

Update for Melksham Area Board

Update from	Melksham Town Council
Date of Area Board Meeting	15 October 2014

Headlines/Key Issues

- **Food & Drink Festival:** This year's festival took place on 14 & 15 June on a glorious weekend. The event was very well attended and feedback from those who visited the festival was very positive.
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- **Melksham in Bloom:** Judging for this year's competition took place on Tuesday, 8 July with over 35 entries. This year, the competition was opened up to more people with the additional of several new categories ie Best Courtyard Area, Best Water Feature, Best Shop Window Display to name a few.
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- **South West In Bloom:** At the South West in Bloom Awards presentation held in Trowbridge Civic on 18 September Melksham achieved a Silver Gilt Award.

A special mention to The Golden Fleece and The Bear who achieved winner and Runner up respectively in the Best Pub Floral Display in the competition. Congratulations also to all the groups who enter the It's Your Neighbourhood part of the competition ie Aloeric School, Shaw School, Conigre Mead Nature Reserve, St Michael & All Angels Churchyard Group and Bowerhill Residents Action Group.

The Committee and volunteers worked very hard towards getting Melksham ready for this year's competition and are looking for volunteers to help with various aspects of the competition for next year. If you are interested in joining the group please contact Lorraine McRandle at the Town Hall: lorraine.mcrandle@melkshamtown.co.uk

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- **Sports Roadshows:** A weekly sports roadshow took place during the Summer holidays which proved very successful. Feedback from those who attended was very positive and the Town Council are investigating what roadshows can be put on next year.

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- **Time Credit Scheme:** Melksham Town Council are in the process exploring of taking part in the Wiltshire Time Credit Scheme as a way of rewarding those people who volunteer their help in the town.
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- **Foresters Park Play Area:** Following a request from local residents, new goal posts will be installed shortly, replacing the old ones which were beyond repair.
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- **Planters at Road Signs:** The Town Council are investigating the possibility of having some sort of planters or art installation on every entrance into Melksham.

In the first instance, Wiltshire College have been approached to ascertain if they are able to help with this project.