

## **MALMESBURY & THE VILLAGES COMMUNITY AREA PARTNERSHIP (M&VCAP) - UPDATE**

Since our last report M&VCAP continue to move positively forward. The M&VCAP AGM will be held at the end of June. We will be looking to appoint a paid administrator, to support the group at our next meeting (Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March) and to look for an interim Chair/Vice-Chair until the AGM.

Some concerns were raised about M&VCAP's Terms of Reference and we have sought further advice and a final version will be produced prior to the informal event on the 17<sup>th</sup> March. We would like to thank Laura Pictor of WFCAP for her help and support.

The first stage in the Partnership's consultation survey with the community to identify the priorities for the new community plan has been concluded and continues to be evaluated. We are grateful for the help and support of Miranda Gilmour, our Area Board Project Manager, for her assistance to date in this work and her support of the Partnerships Officers and members.

M&VCAP will be holding a Community Day on April 25<sup>th</sup> from 11am till 4pm, the purpose of this event is to:

- a) Engage the community in the work of M&VCAP and to encourage more involvement in M&VCAP's future work and community projects;
- b) Share with the community the issues that are coming out of the consultation, for the new Community Area Plan;
- c) Further consult with the community to prioritise the issues raised through our recent consultation so that our work can be of the greatest benefit; and
- d) Engage more with community groups.

M&VCAP have been successful in their bid to Westlea Housing's Community Improvement Fund for £750.00 to host this community event. We are very appreciative of the support received from Westlea and the Residents' District Forum for this generous donation.

Money has been set aside to look at developing transport links with the villages to enable young people living there to access activities within Malmesbury Town.

M&VCAP are holding an informal evening on March 17<sup>th</sup>, where a presentation about the role and purpose of the partnership will be given to new and prospective members, to further encourage involvement and to give clarity to M&VCAP's role.

The Partnership would welcome everyone interested in making a difference within the community to attend their meetings.

We look to the future with enthusiasm and wish to thank everyone who has supported and worked with us.

Chairman, we thank you and the Area board for your time, consideration and support.

*Alison Cross-Jones - Vice-Chair*