

## CREWKERNE BANKING HUB



Crewkerne's new Banking Hub officially opened on 8th April and is now operating from the Local Information Centre in the Town Hall, Market Square. This is a temporary location while plans for a permanent site are explored. Run by the trusted team from the Crewkerne Post Office, the Hub offers a much needed return of accessible, face-to-face banking services for the local community. It is open Monday to Friday, 9am to 5pm, and serves customers from all major banks and building societies. To mark the opening, Adam Dance MP was welcomed as the Hub's very first customer – a positive and encouraging start to this new community service.

Services available include: paying in cash (notes and coins) and cheques, withdrawing cash (notes and coins), checking your balance, paying utility bills, and access change giving services for registered businesses. In addition, bank representatives are available for one-to-one support throughout the day (excluding their lunch break from 1–2pm). No appointment is necessary.

Bank representatives schedule: Monday-Lloyds, Tuesday-NatWest, Wednesday-Barclays, Thursday- HSBC, Fridays- To be announced.

Crewkerne is fortunate to be selected for this important initiative, especially as many other towns have not been chosen. The success of the Banking Hub depends on community use and support. So whether you need to make a deposit, check your balance, or speak directly with your bank, please do make use of this valuable service and help it grow.



## Digital Newsletter COMING SOON!

To stay up to date with the latest news, updates, and community information from Crewkerne Town Council, we encourage you to subscribe to our newsletter. Whether you're looking for details on local services, upcoming events, council meetings or community projects, our newsletter is a great way to stay informed.

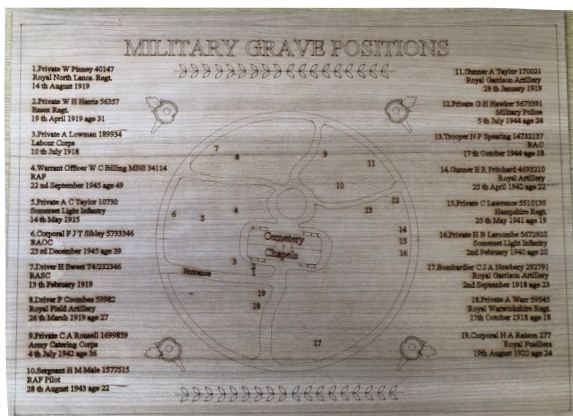
A digital edition of the newsletter will be issued quarterly, with a printed version distributed in alternate quarters, ensuring everyone in the community has access to key updates throughout the year. Visit [www.crewkerne-tc.gov.uk](http://www.crewkerne-tc.gov.uk) today to sign up – we'd love to keep in touch with you.

## POLICE DROP IN SESSIONS

This is an opportunity to come along and meet a member of your Local Neighbourhood Policing Team. The sessions will take place in the Crewkerne Local Information Centre at 11am on the following dates:

- Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> June
- Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> July
- Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> August
- Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September

# MILITARY GRAVES



As part of the VE Day 80 commemoration events in Crewkerne, a specially commissioned plaque was unveiled at Townsend Cemetery on 6<sup>th</sup> May, marking the location of the 19 Commonwealth war graves in the cemetery. A group of Royal British Legion members, veterans and representatives of the Crewkerne and West Crewkerne Joint Burial Committee gathered at the cemetery to watch Royal British Legion member and veteran Terry Austin reveal the plaque. Made by Bill from Crewkerne Shed, this plaque is now on display outside the Cemetery chapels for all to see.

Chair of the Joint Burial Committee, Councillor Mike Best commented, "It seemed very fitting to mark the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of VE Day by commissioning this permanent memorial to the 19 local men who served and lost their lives in both World Wars. Our grateful thanks are extended to Bill from Crewkerne Shed for his careful attention to this detailed and beautiful plaque".

## FINGERPOST RESTORATION



We are pleased to share that the refurbishment of the historic fingerpost at the top of Hewish Lane has now been successfully completed. These traditional waymarkers are a distinctive and much-valued feature of our rural landscape, helping to preserve the unique character and charm of our town. Fingerposts are both practical navigation tools and important symbols of Somerset's rich and varied heritage.

