

WELCOME TO OUR AUGUST – SEPTEMBER 2026 NEWSLETTER

Hanging Baskets, The Potager, Bulb Planting, Flagship Crewkerne, Photo Competition





We water where the rainwater doesn't reach!





Rich colours stand out and contrast well with the natural Hamstone.





The Menders' baskets are a colourful welcome on a main route into town and the loos always look splendid.

The Potager



Sallie watering



The productive Potager



Bike with baskets

In preparation for more dry summers, our fourth rainwater tank aided by a grant from Wessex Water is now installed.
Climate change is undeniable and while sustainability is at the heart of our activities we continue to adapt. Our aim is for insect friendly, colourful planting that keeps Crewkerne looking cheerful.
Sallie, who is always busy working around town says, "Our decision to fill the planters in Falkland Square and the three in the George Precinct with perennials is a success. As the soil moistens with more rain, we will divide and move plants to our principal flower bed at the Rotary Stone."
Meanwhile, after another splendid season at the Potager, we'll weed it through before Winter.
It's a great place to stop for a chat! Sallie remembers talking to a young mum with her baby, picking peas. Apparently, the youngster enjoyed the taste of the peas fresh from the pod more than shop bought sweets!





This year we have grown lettuce, courgettes, broad beans, carrots, radishes, French beans, Swiss chard, peas, tomatoes and potatoes.

Our Annual Sale of Hyacinths





Here we are planting bulbs for our very popular annual sale of hyacinths at the Farmers' Market on November 28th. In pink, blue or white they are a perfect Christmas gift – for others or yourself! If you can't make it to the market, they will also be on sale at the Local Information Centre at the Town Hall.

Flagship Crewkerne



We were very happy to take off our gardening gloves and participate in the event organized by **Open Doors Somerset**. For this celebration of local heritage displayed along the High Street area, we made and decorated a flag with a flax motif to represent the importance of the local sailcloth industry.

Here's Crewkerne in Bloom volunteer Sue T with the flag she designed for this event that honoured the industrial heritage, local environment and history of our lovely old town. Sue says, "Our flag is inspired by the blue flowers of the flax grown around Crewkerne in the 18th & 19th centuries that was processed and made into sailcloth for sailing boats. The pink background is a nod to our volunteers – often known as The Pink Ladies!" Hanging outside **h k law** it was amongst the trail of 40 flags. We were thrilled how much our beautiful baskets and planters enhanced the display.
















Photo Competition Winners

Congratulations to the winners in our Planted Planter Photo challenge where we were loking for pictures of plants you had grown in an unusual container.
Judging criteria: WOW factor; Interpretation; Design & Choice of Accessories; Overall Composition & Use of Space.

1st Place - Friends of Crewkerne Station




Judges' comments:
Wonderful arrangement; lovely to see the evolution of flowers over the growing period; unusual, exciting, thoughtful and colourful; a delightful attraction for arriving and departing passengers.

2nd Place – Andy & Lenka Peacock



Judges' comments: Very good use of foliage and flowers making a lovely overall picture; tasteful and unusual; good choice of plants.

3rd Place – Colin Hill



Judges' Comments:
Very pretty arrangement; good use of space.



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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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