



WELCOME TO OUR JANUARY – APRIL 2026 NEWSLETTER

We've been busy planning, digging, tidying and planting,

First signs of Spring



Hyacinth bulbs planted



Wild daffodils at Henhayes



Snowdrops



By the Loos



Behind the Library



Our annual sale of hyacinth bulbs last Christmas was another sell-out with pink, blue and white proving equally popular. After enjoying them indoors, maybe you have planted your bulbs outside? On the top left are some dating back several years all thriving in a wooden garden trough.



Falkland Square - Early February



Late April



The tiger striped troughs in Falkland Square are always eye-catching and however you look at them the planters are filling out nicely. Next month our colourful hanging baskets will be going up to bring cheer all over town.

Volunteers very welcome!



Mulching at Henhayes



Tidying border at Bowling Green



Wheelbarrow after tending

On Tuesday mornings you may see us in our pink waistcoats working to keep everywhere planted, weeded, dead-headed, watered, colourful and tidy. New volunteers are very welcome and there is always plenty to do. If you are not available on a Tuesday morning we are planning to arrange alternative times to meet up through the coming months.

Here we are at the Rotary Stone bed



The bed by the Rotary Stone is the main gateway for visitors to town so the area is always a priority for our volunteer working parties. News of planting a special tree next month!

More about us



Brightening up a scruffy area

Crewkerne in Bloom are a small group of volunteers whose aim is to promote Crewkerne as a place to shop, visit and conduct business. We organise the planting, hanging and maintenance of many of the hanging baskets in the centre of town, maintain flower beds and borders and a varied selection of pots, planters and troughs. Perennial and annual plants encourage insects, improve sustainability.

The Potager



Ready for Spring clean



Potatoes



Flowers for pollinators



Chives



Peas

Here's The Potager over the past few months. By popular request we're moving towards planting the whole area with veggies and herbs. Wild flower seedlings will be moved to other areas.

It's Your Neighbourhood Group - The Friends of Crewkerne Station



In a break between tidying up the station planters after Winter and refreshing them for Summer, the Friends enjoyed a day trip by train to Exeter - principally to view an exhibition at the Royal Albert Memorial Museum. The Friends reported that the journey through wooded valleys and green agricultural land with glimpses of the River Axe was delightful. On arrival at the museum, cheerful flower pictures were spotted on the restaurant walls and on departure an array of botanical items in the shop caught the eye. The verdict was a great day out - and no parking problems!

Fred Rumsey at Crewkerne Heritage Museum

Did you know there are over 400 species of dandelion in UK? Or that some types of sorbus and hornbeams are unique to Somerset? These are just a couple of the facts that Fred Rumsey, botanist and former Natural History Museum curator gave in a talk at The Crewkerne Heritage Centre. He also reminded us how large and geologically diverse our county is.

Flowers and leaves inspired Queen Elizabeth 11's wardrobe

Floral motifs, colours and symbolism were an integral part of the late Queen's wardrobe. Roses (England), thistles (Scotland), leeks (Wales), shamrocks (Ireland), maple leaf (Canada), wattle (Australia), silver fern (New Zealand), lotus flower (India) plus lily of the valley, jasmine and orange blossom were all Commonwealth favourites.

Many such pieces are among the 300 or so items on display in a special exhibition at Buckingham Palace in The King's Gallery until mid October.



Finely detailed artificial flowers for corsages involved cutting petal and leaf shapes from stiffened cloth, often hand painted, shaping the pieces over heated moulds and arranging around stamens on covered wires. Sir Norman Hartnell, Hardy Amies and Angela Kelly were the late Queen's key designers.

Crewkerne Town Council's Community Engagement Meeting



The end of March saw us at the Town Hall for Crewkerne Town Council's Annual Community Engagement Meeting. This is where we had the opportunity to tell residents more about our work and thank the council for our grant cheque.

Business Window Competition



In our next Newsletter we'll announce the winners of our Business Window Competition. This year we are joining in with Crewkerne and District Twinning Association's celebration of 50 years of partnership with Igny and 20 years with Bures-sur-Yvette in Northern France – so the theme is **Entente Cordial**. It will be judged on May 14th when our French visitors will arrive.



You can keep up to date with our activities on facebook and Instagram and via our website where you can also sign up for newsletters.

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Crewkerne in Bloom is run entirely by volunteers. Our aims are to encourage a sense of community and pride in Crewkerne, enhance its attraction and environmental friendliness and bring more visitors to the town.



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