

MELKSHAM COMMUNITY AREA PARTNERSHIP UPDATE – March 2010

Melksham Area Waterways Group

First meeting took place on 9th March at The Adventure Centre. The group's general aim is to enhance the waterways in the Melksham area for the benefit of visitors and residents alike. Agreed to run consultation on the Melksham Link throughout May and the group is due to hold a meeting to plan this consultation shortly.

Melksham Area Community Health and Well-being Group

First meeting has taken place and agreed points for discussion at follow-up meeting. Main aim of next meeting will be to agree a strategy for a public Community Health event to identify shortfalls in health and well-being provision and agree actions to fill the gaps.

Melksham Area Community Safety Group

Already well-established but recently decided to stage a public event to review the effectiveness of Neighbourhood Watch and identify actions to support and improve it further. Plans for this event have been welcomed by the Wiltshire Police Authority.

General

These and other theme groups will be looking at ways of developing their membership to ensure that they include representation from all relevant bodies, all Parishes in the new Melksham Community Area and all groups already working on related issues so as to avoid duplication of effort and consequent waste of time and valuable resources. If anyone reading this can suggest any potential group members please contact Miriam Zaccarelli.

As well as its role of identifying and consulting on the needs of the community, the Partnership will serve as a focal point for many issues affecting the community and point people in the direction of existing organisations and/or expertise.

All groups will be agreeing/confirming Terms of Reference, official titles, points of contact, meeting dates and venues etc. as soon as possible.

News on the Sports & Leisure Facilities Group should be forthcoming shortly.

Further information

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