 1/4 - 4/5/25
O P Jul 19	£200.00	£33.33	£166.67	Boilerman Ltd	Public toilet water heater repairs
O P Jul 19	£250.00	£41.67	£208.33	Boilerman Ltd	GRC water cylinder repairs
O P Jul 20	£1,300.50		£1,300.50	M C Commercial Cleaning	Cleaning Jun 25
O P Jul 20	£317.50		£317.50	M C Commercial Cleaning	GRC Cleaning Jun 25
O P Jul 21	£140.00		£140.00	We Clean Windows Ltd	GRC window cleaning
O P Jul 22	£54.00	£9.00	£45.00	Relay Electrical Services	GRC tea urn repair
O P Jul 23	£512.50		£512.50	Active Learning & Skills	Provision of detached youth work Happy Valley Jun 25
O P Jul 24	£323.54	£53.93	£269.61	Performing Rights Society	GRC PPL/PRS royalty charges
O P Jul 25	£19.70		£19.70	James Hardware	Sundries
O P Jul 26	£440.40	£73.40	£367.00	Dantek Environmental Services (UK) L	Legionella risk assessment
O P Jul 27	£87.80	£4.33	£83.47	Hughes, G	Expenses
O P Jul 28	£720.00	£120.00	£600.00	Gales Building Conservation	Repairs to paving in front of Town Hall
O P Jul 29	£208.06	£34.68	£173.38	Emerald First Aid Training	Medical cover for Skate Jam
O P Jul 30	£672.00	£112.00	£560.00	Fern Garden Tree Services	Clear vegetation around welcome to Crewkerne signs

Signed:..... Date:.....

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT - 28th July 2025

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Date:

O P Jul 30	£714.00	£119.00	£595.00	Fern Garden Tree Services	Tree work St.Bart's churchyard
O P Jul 30	£84.00	£14.00	£70.00	Fern Garden Tree Services	Barn Street rec. tree watering
O P Jul 30	£192.00	£32.00	£160.00	Fern Garden Tree Services	Bincome treework/Barn St rec tree watering
O P Jul 31	£80.00		£80.00	Crewkerne Men's Shed	New Honours Board
O P Jul 32	£70.55	£0.80	£69.75	Goddard, Andy	Travel expenses
O P Jul 33	£52.80	£8.80	£44.00	Paperchase Recycling	Cemetery general waste collection 2/6 - 29/6/25
O P Jul 33	£91.20	£15.20	£76.00	Paperchase Recycling	GRC general waste collection 2/6 - 29/6/25
O P Jul 34	£32.69	£5.45	£27.24	Yarcombe Woodland Products Ltd	Timber
O P Jul 35	£21.28	£3.55	£17.73	Bradforbs	Screws
O P Jul 36	£713.49	£118.91	£594.58	Sovereign Fire & Security	Town Hall CCTV maint 3/8/25 - 2/8/26
O P Jul 37	£114.00	£19.00	£95.00	Sovereign Fire & Security	GRC Intruder/Fire alarm/CCTV maint Aug 25
DD50	£492.13	£82.02	£410.11	British Gas Business	Electricity GRC 15/6 - 30/6/25
DD17b	£15.67	£0.75	£14.92	Edf Energy 1 Ltd	Electricity Street lighting Henhayes 2/6 - 30/6/25
DD17c	£17.45	£0.83	£16.62	Edf Energy 1 Ltd	Electricity Street lighting Middle Path 2/6 - 30/6/25
DD17a	£76.27	£3.63	£72.64	Edf Energy 1 Ltd	Electricity Street lighting Happy Valley 1/4 - 30/6/25
DD46	£159.60	£26.60	£133.00	Somerset Web Services Ltd	Email hosting Jul 25
DD42	£18.14	£0.86	£17.28	British Gas Business	Electricity Workshop/Cemetery Chapel 3/6 - 1/7/25
DD26	£39.11	£1.86	£37.25	British Gas Business	Gas Town Hall Jun 25
DD57	£269.75	£44.96	£224.79	British Telecom	Telephone & Broadband Lodge Office/GRC Jul 25
DD27	£715.75	£34.08	£681.67	E. O N	Electricity Victoria Hall 4/6 - 30/6/25
DD9	£70.13	£11.69	£58.44	Southern Communications	Mobile phone charges Jul 25
DD52	£318.58	£53.10	£265.48	Gamma Business Communications Ltd	Telephone & broadband Jul 25
DD49	£149.94	£24.98	£124.96	The Business	Fuel Jun 25
DD33 C.Card	£12.48	£2.09	£10.39	Amazon Marketplace	Tea towels for office
DD33 C.Card	£12.49	£2.09	£10.40	Amazon Marketplace	Mobile phone case
DD43	£21.94		£21.94	Lloyds Bank	Bank charges Jun 25
DD60	£48.60	£2.31	£46.29	British Gas Business	Gas Lodge office 13/6 - 13/7/25
DD48	£27.50	£1.31	£26.19	British Gas Business	Electricity Lodge office 16/6 - 13/7/25
DD44	£486.26		£486.26	Everfow Ltd	Water rates Aug 25
	£12,291.41		£12,291.41	Salaries	Jul-25
Total	£52,126.09	£2,816.01	£49,310.08		

