

Update for the Melksham Area Board Meeting

Update From:Melksham Town Council.....

Date of Area Board Meeting: *18 November 2015*

Headlines/Key Issues:

- **Amenity provision**

Given the change in service provision by Wiltshire Council with regard to various amenities in the town, Melksham Town Council are seeking a meeting with Wiltshire Council to discuss the possibility of an asset transfer of these important services which are used and enjoyed by the whole community.

- **Britain in Bloom South West**

Melksham achieved a Silver Gilt award against stiff competition at the Britain in Bloom Presentation in Dartmouth on 24 September 2015.

The Melksham Britain in Bloom South West Group held it's AGM on 3 November and agreed to enter Melksham again next year.

If you would like to help with next year's entry please contact Miriam Zaccarelli at the Town Hall.

- **Lackham College**

Melksham Town Council are collaborating with Lackham College students to help with their project work. A group of students have undertaken various tasks in the town, including improvements to the Prince of Wales Gardens, the Factory Shop area and are currently helping with improvements to the footpath at St Michael & All Angels Church.

- **Civic Award Nominations**

Melksham Town Council are currently seeking nominations for Civic Awards, There are various awards:

Community Award - this can be for an individual who has, in the course of the year and through their activities, furthered the welfare and/or improved the quality of life of Melksham people.

Achievement Award – To be awarded to any individual or team who has excelled within their field either by a significant winning achievement or by a significant improvement in their skills and personal achievement and development.

Enhancing Melksham award – To be awarded to any person, company or organisation who has completed a project, which has improved the physical environment of the Town.

Winners will be presented with their awards at the Mayor's Reception on 14 March 2015.

For further information please contact Lorraine McRandle at the Town Hall.

Projects:

- **Flood Plan**

Melksham Town's flood plan is currently being prepared. The group involved in drawing up the plan are currently seeking Flood Wardens to help in a flooding emergency. If you can help please contact Miriam Zaccarelli at the Town Hall.

- **Time Credits**

This scheme has been running in Melksham for a year and over 356 credits given to 146 people who have helped volunteer for Tidy Town Days, Churchyard challenges, South West in Bloom activities, the Food and River Festival and many more events and activities.

Time credits can be spent at cinema showings at the Assembly Hall or to hire a DVD from the Library.

For further information please contact Miriam Zaccarelli at the Town Hall.

- **Lewington Close Play Area**

Melksham Town Council have agreed to take over responsibility for Lewington Close play area, which will be built shortly following a Section 106 arrangement with the developer of further housing in this area.

Future Events/Dates for the Diary:

- Xmas Lights Switch on/Xmas Fayre – 5 December

Signed:Steve Gray.....

Dated:6 November 2015.....