

Update for Melksham Area Board

Name of Parish/Town Council	Melksham Without Parish Council
Date of Area Board Meeting	11 April 2017

Headlines/Key successes/Projects

- Fantastic community support during recent severe weather (both snow and heavy rain), with Community Emergency Response plans put into action on several occasions.
- Following a request from less mobile residents, a new kissing gate was installed at the rear of Shaw Playing Field with area board grant funding, installed by volunteers from West Wiltshire Ramblers. Many thanks to Paul Millard, Senior Rights of Way Officer of Wiltshire Council who pulled it all together.



- 150 trees planted (supplied by Woodland Trust) at Bowerhill Jubilee Sports Field on a bitterly cold Saturday morning in March, by volunteers from the parish council, ATC cadets and BRAG (Bowerhill Residents Action Group).



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- Lots of community groups in the parish took part in the #Great British Spring Clean in March.



- Members of the parish council visited the new Air Ambulance HQ site in the parish, just ahead of their handover of keys and the first helicopter landing.



- Legal transfer for Hornchurch Road (Bowerhill) Play area from Bloor Homes to the parish council nearly completed, a refurbishment will be undertaken as soon as the surrounding grassed areas are dry enough for vehicles to drive on.
 - Discussions have been held with developers about forthcoming housing developments in the parish, and a meeting with BASRAG (Berryfield & Semington Road Action Group) to discuss requirements for the forthcoming village hall and with the Public Art Officer regarding the public art contributions.
 - Site meeting held with representatives of BRAG (Bowerhill Residents Action Group) to discuss route of new footpath extension (part funded by Area Board grant) at Hornchurch Road public open space, and exploratory discussions about a potential teen shelter ahead of wider consultation.
 - Following the resignation of Cllr Mike Mills, Cllr David Pafford was duly elected unopposed as a councillor for the Bowerhill Ward.
 - Following the resignation of Cllr Steve Petty, there is now a vacancy in the Berryfield Ward.
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Forthcoming events/Diary dates

MELKSHAM WITHOUT PARISH COUNCIL

Notice is hereby given that the

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Will be held at

SHAW VILLAGE HALL

The Beeches, Shaw, Melksham.
SN12 8EW

**Monday 16th April 2018
at 7.00pm**

Refreshments and networking from 6.30pm

THE FOLLOWING BUSINESS WILL BE TRANSACTED AT THE MEETING:

To hear from councillors, groups and organisations on their activities last year in the parish, and looking forward to the coming year. Small bite sized information sessions on the community response in severe winter weather, use of the community access defibrillators and new data protection rules that will affect local groups and organisations. The meeting will finish with the presentation of grant cheques to local groups

All residents of the Parish are welcome to attend.

CLr Richard Wood, Chairman 26th March 2018

Signed: Teresa Strange, Clerk, Melksham Without Parish Council

Date: 6th April 2018