Signed:..... Date:.....

A	CREWKERNE TOWN COUNCIL BANK RECONCILIATION AS AT 30/06/2025		
	Cash in Hand 01/04/2025 ADD Receipts 01/04/2025 - 30/06/2025 SUBTRACT Payments 01/04/2025 - 30/06/2025		£451,622.97 £708,397.93 £219,873.80
	CASH IN HAND 30/06/2025 (per Cash Book)		£940,147.10
B	Cash in Hand per Bank Statements 30/06/2025		
	LLOYDS - Business Call Account	£698,971.12	
	LLOYDS - Current Account	£50,000.00	
	LLOYDS - Burial Account	£91,175.98	
	CCLA - Public Sector Deposit Fund	£100,000.00	
			£940,147.10
	Less unrepresented cheques		
			£0.00
	Plus unrepresented receipts		
B	ADJUSTED BANK BALANCE		£940,147.10
	A = B Checks out OK		
	Town Clerk:		
	Date:		
	Checked by:		
	Date:		

A	CREWKERNE TOWN COUNCIL WAR MEMORIAL COMMEMORATION TRUST RECREATION GROUND BANK RECONCILIATION AS AT 30/06/2025		
	Cash in Hand 01/04/2025		£2,079.23
	ADD		
	Receipts 01/04/2025 - 30/06/2025		£2,935.31
	SUBTRACT		
	Payments 01/04/2025 - 30/06/2025		£25.50
	CASH IN HAND 30/06/2025		£4,989.04
	(per Cash Book)		
B	Cash in Hand per Bank Statements 30/06/2025		
	LLOYDS - Instant Access Account	£1,846.65	
	LLOYDS - Current Account	£3,142.39	
	Less unpresented cheques		£4,989.04
	Plus unpresented receipts		£0.00
	ADJUSTED BANK BALANCE		£4,989.04
	A = B Checks out OK		
	Town Clerk:		
	Date:		
	Checked by:		
	Date:		

