Update for Melksham Area Board

Name of Parish/Town Council	SEEND PARISH COUNCIL
Date of Area Board Meeting	13 February 2019

Headlines/Key successes

- WW1 Commemorative Bench bought with help of £400 Area Board Grant
- Completion of Defibrillator Project

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Projects

<u>WW1 Commemorative Bench Project</u> - A short service of dedication service was held on 12th January for the WW1 Commemorative Bench placed by the War Memorial in the Seend Churchyard. The bench was bought with £400 grant money from the Melksham Area Board, with Seend RBL and the Parish Council jointly paying the balance. There was also a small donation from Seend WI which paid for the inscription.

The bench was bought to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the end of the First World War and to remember the 25 soldiers from the Parish who died. The Parish Council had hoped to join Wiltshire Council's project to plant a tree for every Wiltshire soldier who died, but could not find a suitable location to plant all the trees in one place. The PC felt the bench would be a fitting way for Seend Parish to remember with gratitude the 25 men who gave their lives for us.

<u>Defibrillator Project</u> – Seend Parish Council has completed it's 3 year project to install a defibrillator in the three areas of their Parish: Seend, Seend Cleeve and Sells Green. The 3rd defibrillator has just been installed in the PC adopted red phone box by the Three Magpies Pub, Sells Green. The first was placed in the entrance to the Community Centre in Seend, and the second on the outside wall of The Brewery Pub in Seend Cleeve.

The defibrillators and cabinets were bought with the Sandridge Solar Farm Communit Benefit Payments that the Parish Council had received over the last 3 years. The 3rd defibrillator was additionally funded by a donation from the Three Magpies Pub, the proceeds from the sale of a barrel of beer donated by Wadworth & Co. The defibrillators were purchased from the British Heart Foundation through their "fund a public access defibrillator scheme", so bought at a reduced cost.

The Parish Council is delighted to have been able to provide this valuable life-saving equipment for the Parish

Forthcoming events/Diary dates

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Signed: Sue Bond (Seend Parish Clerk)

Date: 8th February 2019