

Update for Melksham Area Board

Name of Parish/Town Council	Melksham Without Parish Council
Date of Area Board Meeting	15th April 2015

Headlines/Key successes

- Individual flood plans drawn up by volunteer groups in Shaw, Whitley and Beanacre; 400 sandbags stored locally donated by Wiltshire Council under their PEAS (Parish Emergency Assistance Scheme) and exercise drills to commence shortly; Parish Council produced leaflet “what to do in a flood” distributed to 800 homes in Shaw, Whitley, Purlpit and Beanacre.
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- New Residents Action Group set up, **CAWS** (Community Action – Whitley & Shaw) which the Parish Council is sure will follow in the footsteps of the good work carried out by BRAG (Bowerhill Residents Action Group) and BASRAG (Berryfield and Semington Road Action Group) elsewhere in the Parish.
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- Successful launch of the Melksham Neighbourhood Plan at the Assembly Hall on Fri 27th & Sat 28th March with the Town and Parish Councils working well together with the local community.

Projects

- Safety surfacing at Shaw Play area replaced and equipment refurbished, with consultation with local children at the pre schools and primary school as to what they would like to see to replace an item of play equipment. Major repair work undertaken to the safety surfacing at Beanacre Play area.
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- Improvements to Bus Stops with replacement roofs on the bus shelters at Semington Road and Sandridge and a new bench installed at the West Hill bus stop following a request from residents.
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Forthcoming events/Diary dates

Launch of Bowerhill Sports Pavilion on Saturday 16th May

On Saturday 16th May Melksham Without Parish Council are holding a launch event for the new sports Pavilion at Bowerhill Sports Field. There will be a number of events happening on the field during the day with the ribbon being cut at 2.30pm by the Queen's Representative, Deputy Lieutenant Mr. Robert Floyd.

The event on Saturday 16th May is to give the opportunity for local people to come and see the new facilities and celebrate by using the Playing Field. There will be a football tournament from 10am to 2pm with local disabled youth and adult teams from across Wiltshire taking place; this is an "Ability Counts" tournament being organised by AFC Melksham.

The Parish Council hope that local community groups will also attend the event and provide a chance for members of the public to be able to find out more about them and what they do.

One of the main uses of the Playing Field is that as football pitches, and as well as the Ability Counts tournament during the event, there will also be an adult tournament played on Sunday 17th May and it's hoped that local teams will get involved. This too is being organised by AFC Melksham, who have always been very supportive of their home ground at Bowerhill. There will also be a chance to look around the new changing room facilities (4 changing rooms and 2 official changing rooms) on Saturday from 3pm.

The Pavilion also has a new kitchen and lounge area, this is available for use by local community groups. The Pavilion used to be the home of the Bowerhill Youth Club, and the aim is to get the Youth Club up and running again; there will plenty of chance at the event to have your say – particularly the young people – as to what they want from a youth club.....

Signed: Teresa Strange, Clerk to Melksham Without Parish Council

Date: 31/03/2015