

AGENDA

Meeting: MELKSHAM AREA BOARD
Place: Melksham United Church, Market Place, Melksham.
Date: Wednesday 24 February 2016
Time: 7.00 pm

Including the Parishes of Atworth, Broughton Gifford, Melksham, Melksham Without, Steeple Ashton, Bulkington, Keevil, Great Hinton, Poulshot, Semington and Seend

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Wiltshire Councillors

Cllr Jonathon Seed (Chairman) - Summerham & Seend	Cllr Jon Hubbard - Melksham South
Cllr Pat Aves - Melksham North	Cllr David Pollitt - Melksham Central
Cllr Terry Chivers – Melksham Without North	Cllr Roy While – Melksham Without South

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Items to be considered	Time
<p>1 Chairman's Welcome, Introduction and Announcements <i>(Pages 1 - 4)</i></p> <p><i>Councillors and members of the public should be aware that due to the importance of this main agenda item, that timings may slip to enable everyone to have their say.</i></p> <p><i>To facilitate the smooth running of the meeting, members of the public who wish to speak at this meeting, will only be called once on each agenda item.</i></p> <p>Announcements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public Transport Review • Your Care your Support • 2016/17 Area Board Budget 	<p>5 mins</p>
<p>2 Apologies for Absence</p>	
<p>3 Minutes <i>(Pages 5 - 14)</i></p> <p>To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 18 November 2015.</p>	
<p>4 Declarations of Interest</p> <p>To receive any declarations of disclosable interests or dispensations granted by the Standards Committee.</p>	
<p>5 Police and Crime Commissioner - Precept 2016-17</p> <p>The Commissioner to give an update on the 2016-17 precept.</p>	<p>10 mins</p>
<p>6 Local Youth Network (LYN) - update and grant funding</p> <p>Members of the LYN to give the update.</p>	<p>5 mins</p>

7	<p>Housing - Meeting Local Need & Adult Care (Pages 15 - 16)</p> <p>A presentation from Emma Legg – Head of Service Adult Care Operations, Wiltshire Council which will provide a housing update and an offer to work with the Area Board and the local community, including the parish councils, on the delivery of new housing to meet local needs.</p> <p>A presentation to outline plans for devolution of funding to Area Boards to target social isolation, loneliness and well-being.</p>	15 mins
8	<p>Melksham Community Health and Wellbeing Centre</p> <p>Presentation from Laurie Bell - Associate Director, Communities and Communications and Councillor John Thomson, Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Communities, Campuses, Area Boards and Broadband, Wiltshire Council.</p> <p>To receive a recommendation from the Melksham Campus Project Board and to approve outline content of the Health and Wellbeing Centre.</p>	60 mins
9	<p>Delegated Authority for CEM & CYO</p> <p>Recommendation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>That in respect of urgent matters that may arise, the Community Engagement Manager, following consultation with the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Area Board, may authorise expenditure to support community projects from the delegated budget of up to £1,000 in total between meetings of an Area Board. The decision and reasons why it was considered urgent will be reported to the next meeting of the Area Board.</i> • <i>That in respect of urgent matters that may arise, the Community Youth Officer, following consultation with the Chairman of the Local Youth Network and Chairman of the Area Board, may authorise expenditure to support youth projects from the youth budget of up to £1,000 in total between meetings of an Area Board. The decision and reasons why it was considered urgent will be reported to the next meeting of the Area Board.</i> 	5 mins
10	<p>Community Area Transport Group (CAT-G) - update (Pages 17 - 22)</p> <p>Cllr Roy While.</p>	5 mins

