

Malmesbury and the Villages Community Area Partnership (MVCAP)

Report for Area Board meeting on Wednesday 6th March 2013

Headlines

Community Safety Forum: Next meeting: Wednesday 27th March 2013 at 7:30pm – see the MVCAP website for venue details:

<http://www.mvcap.org.uk/index.php/meetings>

Malmesbury Area Pathfinders (Walks Group): MAP are now concentrating upon developing a new trail named the *White Walls Way*. This will be a set of walks forming a large circular trail about 20 miles long. Within the main trail there will be shorter circular walks and links to other regional and national trails. The main routes have been agreed and we are now working towards publication of the route online in the Spring. To find out more or to get involved please get in touch.

Thanks go to the Malmesbury Carnival Fund for granting £750 to Malmesbury Area Pathfinders to pay for interpretation boards for the Malmesbury Bridges Walk.

<http://www.malmesburypathfinders.org.uk>

Malmesbury Flood Info: In response to local concerns we set up the Malmesbury Flood Info website – a repository of information about how to deal with flooding and other types of civil emergency complete with links to places to get equipment. We also set up a companion Facebook Group as a space for the community to get together.

These websites proved very popular during the recent periods of flooding. In particular the community used the Facebook Group to coordinate a self-help response including distribution of free sandbags and regular reports about road conditions.

<http://malmesburyfloodinfo.weebly.com>

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/222243707910354>

Partners

Where possible MVCAP will provide assistance to other groups with existing community projects and to groups and individuals with ideas for new projects.

Malmesbury Victoria Football Club: MVCAP are providing assistance to MVFC on grant applications, website development, and finding volunteers. The 'Vics' particularly need volunteers to help on matchdays. If you would like to help out please get in touch.

<http://malmesburyvictoriafc.co.uk>

Athelstan's Army: Are now holding regular social mornings from 10:00am to 12:00 noon at Malmesbury Town Hall. MVCAP continue to help them with publicity and their website. For more about Athelstan's Army please go to: <http://athelstansarmy.weebly.com>

Gingerbread Malmesbury: A new local group of the single parents' charity Gingerbread is starting up to cover Malmesbury and the Villages. MVCAP are helping to promote the new group and build their website.

Gingerbread friendship groups are run by single parents for single parents. Single parents often say that the mutual support they receive from other Mums and Dads is invaluable. They allow people in similar situations to share experiences, make friends and support each other as well as offering a much needed chance to relax and have fun! If you are interested in joining the group, or can offer any help in setting it up, running activities for the children, or talk to the group about a subject that might be of relevance to its members they would really love to hear from you.

<http://gingerbreadmalmesbury.weebly.com>

Representation:

MVCAP have representatives on the Malmesbury Neighbourhood Steering Group, Sherston Neighbourhood Steering Group, Sustans Cowbridge-Malmesbury

Cyclepath Group and a member of MVCAP attends the Youth Advisory Group meetings.

About MVCAP

We are an independent non-political organisation working to develop and promote community work and to represent those living and working in the Malmesbury Community Area. Membership is open to everybody so if you want to make a difference to your local community why not join us? We have opportunities available for those who want to volunteer regularly or just on the odd occasion.

For more information visit www.mvcap.org.uk or call 01666 390110