

## **A Better Crewkerne and District (ABCD) update**

ABCD continue to actively work in the town, since the last update to Area West in March 2016, ABCD has achieved the following:

### **Creative Crewkerne**

This working group have been extremely busy. Last April saw 2 weeks of Pom-pom bombing across the town. Thousands of pompoms were used to decorate the town centre and other key buildings and locations in the town. This was a hugely successful arts project which brought together a wide range of people who made the pom-poms at various workshops in the cafes, pubs and community buildings around the town. The event was so successful that Creative Crewkerne (a working group of ABCD) are now running pom-pom making workshops ready to decorate the town again this spring, commencing on 22<sup>nd</sup> April for two weeks.

In June, Creative Crewkerne organised the Community Singing event at the Henhayes Fete, a hugely successful event involving 3 schools and 2 community choirs. In October, Creative Crewkerne arranged for Dinosaur Park, a very funny show which sold out at the Edinburgh Fringe, to be performed in the town.

As well as another Pom-Pom event, plans are now in place to put on a day of Art in the Gardens in July 2017.

### **Community Plan 2016 - 2026**

The completed Crewkerne Community Plan with accompanying Action Plan of projects was published in the autumn. A full copy is available on the ABCD website and a summary was printed and distributed in the Town Council newsletter, which went out to every household.

ABCD met with Crewkerne Town Council and Crewkerne Chamber of Trade, who have agreed to take the lead on a number of relevant projects outlined in the Action Plan. ABCD are just launching a consultation with local businesses to help inform a local economic strategy for the town.

### **Bus Shelter**

Members of ABCD have been exploring the possibility of relocating the bus stops from Market Square to Market Street, if this happens it would enable the provision of a much needed bus shelter.

### **Skate Park**

ABCD worked with Crewkerne Town Council and a group of enthusiastic young people to secure funding, finalise the design and build a new skate park in record time.

ABCD continues to work in partnership with a number of local organisations to help progress the projects identified through the consultation. Partner organisations include: Crewkerne Town Council, SSDC, Friends of Henhayes Play Park, Friends of Crewkerne Station, Chamber of Commerce and Crewkerne Heritage Centre.

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