11	<p>Legacy Campaigns Presentation 2016 (<i>Pages 23 - 24</i>)</p> <p>Rhys Schell – Community Engagement Manager.</p> <p>To inform Boards of the Legacy campaigns for 2016, to include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clean for The Queen • Queen’s 90th Birthday Street Parties • The Big Pledge Road to Rio • Getting Active- Walking and Cycling activities in Wiltshire <p>Guides will be given for each of the above to provide further information to the community about how to get involved.</p>	5 mins
12	<p>Champion Updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children and Young Peoples Network - Cllr Jon Hubbard • Economy – Cllr Roy While • Health – Cllr Pat Aves • Transport – Cllr Terry Chivers • Read Easy – Cllr David Pollitt • Older Persons – Chris Pickett 	5 mins
13	<p>Written Partner Updates (<i>Pages 25 - 60</i>)</p> <p>To receive any written updates from the following partners:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Area Partnership • Wiltshire Police • Wiltshire Police and Crime Commissioner • Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service • NHS Wiltshire/Clinical Commissioning Group • Healthwatch Wiltshire • Melksham Town Council • Parish Council Nominated Representatives • Melksham Chambers of Commerce • Melksham Senior People’s Forum • Trans Wilts Cic 	5 mins

14 **Grant Funding** (*Pages 61 - 90*)

15 mins

The Area Board members are asked to consider seven applications to the Community Area Grants scheme:

Melksham & District Girlguiding requesting £1,500 for Melksham Girlguiding HQ Insulation of Building.

St John Ambulance requesting £1,000 for Melksham Unit Defibrillators.

1st Bowerhill Scout Group requesting £1,300 for 1st Bowerhill scout Group – Do Our Best.

1st Bowerhill Scout Group requesting £1,985 for 1st Bowerhill scout Group – Do Your Best.

Avon Bowls Club requesting £750 for Avon Bowls Club Pavilion New Floor Covering.

Atworth Village Hall and Recreation Ground Committee requesting £3,750 for Children’s Play Equipment.

Melksham Town Sound requesting £997 for AM Transmission Project MTS.

Grant application packs for the Community Area Grants Scheme are available from the Community Area Manager or electronically at:

<http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/communityandliving/areaboards/areaboardscommunitygrantsscheme.htm>.

15 **Any Other Items of Public Concern**

16 **Next Meeting**

Wednesday 13 April at Semington Village Hall.

17 **Close**

Agenda Item 1

Chairman's Announcements

Subject:	Wiltshire Passenger Transport Review
Officer Contact Details:	Passenger Transport Unit- 0300 456 0100/ passengertransport@wiltshire.gov.uk
Weblink:	http://consult.wiltshire.gov.uk/portal

Wiltshire Council is undertaking a review of Wiltshire Council supported bus services.

This is part of a wider review of all areas of Wiltshire Council's passenger transport remit.

Although passenger transport makes a strong contribution to the priorities that underpin Wiltshire Council's Business Plan, a key challenge in recent years has been how the service can continue to achieve these priorities in the face of growing pressures on local authority spending. This review is therefore being undertaken to help identify savings from passenger transport budgets.

Roughly half of bus routes in Wiltshire are operated with the need for financial support from Wiltshire Council. Services with fewer passengers, weekend and evening, or remote services require more support. Many other local authorities have already made savings from reducing or withdrawing subsidised bus routes.

The Council has already completed a pre consultation assessment, (details can be found via this link (www.wiltshire.gov.uk/localtransportplan3)).

We will now undertake a broader consultation to hear the views of residents. The Council has made no decisions and would like to see how far you agree or disagree with the presented options, or alternatively suggest your own. Consultation documents can be viewed from the 11 January 2016 on the Council's consultation portal <http://consult.wiltshire.gov.uk/portal>.

Hard copies of the consultation material including questionnaires will be available at local libraries and at main council offices from the 11 January 2016. Questionnaires will also be available on buses operating a journey that is funded by Wiltshire Council, and can be sent out on request.

The consultation will be open from 11 January 2016 to 5pm on the 4 April 2016.

