



MELKSHAM COMMUNITY AREA PARTNERSHIP UPDATE - December 2010

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Community Safety

A grant of £1000 was granted from the Area Board for 350 free Touch2id proof of age cards to distribute to young people in the area. 5 venues in the Melksham area have readers to validate the cards.

Next Community Safety Group: Thursday 13 January

Waterways

114 comments have been compiled on the Wilts and Berks Canal consultation which will feed into a more detailed questionnaire to be distributed in December.

Next Waterways Group: Tuesday 7 December

Older People's Forum

An inaugural meeting was held on 20 October at Melksham Assembly Hall, with Key Speaker John Thompson from Wiltshire Council. The forum has been awarded £300 from the Melksham Town Council to start off. John Thomson spoke about the savings Wiltshire Council are making and that groups that represent the voice of the community will play a key role in influencing how the tight budgets of the Council should be spent.

The Forum aims to:

- Meet to discuss matters of common interest
- Provide a platform for concerns of people over 50
- Be a focal point for consultation
- Improve Older Citizens Lifestyle & Social well-being
- Improve the quality of life of Younger & Older Senior Citizens
- Liaise closely with other community organisations

Next Older People's Forum Meeting: January tbc

Power/Energy group

An initial meeting of a group with representatives of the Melksham Climate Friendly Group has been formed, and is looking at the potential of sustainable power generation owned by the community.

Next Power/Energy Group Meeting: January tbc

AGM

The MCAP AGM was held on Tuesday November 30 at the Assembly Hall, where a draft version of the Community Plan was discussed and developed.

Spring River Festival

MCAP plans to organise a Spring River Festival in Melksham in April/May. Details will be available on the website as they progress.

FURTHER INFORMATION

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