

Update From: Malmesbury Villages Community Area Partnership. (MVCAP) - Date of Area Board Meeting: 7th March 2012

Headlines

Community Safety - Attendance of the general public is low, however, all the information that transpires from these meetings including the police priorities for the following quarter is relayed through the MVCAP times and the website. The next Forum will take place on the 27th March 2012 in the Malmesbury Town Hall 7pm. For 7.30pm. All welcome.

MVCAP Times - Is continuing to be a success and its distribution has grown.

MVCAP Website - Maintenance of the website and exploring the value of social network continues. Also, the Group is engaging widely and maintaining a dialogue with the community, parish councils, voluntary bodies and Wiltshire Council bringing coherence to community projects.

The Malmesbury and Villages Moving Forward event is to take place on the 21st February_- A report on this is to follow.

MVCAP will, where possible provide assistance to other groups with existing community projects as well as to groups and individuals with ideas for new projects.

Fundraising continues. The Late Night Shopping event raised £62. A general raffle is being organized. A Duck Race has been suggested and this is being investigated.

Project Reports -

Malmesbury Area Community Hub (MACH): MACH is up and running. It is building relationships with partner organisations, developing a business plan, and is investigate the options for premises in the centre of Malmesbury.

- A meeting with the local consultative group for the YMCA has taken place which proved very positive.
- Westlea is currently running a survey on behalf of MACH.
- MACH's first Newsletter has been circulated and it has its own internet domain and email address:
www.malmesburyhub.org.uk info@malmesburyhub.org.uk - or you can phone 01666 390110.

Walks group: This project has gained significant local support. One of its aims is to launch various walks in Malmesbury and the surrounding area. Routes are being finalised for a 20 mile circular walk. This is to be broken down into several sections giving alternative shorter routes. A website is being designed with an appropriate logo.

Malmesbury Community Area Transport (M-CAT) - 5 fully trained drivers have now been appointed to this project. The aim is to bring people in from the villages to the Malmesbury cinema and other local events. The team met on the 16th January and it was agreed that a dummy run be arranged giving drivers chance to use the bus with passengers. Also, additional wheelchair hoist training is to be arranged.

Sustainability- . The reduced street lighting project has enlisted a total of nearly 190 lights for conversion saving of approximately 15 tonnes CO2 per year.

Other projects are being explored such as battery recycling.

Supporting other organizations - MVCAP has identified four volunteers to join the Malmesbury Community Cinema project and has offered assistance and advice for communications and online ticketing.

Other projects are continuing.

If anyone would be interested in becoming involved in any of the above projects we are always looking for volunteers. We have opportunities for regular roles and for people who only want to volunteer occasionally. If interested, phone 01666 390110. web: www.mvcap.org.uk

Future Events/Dates for the Diary:

The next meeting of the Steering Group will be to discuss what projects to continue with and suggestions for future projects. Dates of future meetings will be posted on the website.



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