Quarterly Report: 1st Quarter 2025/26
Overall Summary

	Actual 2024/25			Budget 2025/26			Income/Expend to date 30/06/25			Yr. End Forecast 2025/26			Net expenditure comparison of year end f'cast to budget	Prime reason(s) for variance	ER Used	% +/-
	Expend	Income	Net	Expend	Income	Net	Expend	Income	Net	Expend	Income	Net				
Staff Costs	236621	0	236621	295601	0	295601	61182	0	61182	300037	0	300037	4400	Overspend to be taken from ER		1%
Admin and bank interest/charges	61464	9184	52280	74270	4500	69770	27683	2687	24995	75389	10000	65389	-4400	Bank interest more than expected		-6%
Town Hall & Victoria Hall	66362	11998	54364	50945	10545	40400	16476	8469	8007	51711	15982	35729	-4700	Cash Access licence fee		-12%
Grounds Maintenance & Open Spaces	138860	11656	127204	85762	7078	78684	11548	11071	477	84529	11104	73425	-5300	Henhayes Car park income more than expected		-7%
War Memorial Grounds	4926	5662	-737	6900	4903	1997	1081	0	1081	6900	4903	1997	0			0%
Cemetery	53269	27950	25319	42,302	26,627	15675	20130	8266	11864	43552	22220	21332	5700	Income lower than expected so far		36%
Aqua Centre	0	1000	-1000	500	1000	-500	0	500	-500	500	1000	-500	0			0%
George Reynolds Centre	49066	22217	26850	49231	0	49231	10620	6443	4177	49230	22000	27230	-22000			-45%
Grants	10279	0	10279	15000	0	15000	12652	0	12652	15000	0	15000	0			0%
Youth service	20449	0	20449	24495	0	24495	6299	0	6299	24495	0	24495	0			0%
Public toilets	14697	334	14363	19000	0	19000	4950	0	4950	19000	0	19000	0			0%
Projects	17911	11248	6663	38500	0	38500	3649	1004	2645	40153	1004	39149	600			2%
Events	22107	10043	12064	19990	4340	15650	1047	1280	-233	21238	5340	15898	200			1%
TOTAL	696011	111292	584719	722496	58993	663503	177316	39719	137597	731733	93553	638180	-25300		0	-4%

Within or On Budget	
Over Budget but fully covered by Earmarked Reserves	
Over Budget by < 10% or over budget and partly covered by Earmarked Reserves	
Over budget by > 10%	

Report subject	Crewkerne Hospital
Committee name	Full Council
Meeting date	Monday 28 th July 2025
Report author	G. Hughes, Deputy Clerk
Report contact details	deputyclerk@crewkerne-tc.gov.uk
Consultees	Somerset NHS Foundation Trust, League of Friends

1. Purpose

To discuss and consider the Council's response to the proposed closure of the 16 inpatient beds at Crewkerne Hospital.

2. Background information

In June, the League of Friends was advised that the hospital had failed a fire inspection, due to current staffing levels being insufficient to safely evacuate patients of this type in the event of an emergency. Most patients on the ward are classified as Category Three, requiring long-term care.

They were informed that although the closure of beds was under consideration, alternative services could be considered for the site. These may include antenatal care, ultrasound scans, chemotherapy, physiotherapy, speech and language therapy, and similar outpatient services.

3. Detailed Consideration

Andy Heron, chief operating officer for Somerset NHS Foundation Trust, said:

"We have begun work with our Leagues of Friends, and with colleagues, to look at how we can expand the range of services provided from Crewkerne Community Hospital to provide a greater range of diagnostic services and treatments for local people. We want to have the same conversation with local people and representatives and will update soon on opportunities to get involved."

"We think there is an exciting opportunity to fill Crewkerne Community Hospital with a range of diagnostic services and treatments which benefit more local people and mean that fewer will need to travel to an acute hospital. This builds on the shift from acute to community that is set out in the NHS 10 Year Plan and aims to make best use of the hospital, which is in the heart of a community. As part of this we want to talk to local people about the best mix of services at the hospital which we think is potentially ideally placed to become one of the new neighbourhood health centres envisaged in the NHS 10 Year Plan."

“These conversations are at an early stage and there will be an opportunity for local people to get involved. No decisions have been made.”

4. Financial implications

N/a

5. Equalities considerations

N/a

6. Crime and Disorder considerations

N/a

7. Council Action Plan objectives supported

N/a

8. Recommendation

8.1. It is recommended that Council **CONSIDERS** a response to the proposed closure.

Report subject	Crewkerne Welcome Boards
Committee name	Full Council
Meeting date	Monday 28 th July 2025
Report author	G. Hughes, Deputy Town Clerk
Report contact details	deputyclerk@crewkerne-tc.gov.uk
Consultees	None
Decision required?	Yes

1. Purpose

To approve the artwork for the tree 'Welcome to Crewkerne' boards – see Appendix A

2. Background information

There are three of these information boards located outside the Town Hall, in West Street car park, and in South Street car park. The existing boards currently display outdated information and reference redundant websites.

3. Detailed Consideration

The new artwork has been produced by the same artist who designed the boards at Bincombe, ensuring consistency in style. Where possible, care has been taken to include timeless elements that will not quickly date. Each board will also include a 'You are here' marker for ease of navigation.