If you have any queries, please contact us using the details:

By email to: passengertransport@wiltshire.gov.uk

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Passenger Transport Unit
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Chairman's Announcements



Subject:	Your Care Your Support Wiltshire
Officer Contact Details:	Dr. Sara Nelson: Information and Communication Officer, Healthwatch Wiltshire.
Weblink:	http://www.yourcareyoursupportwiltshire.org.uk/home/

Summary of announcement:





Healthwatch Wiltshire is working in partnership with Wiltshire Council to manage and develop *Your Care Your Support Wiltshire*, the new health and social care information website for the county. As part of this work, Healthwatch Wiltshire has regularly engaged with local people to make sure that the website reflects their need for good quality, comprehensive, and accessible health and care information.

The website went live on April 1st 2015 and is still evolving. This is really exciting as it means that Wiltshire people have a chance to be part of its future growth.

The website contains:-

-  Information about different health conditions as well as care services. For example, dementia, keeping well, help to live at home, carers.
-  A service directory that provides details of support and help in the community as well as local clubs, societies and organisations, GPs, dentists and care homes.

We need your help:-

-  To identify the groups, clubs and societies that exist in your area
-  To encourage them to register their details on the service directory
-  To tell us about other types of health and care information you would like to see on the site.
-  Get involved in our discussion groups and readers panels so you can have your say in how the website develops or just contact us and tell us what you think.

Help us to help you find all the information you need about health and social care in one place.

For more information call Healthwatch Wiltshire on 01225 434218 or email contact@healthwatchwiltshire.co.uk

MINUTES

Meeting: MELKSHAM AREA BOARD
Place: Seend Trust and Community Centre, Rusty Lane, Seend SN12 6NS
Date: 18 November 2015
Start Time: 7.00 pm
Finish Time: 8.55 pm

Please direct any enquiries on these minutes to:

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In Attendance:

Wiltshire Councillors

Cllr Pat Aves, Cllr Terry Chivers, Cllr Jon Hubbard, Cllr Jonathon Seed and Cllr Roy While

Wiltshire Council Officers

Rhys Schell – Community Area Manager
Kevin Fielding – Democratic Services Officer
Blair Keltie - Child Sexual Exploitation Manager Early Help
Surriya Subramaniam – Head of Public Protection
Area Board Community Project Support Officer – Phil McMullen

Town and Parish Councils

Atworth Parish Council – Effie Gale-Sides
Great Hinton Parish Council – George Macdomic
Melksham Town Council – Terri Welch, Andy Hinchcliffe & Richard Wiltshire
Melksham Without Parish Council – Richard Wood & Paul Carter
Seend Parish Council – Joan Savage
Steeple Ashton Parish Council – Geoff Hyatt

Partners

Wiltshire Police – Inspector Nick Mawson
Melksham Community Partnership – Colin Goodhind

Total in attendance: 66

<u>Agenda Item No.</u>	<u>Summary of Issues Discussed and Decision</u>
1	<p><u>Chairman's Welcome, Introduction and Announcements</u></p> <p>The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting of the Area Board.</p> <p>The following Chairman's Announcements were noted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Julia's House – building a children's hospice for Wiltshire. • NHS Health Checks. • Healthwatch Wiltshire – November update. <p>The Chairman Thanked Margaret Tipper who was attending her last Melksham Area before retiring from Wiltshire in December 2015. Margaret had attended the Melksham Area Board from its inception, and had provided valuable administrative support to the Area Board.</p>
2	<p><u>Apologies for Absence</u></p> <p>Cllr David Pollitt – Wiltshire Council, Mike Franklin – Wiltshire Fire & Rescue Service and Mitch Roberts – Atworth Parish Council.</p>
3	<p><u>Minutes</u></p> <p>Decision</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 9 September 2015 were agreed as the correct record.
4	<p><u>Declarations of Interest</u></p> <p>Cllr Jon Hubbard - Community Area Grant Funding Applicant Young Melksham – to re-equip the Canberra Youth Centre. Grant for £600 applied for.</p> <p>Youth Grant Funding – Young Melksham – Youth work provision. £12,350 applied for.</p> <p>Cllr Jon Hubbard was the Chairman of the board of trustees, Young Melksham. Would abstain when the Area Board voted on the grant applications.</p>

