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Christina Findell with some of her home made scents

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## Christina busy proving she has nose for business

### Crediton woman specialises in scents

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THE sweet, spicy, floral and just plain attractive smell of success is beckoning for Christina Findell.

Mrs Findell is challenging the big French perfumes houses like Chanel and Dior with her very own Crediton-made perfume pour femme.

With a touch of sandalwood, a hint of jasmine and

just a soupcon of lavender she can make a unique fragrance that will be forever yours and only yours.

She uses 18 natural essential oils to make personal perfumes to order and is thought to be the only fragrance maker of her kind in the South West.

Sandalwood essential oil provides perfumes with a striking wood base note and smells somewhat like other wood scents, except it has a bright and fresh edge with few natural analogues.

When used in smaller proportions in a perfume, it is seen as a fixative to enhance other fragrances.

Like lavender oil, it has been used extensively in perfume making for centuries.

Mrs Findell said: "Each perfume is unique and designed for you the individual. You receive a certificate with your fragrance and the recipe so you can make it again."

"It means you can keep the fragrance of that special day. There is the fanfare of the initial fragrance, the middle note that lasts for four to five hours and the base notes that last 24 hours. Then you can have more made later."

"You can also have fragrances made for a particular mood. Say you want a calm and relaxing mood then the essence could be lavender, rose and jasmine to produce a soothing effect."

"It is interesting too that some people might think

they are the floral type but as we go through the blends they sometimes find they like a little spice and citrus and so we can blend that too. It makes it very personal."

Mrs Findell, who became involved in perfume making after a career in sales, has teamed up with Carri Harrison, another Crediton woman who specialises in creating natural gemstone jewellery through Carr's Gems, to form Christina's Collection.

The pair, who met at a craft show for Devon Air Ambulance Trust, will be showing their skills at a country craft workshop in Crediton Town Hall on December 3.

More details are available on christina-collection.com

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the town, the other is PC Luke Newman.

They are led by neighbourhood team leader Police Sergeant Dave McFadden with back up from PCSOs Dave Waring, Lisa Croker and Dave Pilling.

PC Bradshaw said: "This is the first time I had met my MP since I started the job and it was very good to discuss issues about policing."

"Obviously like other towns there is a night time and evening economy in Crediton but we operate our shifts accordingly and we like to think we are seen out on the streets by residents."

"People are very supportive and we are seeking to publicise our new contact number which is just 101 which will put the caller in direct contact with the police switchboard. That is of course alongside the normal 999 emergency number."

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### Issues raised by QE students

LITTER and tuition fees were high on the agenda when students Queen Elizabeth Community College in Crediton met with district councillors during local democracy week.

The students met with district councillors for a lively debate chaired by student Charlie Finch.

Issues raised included housing for young people, free activities, school transport, tuition fees and future plans for the link road.

Year 8 students took part in workshops to assess what they liked and disliked about Crediton and then identified solutions for topics of concern. Voting took place and the issue of most concern was around improvements to the path and the amount of litter in Tinpot Lane. Councillors agreed to find out how improvements could be made. Councillors Peter Hare-Scott and Nick Way then took part in an interview for the College radio station.

Students at Tiverton High School also took part in Local Democracy Week and looked at the plans for the Tiverton eastern urban extension with district councillors.

Students suggested sites for industrial units, housing, a school, green infrastructure, gypsy and traveller sites, recreational fields and a new link road. The canal, other buildings, the wildlife site and a site of special scientific interest were taken into consideration to justify their plans. A display of the High School students' master planning will be on view to the public in the reception of Phoenix House from 9 January.

Emily Pike, Tiverton High School citizenship teacher, said: "Our students enjoyed the session and have produced some fantastic work as a result. The activities were engaging and fun."