

Crediton Neighbourhood Plan

Vision and Objectives

March 2016



How do we know what's important?

Our own surveys

- Town plan consultations: 2009, 2010, 2012, 2013
- Household survey 2015
- Business survey 2015
- Schools survey 2015

Other surveys and consultations, e.g. Health

Key questions for getting off the starting block ...

What is our town like now?

What makes us different to other towns?

What do we want for the future?

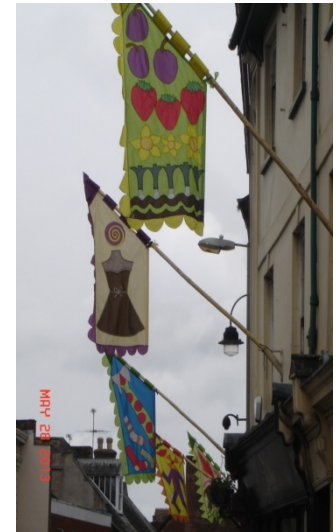
Our town

a creative and sociable community,
committed to developing a
sustainable town,
alongside our valued heritage and
environment



Our distinctiveness

- arts-based social action
- St Boniface heritage
- public transport connectivity
- a rural valley setting



Our mission

to make Crediton a better place to live, work and play



Our vision for Crediton includes

- 1 Community and facilities
- 2 The town centre
- 3 Transport
- 4 Sustainability
- 5 Employment
- 6 Heritage
- 7 Environment

Section 1 Community and facilities

Vision

in 2026, Crediton will be a place with strong community spirit and active community life set around a lively programme of town events



Section 1 Community and facilities

Objectives

- **1.1 maintain and enhance the community spirit**
- **1.2 maintain and improve the range of social, community and leisure facilities for all ages**
- **1.3 support the provision of suitable social facilities for young people in the town centre**
- **1.4 support plan proposals which improve the mental and physical health and well-being of the community**
- **1.5 be a town that actively involves local residents and businesses in shaping it and in the process of plan making, monitoring and delivery**

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Section 2 The town centre

Vision

In 2026 Creetington will be a thriving and prosperous town with a vibrant town centre where people enjoy living, working and spending their leisure time



Section 2 Town centre

Objectives

- **2.1 improve the vibrancy and vitality of the town centre**
- **2.2 improve the functionality and physical environment of the town centre**
- **2.3 recognise and promote Crediton's strong independent retail sector**
- **2.4 ensure new shops support the built heritage character of the town centre**
- **2.5 keep a high proportion of retail shops in the primary shopping frontage**
- **2.6 keep a low proportion of ground floor offices in the primary shopping frontage**

Section 3 Transport

Vision

In 2026 Crediton will be well-supplied with sustainable transport options, especially for walking and cycling



Section 3

Transport



Objectives

- **3.1 improve the pedestrian environment and practicality of moving around the town on foot**
- **3.2 improve the cycle network within the town and connections to the wider cycle network**
- **3.3 promote and support safe travel for all and improve parking**
- **3.4 promote, maintain, connect and extend the existing network of cycle paths, footpaths and pavements**
- **3.5 seek improvements to connectivity between different forms of public transport**
- **3.6 promote travel by bus and train through improvements to services and facilities**
- **3.7 promote car sharing**

Section 4 Sustainability

Vision

In 2026 Crediton will be a community that is more reliant on its own resources, reduces environmental degradation and mitigates the effects of climate change



Section 4 Sustainability

Objectives

- **4.1 encourage energy efficiency and energy production from renewable and low carbon sources**
- **4.2 promote facilities for the re-use of items and materials and recycling of waste materials and ensure adequate storage for recyclable and waste materials in new housing developments**
- **4.3 encourage the purchase of locally produced food goods and services**

Section 5 Employment

Vision

In 2026 Crediton will be well supplied with employment opportunities, including industrial and business sites, and facilities for home-working



Section 5 Employment

Objectives

- **5.1 Support and strengthen the local employment base and attract a wide variety of businesses to Crediton**
- **5.2 Make sure that existing employment sites are kept for employment use wherever possible and appropriate**
- **5.3 Support new business premises in suitable locations**
- **5.4 Support new mixed use developments so that where appropriate, people can combine work and home life.**

Section 6 Heritage

Vision

In 2026 Crediton will have a protected, valued and maintained heritage of historic buildings and well-designed additions and refurbishments which enhance the existing street scenes especially in the town centre



Section 6 Heritage

Objectives

- **6.1 promote sensitive development which enriches and preserves the heritage of Crediton**
- **6.2 ensure the design of all new development is of high quality, in keeping with the town character and to a high level of sustainability**
- **6.3 promote Crediton station as part of the built heritage of the town and protect it from negative impacts of development**
- **6.4 maintain and enhance the town's conservation area**
- **6.5 retain and improve open spaces in and around the town centre**

Section 7 Environment

Vision

In 2026 Crediton will retain its southern rural landscape to preserve its setting between the flood plains of the Yeo and Creedy, and its green spaces within the town with improved air quality and enhanced biodiversity



Section 7

Environment



Objectives

- **7.1 protect and restore biodiversity and natural habitats through appropriate land use and integration of habitat sites into the built environment**
- **7.2 encourage planting of trees and shrubs in appropriate locations in the public realm to mitigate the effects of carbon emissions and to extend biodiversity**
- **7.3 maintain and improve green spaces within the town**

What's next?

- Circulate the Vision and Objectives and gather responses
- Write up planning policies that will support our objectives – these must add detail to existing national and district planning policies. They should not simply repeat them.
- Take advice from our planning consultant
- Talk to Mid Devon District Council again.