Our thanks go to the Campaign to Protect Rural England (CPRE Somerset) for generously part-funding this project and for their continued support in preserving our local heritage.

## MEMORIAL BENCH



We are proud to share that a new memorial bench has been installed outside the Town Hall, generously donated by the Crewkerne and District Branch of the Royal British Legion. Featuring silhouettes of soldiers, red poppies, and the words "Lest We Forget – We Will Remember Them", this bench is a poignant tribute to all those who have served and sacrificed. The bench it replaces will be carefully refurbished and relocated for use elsewhere in the town.



# Community Engagement

In April, our Annual Town meeting took place, this year in the form of community engagement. This was a wonderful evening of recognition, connection and celebration. Mayor Alice Samuel gave a presentation reflecting on the past year, highlighting key events, achievements, local developments, and a look ahead to 2025/26. The Mayor also awarded her Honoured Citizens, Mayor's Commendation, and Young Crewkernian Awards.

A big thank you to the Crewkerne Community Kitchen for the delicious food made from surplus produce – a brilliant example of sustainability in action. We were also pleased to welcome the Crewkerne Banking Hub, Avon and Somerset Police, Crewkerne Timebank, the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group, Crewkerne Youth Council and representatives from Somerset Council. It was also lovely to see community groups who received a grant this year join the Mayor for a celebratory photo. Thank you to everyone who attended and continues to support our town.



Photos by Jeff Hutson

## VE DAY 80

Crewkerne has commemorated the 80th anniversary of Victory in Europe (VE) Day with a series of events that honoured the sacrifices of the past while bringing the community together.

On Thursday 8th May, the Town Crier delivered the official VE Day 80 proclamation outside the Town Hall, joined by Deputy Mayor Cllr. Kathy Head. The proclamation marked the beginning of the national commemoration, paying tribute to those who served and endured during the Second World War.

Later that evening, Mayor Cllr. Alice Samuel led a solemn moment of remembrance at the Severalls War Memorial, where she laid a wreath and lit a Lamp of Peace as a symbol of hope and reconciliation.

The commemorations continued on Saturday with a community event hosted by the Royal British Legion in the War Memorial Gardens. Families enjoyed an afternoon of music, activities, and refreshments, creating a fitting blend of remembrance and celebration.

The Town Council would like to thank all those who took part in marking this significant anniversary, ensuring the legacy of VE Day lives on for future generations.





**SKATE JAM**

Saturday 2nd August  
**HAPPY VALLEY**  
11am-4pm

**FREE EVENT!**

Scooter, BMX and skateboard jams, coaching and competitions by Rubicon. Plus other activities from ALS

Food and drink available to purchase

**CAMP RUBICON**

**Enuff** SKATEBOARDS

**TECH DECK**

**CHILLI**

Crewkerne Town Council logo and ALS logo are also present.



**MINI MAKERS MIDWEEK MARKET**

Free School Holiday Activities for Children!

Join us at the **Crewkerne Wednesday Market** this summer for fun, free activities for the kids on:

30th July, 13th August, and 27th August

While the children have fun, why not enjoy a browse around the market, treat yourself to a coffee and a cake, and soak up the atmosphere?

We look forward to seeing you there!

**Town Hall, Market Square, Crewkerne**



**SEVERALLS TENNIS COURTS**

Tennis rackets and balls are available from a borrow box

Download the app: ClubSpark Booker

[clubspark.lta.org.uk/SeverallsTennisCourts](http://clubspark.lta.org.uk/SeverallsTennisCourts)

You can pay to play for £6 a hour or purchase an annual pass for £35.

How do I book?

## Speak to your Councillor!

The next Council Surgeries are 10.30 -12 noon in the Local Information Centre on:

**Saturday 28th June**

**Saturday 26th July**

## VOLUNTEER DAYS

**Townsend Cemetery: 10am Thursday 26th June**

**Happy Valley: 10am Thursday 24th July**

Please bring your own gloves

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