4. Financial implications

The project will be funded through Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) funds.

5. Equalities considerations

N/a

6. Crime and Disorder considerations

N/a

7. Council Action Plan objectives supported

3.1 Replace Town centre interpretation boards

8. Recommendation

- 8.1. It is recommended that Council **APPROVES** the artwork.

APPENDIX A

Welcome to Crewkerne

Crewkerne, a historic market town with roots dating back to before the Norman Conquest, is known for its picturesque streets, fine architecture, and a magnificent 15th-century church. Nestled beneath Bincombe Hill, with its stunning views of the Somerset countryside, making the town a charming and peaceful place to visit and live.



St Bartholomew's Church

Town Hall & Local Information



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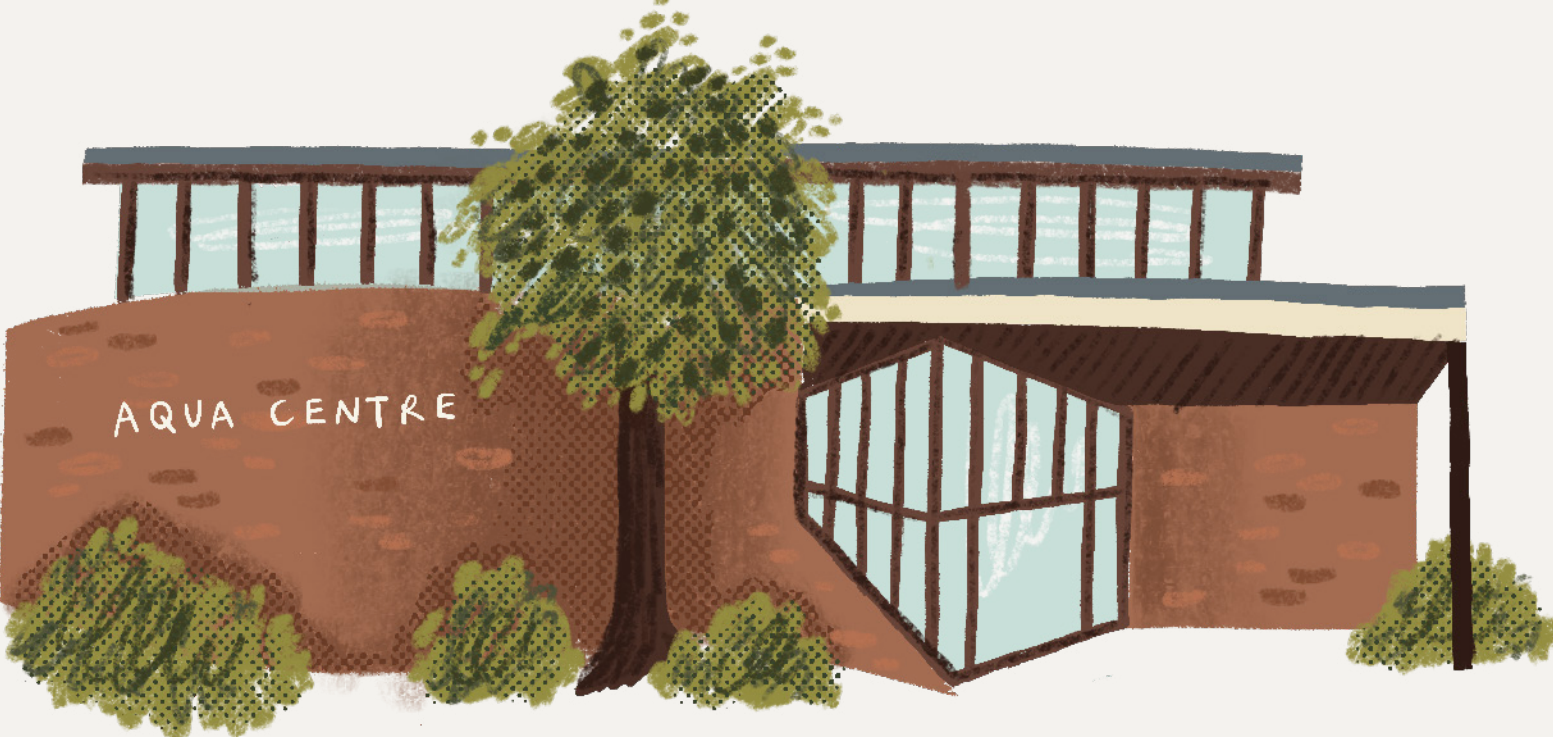
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| ★ You are here | ● George Reynolds Centre |
| ● Town Hall & Local Information Centre | ● Library |
| ● Museum & Heritage Centre | ● Car Parks |
| ● Henhayes Centre | ● Post Office |
| ● Crewkerne Aqua Centre | ● Supermarkets |