5	<p><u>Melksham Neighbourhood Police Team</u></p> <p>Inspector Nick Mawson outlined to the Area Board changes to the way Wiltshire Police planned to deliver community policing.</p> <p>Points made included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That a new Community Policing model was currently being trialled in the Trowbridge area. It had been decided that this pilot would be rolled out county wide during the summer 2016. Exactly what this would mean had yet to be fully decided and was subject of current planning discussions. • The new Wiltshire Police Control Strategy, which was based around the cross cutting themes of High risk victims, High risk offender, Domestic abuse and Cyber crime. <p>Questions from the floor included:</p> <p>That there were concerns that under the new policing model, local police knowledge could be lost. <i>a. Communities would still have local policing, but other officers would be available to help if required. PCSOs would not be lost.</i></p> <p>How can a good level of policing be maintained with cuts having to be made? <i>a. There are indeed less resources, so Wiltshire Police has to do something different. The pilot in Trowbridge had proved to be very successful.</i></p> <p>Would any police officers face redundancy? <i>a. No, any reduction would be through natural wastage or early retirement.</i></p> <p><i>Would Special Constable numbers reduce?</i> <i>a. No, Specials would continue to be recruited. PCSOs would see their role be given more responsibility.</i></p> <p>Would Wiltshire Police still be supporting Community Speedwatch? <i>a. Wiltshire Police would continue to support Community Speedwatch.</i></p> <p>How can officers spend more time in the community and less time in the office attending to admin etc? <i>a. New mobile devices were being rolled out, giving officers the freedom to access information and stay in touch whilst remaining on the beat.</i></p> <p>The Chairman thanked Inspector Mawson for his presentation.</p>
6	<p><u>Child Sexual Exploitation</u></p> <p>Blair Keltie - Child Sexual Exploitation Manager Early Help, Wiltshire Council</p>

	<p>gave a presentation on the reality of Child Sexual Exploitation and discussion on how it should be tackled in Wiltshire.</p> <p>Points made included:</p> <p>What are we doing about CSE in Wiltshire?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A multi-agency strategy and action plan is in place led by the WSCB (Prevent, Protect, Pursue) • The WSCB CSE sub-group includes the nominated leads from each agency • Dedicated Multi Agency CSE Team located in MASH • The Council and Police employ missing co-ordinators to oversee data and return interviews inc 'Missing People' • CSE handbook and tool-kit for practitioners • A multi-agency risk management group, WRMG • Single agency and multi-agency training in place • Ongoing operational development (Oxford and Rochdale visits) <p>What more do we need to do?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase awareness (general public, parents/carers, hoteliers, taxi drivers, park wardens, shopping centre staff, GPs, Area Boards, Town and Parish Council, fast food outlets, supermarkets) • Continue to engage all schools • Use all available powers, eg abduction notices • Commission a multi-agency peer review related to CSE • Acknowledge that this is everyone's business <p>Questions from the floor included:</p> <p>How well resourced is your team? <i>a. A budget had been allocated which would enable a specialist team to be recruited.</i></p> <p>Has Central Government the appetite to tackle CSE? <i>a. Yes, this is a major priority for Central Government.</i></p> <p>The Chairman thanked Blair Keltie for a very powerful presentation.</p>
7	<p><u>Introduction to the Emergency Planning workshop</u></p> <p>Surriya Subramaniam – Head of Public Protection, Wiltshire Council gave a short presentation that outlined proposals for a workshop for the Melksham community area giving guidance on how to plan for and respond to emergency situations including flooding, snow and how Wiltshire Council could support emergency planning within the community area.</p>

