

Update for Melksham Area Board

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| Name of Parish/Town Council | MELKSHAM TOWN COUNCIL |
| Date of Area Board Meeting | 7 September 2016 |

Headlines/Key successes

Grass Cutting

Regarding the unsatisfactory condition of King George V Park and the Cemetery emanating from Wiltshire Council's decision to reduce its grass cutting frequency, the Town Council have liaised with Wiltshire Council's contractor and financed extra cuts in King George V Park and the Cemetery, allowing these areas to be cut twice a month during August and September.

King George V Park

The Town Council recognizes the need to enhance the value offered by King George V Park in terms of facilities provision and ongoing maintenance, and have requested early discussions with Wiltshire Council, in isolation from the proposed community asset transfer package to enable an agreement in principle to be determined that would allow the Town Council to support ongoing maintenance initiatives and explore grant funding and investment opportunities that would add value and benefit to the park facility.

Melksham Station

Melksham Town Council have agreed to contribute £3,333 of the £10,000 required by the TransWilts Group to help their funding bid for improvements and enhancements to services and facilities at Melksham Railway station, which include extending the platform.

ParkRun Initiative – King George V Park

Melksham Town Council have agreed to fund £1000 towards the set-up costs of £3000 towards this scheme in order that regular ParkRun events can take place in King George V Park.

Projects

Mosaic – King George V Park

Following an offer of help, it is hoped that the Millennium Mosaic in King George V Park will be restored shortly.

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Digital Wall Project

Melksham Town Council have agreed to support the Melksham Remembers Group's – Digital Wall Project. It is understood that the group will be submitting a bid shortly to the Heritage Lottery Fund for the funding required.

Seniors Event

Following a request from Mr Brian Warwick, Melksham Seniors, the Town Council have agreed to host an annual Seniors Event following the success of the recent inaugural event at Canberra.

Sports Road Shows

Melksham Town Council have facilitated sports road shows on Tuesdays and Thursdays in King George V Park during the School holidays. These events have been well received and have proved extremely popular.

Forthcoming events/Diary dates

- 11 September: Annual Gardeners' Society Show and Melksham in Bloom Presentation.
 - 27 September: Grants Presentation.
 - 13 November: Remembrance Sunday.
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Signed: Steve Gray, Town Clerk

Date: 25 August 2016