Bincombe Beeches Nature Reserve is a 12-acre local nature reserve, it takes its name from the striking row of beech trees, some dating back 150 to 200 years, which stand proudly along the town-facing side of the hill. The reserve features a sculpture trail and offers beautiful views of the Somerset countryside.



The George Shopping Centre



Crewkerne Aqua Centre



www.discovercrewkerne.org.uk

Report subject	Telephone Box
Committee name	Full Council
Meeting date	Monday 28 th July 2025
Report author	G. Hughes, Deputy Clerk
Report contact details	deputyclerk@crewkerne-tc.gov.uk
Consultees	None
Decision required?	Yes

1. Purpose

To consider possible uses for the telephone box.

2. Background information

The telephone kiosk on the east side of the Town Hall has been adopted by Crewkerne Town Council, and was adopted in March 2025.

3. Detailed Consideration

3.1 The kiosk has recently been painted and is in good repair. The telephony equipment has been removed by BT. Electrical connections can be maintained or taken over if required for future use. The telephone kiosk forms an important part of the visual landscape at this location and the symbolic red kiosks are an important part of the town's heritage.

3.2 Many different uses of adopted kiosks have been achieved (see Appendix B), some of which are listed below:

- **Plant/Seed Swap** – A small-scale plant exchange
- **Seasonal Decoration** – Decorate for Christmas, Halloween, remembrance, etc.
- **Local History Display** – Tell the story of the area or commemorate local figures/events.

3.3 Consideration would need to be given to the maintenance and security of any items placed inside the phone box.

4. Financial implications

Dependent on the use chosen.

5. Equalities considerations

N/a

6. Crime and Disorder considerations

N/a

7. Council Action Plan objectives supported

N/a

8. Recommendation

8.1. It is recommended that Council **AGREES** on a future use for the telephone kiosk.

Appendix B



Report subject	Neighbourhood Plan
Committee name	Full Council
Meeting date	Monday 28 th July 2025
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Consultees	Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group
Decision required?	Yes

1. Purpose

To consider a request from the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group (NHPSG) for a financial contribution towards finalising the draft plan.

2. Background information

The plan began in 2021 and has been Locality funded until now. This money has been used to fund a planning consultant who has provided expert advice on policy, process, and compliance. He has helped to draft planning policies, and ensure legal requirements are met. Consultants also assist with community engagement, liaise with local authorities and stakeholders, and guide the plan through examination and referendum, increasing the likelihood of a successful outcome.

3. Detailed Consideration

3.1 Due to the Government's recent spending review, the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG) has confirmed that it will not be commissioning new neighbourhood planning support services beyond 2025. As a result, no further Locality funding will be available.

3.2 The Steering Group is nearing completion of the consultation draft of the Neighbourhood Plan, which is expected to be presented to Full Council for approval in September. This will be followed by a six-week public consultation, allowing the community to review and comment on the draft before it is formally submitted to the Local Planning Authority.

4. Financial implications

It is expected that up to £1000 may be needed to finalise the draft. There are funds available in earmarked reserves under 'Invest for Crewkerne's Future'.

5. Equalities considerations

N/a

6. Crime and Disorder considerations

N/a

7. Council Action Plan objectives supported

6.3 – Continue to support the Neighbourhood Plan process and engage public through consultation and referendum

8. Recommendation

8.1. It is recommended that Council **AGREES** to fund the Neighbourhood Plan.