



WELCOME TO OUR JULY - SEPTEMBER 2025 NEWSLETTER

VJ Day, Summer Colour, New Planting Schemes, The Potager,
Friends of Crewkerne Station

VJ Day



Town Hall Square



Falkland Square



High Street



Local Information Centre



Lest we forget

Poppies popped up, flags flew and Crewkerne was at its colourful best when VJ Day – commemorating 80 years since the end of the Second World War - was marked in August. The Town Hall Square was the location for a flag raising ceremony and a proclamation by the Town Crier. In Falkland Square a two-minute silence was observed at noon.

Just around the corner



You'll remember we made sure our tower planter that made its debut in the Town Hall square in the Spring could be moved for the September Fair. And here it is looking spectacular just round the corner by the redundant telephone box. Our planter is returning to the Square and Crewkerne Town Council is looking for suggestions on how the phone box could be used.

Falkland Square



Amongst the usual baskets and planters there are some towering beauties. You'll notice we are loving perennial grasses for sustainability and a more informal look. On the next page, Sallie explains more about how we are coping with climate change.

Along the A30



Sallie explains how we are coping with Climate Change

“You may have noticed a change in the contents of our planters this Summer. Instead of filling them all with seasonal bedding, some now contain a mixture of perennial and foliage plants, with a few annuals added for extra colour.

We are mindful of the constraints of climate change and are introducing drought-tolerant plants where possible – while still striving to keep Crewkerne bright and cheerful.

In addition, once plants get too big in their planters we are transplanting them to our large flower bed at the Rotary Stone - and other areas where needed.

This should ensure the flower borders continue to look cheerful – although this hot and dry Summer has been particularly difficult.

On the bright side, after the recent rain, the perennials in the borders are putting on new growth. With the addition of two big coloured grasses (recently moved from the trough near the Black Swan dental practice) to the Rotary Stone bed, plus two big evergreen shrubs, that bed will soon regain its former beauty.”



Making a Metre Matter



The Potager between the Library and Waitrose is a real eye catcher and this year we are supporting an RHS initiative and rising to Gardeners' World challenge to Make a Metre Matter. The idea is to transform just one metre of outdoor space for the good of the planet and to attract bees. At the Potager we have two ready-made areas – flowers/vegetables where blooms and produce come and go throughout Summer.

In the Pink



Planting in progress in Falkland Sq.



Transformation of the nearby wheelbarrow



Its Your Neighbourhood – The Friends of Crewkerne Station



As well as maintaining colourful floral displays in the planters, the Friends have enjoyed much success in nurturing edibles. These visitors were especially pleased with their enormous lettuces recently harvested.



The Friends of Crewkerne Station took local MP Adam Dance for a tour round the station and told him all about their work with the planters and station area. Gail Coleshill who organized the visit said, 'Being a gardener himself he even knew the names of some of the plants!'. The Friends also took the opportunity to discuss with Adam that rail travel is not reliable enough yet to get everyone out of their cars.

Crewkerne in Bloom Volunteers visit Cadhay Gardens



A few of us enjoyed a sunny afternoon strolling round the magnificent gardens at this Tudor manor house and chatting to some of the gardeners. On the left are Stephanie and Sallie.

Crewkerne Gardening Club Flower Show at Henhayes



Longest runner bean Wonkiest carrots 2nd prize beetroot

Here's occasional Crewkerne in Bloom volunteer Lesley who's been busy in her own garden growing award-winning long runner beans, wonky carrots and splendid beetroot! Here she is with her awards at the popular annual event held this year on August 16th.



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and pride in Crewkerne, enhance its attraction
and environmental friendliness
and bring more visitors to the town.



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