

## **Melksham House Update**

**10<sup>th</sup> Sep 2022**

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Work to refurbish Melksham House is continuing to progress well. The refurbishment of the external fabric of the building is nearing completion. The buildings original masonry has been carefully restored by a team of specialists. The scaffolding has recently been removed, revealing the restored exterior.

Work to restore and modernise the building's interior is now well underway. External landscaping works will also be progressed in the coming months.

The council are working with the contractor to ensure the building meets the needs of the end users. We hope the planned refurbishment of Melksham House will be completed early in 2024.

The end user has been identified as the SEND and Inclusion service. Melksham House will be used as a registered education provision for primary and secondary aged pupils, the majority with an Education Health Care Plan (EHCP). The service is aimed at children and young people who cannot access 'mainstream' schools due to social, emotional, mental health and medical needs.

A registered education provider is being sought. It is anticipated that the building will be available for a 'soft opening' from Easter 2024, once the education-specific adaptations are completed in early 2024. The education provision will open fully from September 2024.

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