



## TENNIS COURTS Open Day

Saturday 13th April saw the launch of our newly refurbished tennis courts. Mayor Alice Samuel said a few words and cut the ribbon to mark the official opening. It was a lovely day with a great turnout of both adults and children enjoying themselves. All the children were rewarded with a certificate and a cupcake! Spectators enjoyed watching the tennis from the Rotary Club's donated 'Happy to Chat' bench.

Thank you to the LTA and Somerset Council for fully funding the works, LaTennis and Beth Lacey for providing the coaching sessions and to the previous chair of Amenities Dan Wakeman for getting the project off of the ground. Thanks also go to Lorraine Lacey for implementing our 'borrow box' with rackets and balls for anyone who might not have their own.

**Anyone can book the courts for £6 an hour or purchase an annual pass for £35. To book, please visit the website below, download the app ClubSpark Booker, or phone us in the office on 01460 74001.**

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



## TOWNSEND CEMETERY

The gates at the cemetery have now been restored. They have been repainted to what is believed to be the original colour. The adjacent pillar has also been sympathetically repaired after this was recently damaged. Work has also commenced on tarmac paths in the new section of the cemetery.





This month marks the 130th anniversary of the first Crewkerne Urban District Council which was established in 1894. In April 1974 this was replaced by the 'new' town councils. This makes Crewkerne Town Council 50 years old!



## STOP PRESS!

We would like to welcome our newly co-opted Councillor Christine Rawe. She has lived in the town for 16 years and is an active member of the community. She is Lead Trustee of The Speedwell Hall charity and secretary for Severalls Jubilee Bowls Club. In her spare time she enjoys holidays in her motorhome with her husband.

## Honoured Citizens

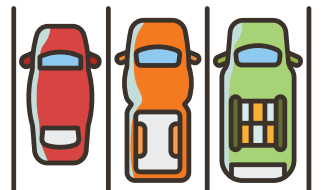
At our Annual Town meeting in April, Mayor Alice Samuel presented the Honoured Citizen Awards. The well deserved recipients were Dave Lumbard and Annette Roffey for their outstanding contributions to the town. The Mayor also presented Sarah Langdon with a Mayor's Commendation for her exemplary work with the Brownies.



- In March 2024 CTC was delighted to announce that it had been awarded the Quality Award as part of the Local Council Awards Scheme.
- Out of 10,000 parish and town councils in the UK, only 50 have achieved quality status.
- Crewkerne is the only Council in Somerset to hold this award.



## ROAD MARKING AND PARKING REQUESTS



Are you considering requesting a parking restriction in your area? Please consider the follow points:

- White advisory H-Bars are only permitted on the highway where there is a dropped crossing point for the use of pedestrians and wheelchair users. Highways no longer install H-bars to address parking problems or to protect a single private access to the highway as these are no longer enforced by the police.
- For a parking permit scheme to be introduced, the initial consultation must demonstrate that 60% of the residents support the implementation of residents parking. Following this, Highways would undertake a review of the area. During this review, other roads in the area may be assessed, to identify issues such as displacement, business, visitor attractions, town centre improvements, traffic flows, congestion, parity of availability and charges. A parking permit would cost the resident and would not guarantee a parking space.
- If a road is a public highway, any vehicles can legally park here whether they are residents or visitors.



# ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

On Monday 15th April our Annual Town Meeting of Electors took place in Victoria Hall. The Mayor presented the Honoured Citizens Awards and the Mayor's Commendation. The Quality Status Award, Charter Fayre Award and the 50th anniversary of Crewkerne Town Council were also celebrated.

Representatives from the Mini Police (from St. Bartholomew's Primary School) showcased some of their work and Somerset Film presented their Bincombe 360 project, a virtual reality world created by local children using photographs from the woodland. There was also an update on the Neighbourhood Plan, and presentations from the Community Kitchen, the Twinning Association, Crewkerne Boxing Club and the announcement of the grant awards for 24/25.



## UPCOMING EVENTS:



**25-26TH MAY - PLANTS AND GARDENS FESTIVAL**



**6TH JUNE - D-DAY 80 COMMEMORATION EVENTS**



**8TH JUNE - RBL EVENT AT SEVERALLS**

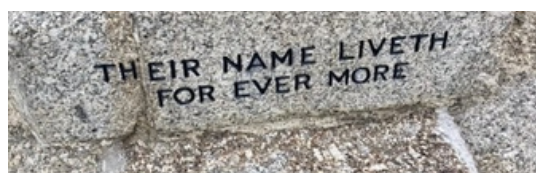


**27TH JULY - SUMMER FAMILY FUN DAY AT HENHAYES**



## TOMMY

The conservation works to the Tommy memorial are now complete. This work was part funded by a grant from the War Memorials Trust. Tommy has been professionally cleaned, repointed and the lettering refreshed by a heritage stone mason.





# Crewkerne WEDNESDAY MARKET



## Speak to your Councillor!

Councillor surgeries are held on the third Saturday of each month. Surgeries are 10.30-12 noon in the Local Information Centre:

- Saturday 18th May**
- Saturday 15th June**
- Saturday 20th July**

From Wednesday 8th May, Crewkerne Town Council will be trialling a small weekly market outside the town hall. This will operate from 10am-2pm. The trial will be for a 6 month period, however we would love it to be a roaring success and for it to continue for much longer. Please mark the date in your diary and support this however you can.



GRC available for bookings

TO MAKE A BOOKING, OR FOR DETAILS AND AVAILABILITY PLEASE CONTACT CREWKERNE TOWN COUNCIL:  
01460 74001 OR TOWNCOUNCIL@CREWKERNE-TC.GOV.UK



- Meeting & function rooms
- Kitchen hire



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## VOLUNTEER DAYS

**Henhayes:**  
10am Thurs 16th May

Please bring your own gloves



16/05: MEET AT THE GRC ENTRANCE

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