	<p>It was agreed that an Emergency Planning event would be held on Thursday 3 December 2015.</p> <p>The Chairman thanked Surriya Subramaniam for his presentation.</p>
8	<p><u>Local Youth Network (LYN) - update</u></p> <p>Ceri Evans – Community Youth Officer outlined the following youth grant applications that were approved by the Area Board members:</p> <p>Genshin Kia School of Martial arts - awarded £1,930.</p> <p>Wiltshire Youth Canoe Club - awarded £3,000.</p> <p>Bowerhill Scout Group – awarded £1,594.</p> <p>Young Melksham – awarded £10,850. (Note: Cllr Jon Hubbard abstained from voting on this application).</p> <p>It was also agreed to award £3,000 for funding of the “You Choose” Awards.</p> <p>The Chairman thanked Ceri Evans and the LYN for their work in bringing the youth applications to the Area Board.</p>
9	<p><u>Market Place development/ campus update</u></p> <p>Cllr Jon Hubbard advised that the Melksham Area Board needed to approve a recommendation from the Melksham Campus Project Board that the Market Place re-development plan be approved.</p> <p>Decision</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That the Melksham Area Board approves the recommendation from the Melksham campus project board that the Market Place re-development plan is approved. <p>Brian Warwick – Melksham Seniors Group raised concerns over the lack of consultation with local disability groups re the Market Place re-development and the lack of disability ramps into the Town Hall building. <i>Cllr Jon Hubbard advised that Wiltshire Council would always work with any interested parties re disabled facilities in the Market Place re-development, and that any ramps could always be installed at a later date.</i></p> <p><i>The meeting was also advised that Wiltshire Council had no plans to build on</i></p>

	<p><i>land at Brunswick Park, Melksham. The Chairman read out a press statement from Wiltshire Council to the Wiltshire Times newspaper.</i></p> <p>The Chairman thanked Cllr Hubbard for his update.</p>
10	<p><u>Community Area Transport Group (CAT-G) - update</u></p> <p>Cllr Roy While presented the Area Board with the recommendations from the CATG meeting held on Thursday 1 October 2015.</p> <p>Decision</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That the Melksham Area Board approves: <p>Keevil hand rails – awarded £427 from CATG funds. The Parish Council have agreed to match. £426 already approved from Area Board.</p> <p>Dropped kerbs, Corsham Road, Whitley – awarded £500 from the Area Board and to approve £500 from CATG funds. The Parish Council have agreed to fund the remaining 1/3.</p> <p>Atworth Bath Road improvements –to acknowledge receipt of a petition and for the project to be awarded a grant of £1,750 from the Area Board and to approve £1,750 from CATG funds. The Parish Council have agreed to fund the remaining £3,000.</p> <p>Installation of bollard in Bowmans Court – awarded £500 from CATG funds.</p> <p>No cycling signage at Berkshire Green – awarded £1,000 from CATG funds.</p> <p>Melksham station signage improvements – awarded £500 from CATG funds.</p> <p>Dropped kerbs, DeHavilland Place, Bowerhill - this project be prioritised and to award a grant of £400 from the Area Board and to approve £400 from CATG funds. The Parish Council have agreed to fund the remaining £400.</p> <p>Petition for the introduction of road markings at the exit of Marigold close to Sweetbriar Road – Highways officer to respond with recommendation for no further action.</p> <p>It was noted that Melksham Town Council requested an update on when work would start on the provision of new bus shelters at Gloucester Square,</p>

	<p>Blackmore Rd, Snowberry Lane and Semington Rd / Longford Rd, Melksham.</p> <p><i>Cllr Jonathon Seed advised that the Area Board would send a formal letter requesting an update on this matter to Cllr Philip Whitehead - Cabinet Member for Highways. Cllr Seed would also discuss the matter with Cllr Whitehead.</i></p> <p><i>Note: Cllr Seed advised that after discussions with Cllr Whitehead, the shelters would be installed by March 2016.</i></p> <p>The Chairman thanked Cllr While for his update.</p>
11	<p><u>Older Persons Champion</u></p> <p>Decision</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was agreed by the Melksham Area Board that Chris Pickett would be appointed as the Melksham Older Person Champion.
12	<p><u>Champion Updates</u></p> <p>Children and Young Peoples Network - Cllr Jon Hubbard</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That the Canberra Youth Centre had now re-opened, and was looking to run an after-school club. Thanks to the hard work of Ceri Evans and the Trustees of Young Melksham for their hard work in getting the centre back up and running. • That the You Chose Award night was being held on Wednesday 2 December 2015. <p>Economy – Cllr Roy While</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That the first edition of the Hampton Park Industrial Bulletin had now been distributed. • That the new Bowerhill Sports Pavillion was now open. <p>Health and Wellbeing Network - Cllr Pat Aves</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Currently looking to sort a date for the next meeting.

