

Update for Melksham Area Board

Name of Parish/Town Council	Melksham Without Parish Council
Date of Area Board Meeting	18 November 2015

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Headlines/Key successes

- **Official opening of new Pavilion at Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Sports Field at Bowerhill on Saturday 19th September, by the Lord Lieutenant Mrs Sarah Troughton.** Refreshments were provided by Gompels and served by Bowerhill Ladies Group. Herman Miller representatives were in attendance and everyone enjoyed watching the Melksham Town youth games played that morning to mark the opening. A consultation event was also held with local groups from the Melksham Neighbourhood Plan, Community Speed Watch, BRAG (Bowerhill Residents Action Group), Neighbourhood Police Team and Neighbourhood Watch. The Melksham Youth Officer was also on hand to consult with youngsters on what they would like to see from the new youth club to open in the Pavilion facilities after Christmas.



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- **CPRE Best Kept Village results:** The results are in for the CPRE Best Kept Village Competition. In the first round (West Wiltshire) Bowerhill came first in the Large Village Category and Shaw first in the Medium Village Category; with Beanacre 3rd, Whitley 4th and Berryfield 8th. Bowerhill and Shaw were then judged against villages in the whole county where Bowerhill came 4th and Shaw was placed 2nd.
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- **Parliament Week (w/c 16th November):** Parliament Week is a programme of events and activities that connects people with Parliament and democracy in the UK. The Parish Council want to connect with the younger generation and this week are visiting all the primary schools in the Parish (Forest & Sandridge, Shaw and Bowerhill) and meeting with pupils, particularly the School Councils.
 - **Community Resilience:** CAWS (Community Action: Whitley & Shaw) have assisted the flood wardens with their community resilience plan and have now purchased equipment to enhance the sandbags provided by Wiltshire Council. There are now generators, pumps, camp beds etc stored in the village in case of another flood. Grant funding was provided by SSE.

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Projects

- **Defibrilators:** The project to install 7 defibrilators across the Parish is ongoing, with sites identified in Berryfield, Beanacre, Bowerhill (x2), Shaw, Whitley and in the retail area of the East of Melksham housing development.
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- **Tree Planting:** The Parish Council have been provided with 100+ trees from the Woodland Trust, these have been planted on Sunday 15th November. A real community effort with the planting being done by Councillors, staff, BRAG, ATC and the chance for youngsters to come along and plant trees and earn time credits.
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Forthcoming events/Diary dates

- **CAWS Christmas Cracker:** Following their successful BBQ event in July, on the 3rd December CAWS (Community Action: Whitley and Shaw) will be holding an auction at the Pear Tree Inn to raise money for holding future community events in 2016.
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Signed: Teresa Strange, Clerk, Melksham Without Parish Council

Date: 2nd November 2015