

Melksham Area Board 1 December 2010

Chairman's Announcements

i. Help tomorrow take shape – the 2011 Census

The 2011 Census is coming:

- The census has collected information about the population every ten years since 1801 (except in 1941). The next census in England and Wales is on 27th March 2011.
- The 2011 Census will produce a high quality estimate of the population. It is a count of the people and households in England and Wales. The census is carried out by the Office for National Statistics (ONS) on behalf of Parliament.
- Everyone is asked the same questions in order to take a snapshot of the population at one moment in time.
- The census tells us how many people live where and the types of people they are, for example whether they are young, old, married, single, etc. This means decisions, like working out who needs facilities in the future, are focused on accurate, relevant details.
- You can find out all general information about the census at www.census.gov.uk

ii. Wiltshire Intelligence Network

A new website has been created to provide access to a wide variety of information and research for Wiltshire. The new site, www.intelligencenetwork.org.uk, is available to all and aims to support planners and policy makers, community leaders and politicians, voluntary groups and the general public in using accurate data to make informed decisions. A broad range of information is available, organised into the following topic themes:

- Consultation
- Local Area Profiles
- Population & Census
- Health & Wellbeing
- Education & Skills
- Economy
- Crime & Community Safety
- Community
- Planning & Housing

- Transport & Communications
- Environment, Climate Change, Waste & Recycling
- Culture, Leisure & Tourism

The content of the site will continue to grow over the coming months and the research team is keen to hear any suggestions for content that people would like to see on the site. The site was developed by Wiltshire Council's corporate research team in the Department of Public Health and Wellbeing, in conjunction with the South West Observatory and working in partnership with NHS Wiltshire and Wiltshire Police. For more information, or to give your views and feedback, please contact Sally Hunter on 01225 713289, or email sally.hunter@wiltshire.gov.uk.

iii. Mobile Phone Safety

Immobilise, the UK national property register, are running a scheme to help protect your mobile phone and other property in the future. Please visit their website, www.immobilise.com, to register your mobile phone for free. This will help Wiltshire Police to recover your property and to catch the thief. If you would like a poster to display or further information about this scheme, please see the Immobilise website.

iv. Adverse Winter Weather – Call for Partnership Working

Wiltshire Council is looking to expand its partnership working with the city, town and parish councils should problems be caused by adverse winter conditions.

Wiltshire Council is encouraging local Councils to record their interest in working with us to help provide services during adverse weather conditions. This could involve being a local agent for storing salt, or refilling salt bins, or mechanical salting of footpaths and roads.

This partnership working will help us jointly to provide a better and more extensive coverage at a time when resources will be fully stretched.

The local councils are asked to register their interest via their Community Area Manager before 30 November 2010.

v. Public Protection Enforcement Policy

The Public Protection Service is reviewing its enforcement policy, and is seeking views from interested stakeholders.

The policy deals with the entire range of legislation administered by the Public Protection Service covering all environmental health and trading standards powers, as well as any relevant community safety and emergency planning laws.

The policy addresses the practical application of Public Protection enforcement procedures and aims to provide a fair and effective approach to any enforcement action taken by officers of the authority. It seeks that any enforcement action must be compliant with all relevant legislation and guidelines, and must be fair, clear, transparent, consistent and robust.

The draft enforcement policy is on the council's website.

<http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/environmentandplanning/publicprotection/publicprotectionenforcementpolicy.htm>