

MVCAP

Report for Area Board meeting on Wednesday 11th November 2015

SHRIMP funding

We have agreed to provide funding to support the SHRIMP (SHerston River IMProvement) project, which is being run in Sherston by the Bristol Avon Rivers Trust. The funds provided were the remaining proceeds of the successful Wild Sherston event which took place last year.

Reducing our operations

Since the loss of our paid administrator following the withdrawal of Wiltshire Council funding for CAPs we have struggled to find people with the time and skills to commit to organising our work. Our existing key volunteers have extensive commitments including being councillors and managing other organisations meaning that they are unable to dedicate more time to MVCAP.

From taking minutes, booking rooms and preparing risk-assessments through to project management, there are a range of tasks which need dedicated work to make the organisation effective and ensure that we meet our legal obligations. Requests for volunteers to take over these roles for projects such as our walks group have been unsuccessful.

In this light the management committee have had to accept that the role of the organisation will have to be greatly reduced in the future. Existing projects will only be able to proceed as and when we have volunteers available to dedicate the time and effort needed to run them.

Therefore the committee has decided that we will continue to act as moderators for a number of local social media forums including the flood information group; we will move forward with the walks projects when Peter Gilchrist, the new project chair, has time free to commit to this work; and we will continue with our First World War centenary remembrance initiatives. All other existing projects will be put on hold and no new work will be taken on until we find more administration resources.

About MVCAP:

We are a community development charity working in Malmesbury and the Villages. We work to encourage volunteering and public participation in community matters, and help local charities and community groups with practical support.

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