

Update for Melksham Area Board

Name of Parish/Town Council	Melksham Without Parish Council
Date of Area Board Meeting	6 th September 2017
Headlines/Key successes	

Fantastic results in the first round (West Wiltshire) of the CPRE Best Kept Village Competition for villages in the Parish:

- Shaw – 1st in Medium Village category
- Berryfield – 4th in Medium Village category
- Whitley – 6th in Medium Village category
- Bowerhill – 2nd in Large Village category

Shaw now goes forward to the next round, which is County wide

Tree Charter

The Parish Council has signed up to support the Woodland Trust's **Tree Charter** and supports its 10 principles:

- Thriving habitats for diverse species
- Planting for the future
- Celebrating the cultural impact of trees
- A thriving forestry sector that delivers for the UK
- Better protection for important trees and woods
- Enhancing new developments with trees
- Understanding and using the natural health benefit of trees
- Access to trees for everyone
- Addressing threats to woods and trees through good management
- Strengthening landscapes with woods and trees

Community working at its very best!

You may have noticed some colourful new additions to the villages of Shaw & Whitley?

Members of CAWS (Community Action: Whitley & Shaw) and the Shaw & Whitley Gardening Club installed three wooden planters at key sites around the villages (by the Churchyard, Whites Corner and Top Lane).

The sites were chosen in conjunction with Wiltshire Highways department for maximum visibility whilst avoiding obstruction of lines of sight at junctions; with Melksham Without Parish Council taking responsibility of the necessary Highways Licence.

The planters were bought by CAWS using money received from the Waitrose 'Community Matters' collection last year. They were brought to life using compost they won in last year's Best Kept Villages competition and plants donated by the Gardening Club.

Parish Council allotment sites in Berryfield were opened to the public to view as part of the Melksham Open Gardens event in July, which raised funds for The Childrens' Society

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Projects

- Continuing flood prevention works in the villages of Shaw & Whitley, with ditch inspections with the Wiltshire Council Drainage Team, and the CAWS CEG (Community Action: Whitley & Shaw Community Emergency Group) continuing to go from strength to strength with live exercises being run and more funding sought from the SSE Community Resilience Grant scheme for additional equipment.
- Working with the Melksham Neighbourhood Plan team and the local community to find out what local green space is important to the community and why? To consider protecting under the NPPF Local Green Space designation through the Neighbourhood Plan.
- **Bowerhill Sports Field and Pavilion**
The Pavilion and adjacent field makes an ideal facility for any groups or families organising picnics, rounders matches, children's parties or even an excellent venue for local businesses to hold meetings or training sessions; or yoga/pilates, friendship clubs meeting for refreshments, or local craft groups. If you would like to have a tour of the new facilities please contact us.

Forthcoming events/Diary dates

Next meetings:

MONDAY 4 TH SEPTEMBER	PLANNING COMMITTEE
MONDAY 11 TH SEPTEMBER	FULL COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY 25 TH SEPTEMBER	PLANNING COMMITTEE
MONDAY 25 TH SEPTEMBER	HIGHWAYS & STREETSCENE COMMITTEE
MONDAY 9 TH OCTOBER	FULL COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY 16 TH OCTOBER	PLANNING COMMITTEE
MONDAY 6 TH NOVEMBER	PLANNING COMMITTEE
MONDAY 13 TH NOVEMBER	FULL COUNCIL MEETING

Signed: Teresa Strange, Clerk

Date: 25th August 2017



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