



THEMES

Community Safety

Recent activities include:

- Planning public event to review the effectiveness of Neighbourhood Watch and identify actions to support and improve it further.
- Following up anti-social concerns raised at a special meeting in Melksham Town Hall by agreeing actions to help reduce the problem
- Preparing for the roll-out to this area of the new Touch2id Proof-of-age card for young people

Health

The main aim of the next Health Theme Group meeting will be to agree a strategy for a public Community Health event to identify shortfalls in health and well-being provision and agree actions to fill the gaps. A date has yet to be agreed but July is being considered, possibly during the 'Age-No-Barrier' week.

Waterways

One immediate area of activity for the Waterways Theme Group will be working with the Wilts & Berks Canal Partnership to consult the community on plans to bring the Wilts and Berks Canal back through Melksham by way of the new Melksham Link. This will be done by working closely with the community, Wiltshire Council's Canal Officer Ken Oliver and in partnership with the Town and Parish Councils, British Waterways, the Wilts & Berks Canal Partnership, the Environment Agency and other interested parties.

The group meets on the first Tuesday of every month and anyone interested in taking an active part should get in touch.

Environment

On March 11 the Manor School in Melksham held a Greener Living show at which the Partnership had a stand. A mini consultation was carried out to find out the priorities for greener living in the area and the results showed that the top three priorities were using the car less, planting more trees and introducing solar power.

VILLAGES

Keen to keep every parish involved in the Partnership, we have begun reaching out to villages through Parish Councils. Tim Jalland has arranged introductory meetings at Poulshot, Great Hinton and Melksham Without, and continues to work at connecting the outlying rural areas with the town.

CARNIVAL AND VILLAGE FETES

To introduce the CAP to as many people as possible we will be holding a stand and driving a float through Melksham at the Carnival on July 18. A very general consultation will be carried out, to gather a wide range of views from the public, which will form data that goes into the Community Plan.

We will be taking the same displays to the village fetes in the area to ensure that we reach as many people as possible. If you would like to help promote the CAP in your village, please get in touch.

WEBSITE - www.melksham.communityarea.org.uk

The website will be available on June 1 as a regularly updated source of information and progress on our work. It will include links to online consultations and have a backdoor facility so the theme groups can upload minutes and agendas of their meetings.

A twitter and facebook account have been set up to increase our online presence:

<https://twitter.com/MCAPPartnership>

'Melksham Community Area Partnership' on Facebook.

NEWSLETTER

Work has begun on the newsletter, which will be a paper based method of distributing the content from the website.

DEVELOPMENT

Growing partnership

New groups to get involved in the Partnership include the Melksham Climate Friendly Group, Pubwatch, West Wilts Interfaith and Farm Crisis Network

WFCAP

We continue to work closely with the Wiltshire Federation of Community Area Partnerships for advice and best practice. On May 8 the WFCAP conference in Devizes was a celebration of success from CAPs around the county, at which many ideas were generated for future projects and MCAP presented our website.

Wiltshire Council's Partnership Development Officer

We are working with Andrew Jack who provides support in creating consultations and providing local statistics and results from previous surveys.

FURTHER INFORMATION

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