	<p>Transport - Cllr Terry Chivers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That the Public Transport Review was out to consultation. <p>Read Easy Project - Cllr David Pollitt</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Pollitt was unable to attend the meeting, a full update would be given at the next meeting. <p>The Chairman thanked all members for their updates.</p>
13	<p><u>Partner Updates</u></p> <p>To following written updates were noted:</p> <p>Community Area Partnership - Colin Goodhind</p> <p>Points made included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That MCAP were currently supporting Neighbourhood Watch, No Cold Calling, Safe Places scheme and Smart Water. • Melksham CCTV – Some 30 volunteers now involved in operating the system. • Ongoing partnership working with the Community Area Transport Group and Community Speedwatch. <p>Wiltshire Police – the written report was noted.</p> <p>Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service – the written report was noted.</p> <p>Melksham Town Council – the written report was noted.</p> <p>Melksham Without Parish Council – the written report was noted.</p> <p>Melksham Senior People’s Forum – Brian Warwick</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The importance of checking up on OAPs over the winter months. <p>The Chairman thanked everybody for their updates.</p>

Grant Funding

The Wiltshire Councillors considered the following Grant Applications:

Decision

YMCA Green Shoots Nursery, part of Bath YMCA - YMCA Little Fir Tree Nursery electronic assessment project - awarded £750.

Reason

The grant meets the 2015/16 grants criteria.

Decision

Young Melksham – Re-equip Canberra Youth Centre awarded £600

Reason

The grant meets the 2015/16 grants criteria.

Note: Cllr Jon Hubbard abstained from the vote after declaring an interest.

Decision

Seend Trust and Community Centre - Seend Community Centre Backstage and Storage Extension awarded £5,000.00 in principle, with the condition that the funds would be allocated if other expected funding is successfully awarded.

Reason

The grant meets the 2015/16 grants criteria.

Decision

West Wiltshire Multi Faith Forum – ESOL classes for women in Melksham awarded £844.

Reason

The grant meets the 2015/16 grants criteria.

Decision

Bloom in Melksham – Closed churchyard path awarded £950.

Reason

The grant meets the 2015/16 grants criteria.

Decision

Poulshot Village Trust – Control of invasive plants in Poulshot green pond awarded £997.

Reason

The grant meets the 2015/16 grants criteria.

15	<u>Any Other Items of Public Concern</u> There was none.
16	<u>Next Meeting</u> Melksham Assembly Hall - Wednesday 10 February 2016.
17	<u>Close</u>

Councillors Briefing Note No.272

Topic: Wiltshire Good Neighbour Scheme **Further Enquiries to:** Andrew Osborn

Date Prepared December 2015

Direct Line: 01225 771670

Introduction and background

This briefing note has been prepared for members to provide a summary of the decision to devolve budget currently used to fund the Good Neighbours service to Area Boards to target social isolation, loneliness and well-being.

Wiltshire Council entered into a partnership with Community First in 2010. This partnership comes to an end in April 2016 and the decision has been made not to renew the agreement but work differently by facilitating local wellbeing through the area boards.

Wiltshire Good Neighbours (WGN) has been delivered by Wiltshire Community First since September 2010 funded through a partnership agreement valued at approximately £130,000 per annum. This does not cover the full cost of the service which Community First top up by means of a lottery grant and their reserves.

Local Good Neighbours work in rural areas to help people to connect with resources and services that will help them to remain independent within their community. Currently nine part time Local Good Neighbours deliver approximately 150 hours per week across the County.

The Care Act has given the Council a new duty to ensure all people benefit from access to information and advice, so a new approach is required to ensure we meet this new duty.

