

ABCD (A Better Crewkerne and District)

Report from Councillor Mike Best, SSDC representative on ABCD

It was interesting to look back over the past 12 months to see just how much effort has been put into ABCD activities/projects by members and the Working Parties.

Our main projects – i.e. the centralised bus stop, the KRBS shop building and the upgrade of the pavements in North Street are no further forward than they were at the beginning of the year, despite all the efforts of ABCD members.

The KRBS shop building continues to be held up due to legal reasons.

To achieve the new central bus stop location in Market Street a safety audit is required on the South Street junction and an SIS scheme is in place via Mike Best, County Highways are nearly five years behind in SIS projects, so it seems that the safety audit will be considerably delayed, though we have just received information that the audit is now due to start in May 2020.

The improvements to the North Street pavement on safety grounds from the School to the Dentist will now be carried out but no date has been given. No further improvements will be made to North Street until the new one way system is in place (but this is linked to the development of the CRL Key site), it was agreed that it would be useful to have photographic evidence of the problems with the traffic at the junction of North Street/Market Street and also to monitor the air quality in that area. Some grant funding has been secured to be used to purchase an air quality monitor also investigations are being looked at for a suitable siting for a camera.

On a positive note The Crewkerne Food Festival was a great success and Crewkerne in Bloom almost swept the board with trophies! Creative Crewkerne and the Farmer's Market got together with successful Crafters & Antique markets. Creative Crewkerne continue to work with Take Art to bring a range of performances into the town.

Friends of Crewkerne Station have continued with their enhancement of the station and with building the links with the Blackmore Vale Partnership.

Thanks to the Chair of ABCD for the above.

Cllr. Mike Best