Proposal

Adult care Commissioners facilitated a series of workshops in each of the County's Area Boards asking older people what kind of services they felt should be available within their community. People wanted better information on what was available in the community and people to help them access support.

It has also been recognised that the services delivered by the Good Neighbours duplicated other community connecting services available across Wiltshire. Other services available in Wiltshire include befriending services delivered by Age UK volunteers which support approximately 4800 people a year.

Healthwatch Wiltshire are working in partnership with the Council to develop the information website "Your Care Your Support Wiltshire" which will help ensure people can find the information they need. Citizens Advice Bureau are also funded to provide a wide range of information and advice.

GP Care coordinators funded through the Better Care Plan are also available across the County making over 1000 contacts a month.

Based on this feedback and other events with older people and the voluntary sector it was decided that this responsibility should be devolved to the eighteen area boards and that the Good Neighbours service would no longer be provided through the current contracting arrangements. The budget of £130k will be distributed to the individual area boards in a proportionate way similar to other funding streams.

Some parts of County do not currently have access to good neighbours, so will benefit from having access to funds to allocate in this area.

In parallel to this, discussions with the voluntary sector will be taking place around how we can better target resources and improve information and advice to people. Healthwatch Wiltshire will help facilitate this discussion.

The new approach will build on the success of local youth networks and will establish a Health and Wellbeing group (HWG) in each area. These groups will include the newly appointed older peoples champion, commissioners, local members and other key representatives from the community.

It is proposed the groups will add to the functions relating to social inclusion and wellbeing previously provided by the Good Neighbours by making recommendations to the Community Area Board on how priorities for funding should be determined. It is anticipated that Health Watch will work with each Area Board to help identify local priorities and establish and support the new Groups.

What this means for Wiltshire Council and Communities

- Local people will be given a greater say in promoting wellbeing at a community level.
- Health and wellbeing groups will be able to work closely with Healthwatch, commissioners and other key stakeholders to establish local needs and priorities.
- Health and Wellbeing groups can respond to local challenges and make the best use of local assets including local knowledge, resources and voluntary organisations.
- Adult Care Community Commissioners can work closely with members, customers and key stakeholders to respond effectively to local needs while coordinating county wide solutions where required.
- The groups will promote links between universal services (including leisure and libraries) and services that support specific customer groups including older adults or those with a disability.
- It will provide opportunities to access external funds through grant funding and partnership working.

Further Information

For more information please contact Andrew Osborn at Andrew.osborn@wiltshire.gov.uk

Melksham Project Board update – February 2016

Introduction

A joint project group was formed in September 2015 in partnership between the Town Council and the Melksham Area Board, following on from the work of the Melksham Community Operations Board (COB). The aim of the project board was as follows:

To work with council officers, residents, clubs, groups and partners to put forward recommendations to the Area Board within a timely manner, which delivers a campus for the Melksham community area within the agreed budget.

The Melksham Campus Project Board has been working with Wiltshire Council to review the original campus scheme to deliver on its established aim.

A total of £23m was approved to deliver the project which includes the facilities for the football and rugby clubs at Woolmore Farm.

Work began in August 2015 at Woolmore Farm and is now well underway to deliver the new state of the art pavilion and 18 pitches. This will cost £7.3m, the budget being agreed prior to the new Project Group being formed. The remaining budget is allocated to the health and wellbeing centre and the Market Place improvements.

The project board has looked at the community's needs, using evidence from the former COB, Wiltshire Leisure Services and representations made to the council by members of the public, and has developed a revised accommodation schedule to reflect these needs within the budget and to deliver a centre that is sustainable for the future.

This has meant some difficult decisions and whilst the new centre will provide an excellent facility with a wide range of leisure and wellbeing services, some facilities cannot be included in the new centre. This report provides the basis for the recommendations to the area board.

Master site plan

Architects commissioned to redesign the centre will also provide a proposal for the use of the land on the site excluding the new facility. This will include Melksham House, the vacated Blue Pool and potentially the Assembly Hall site.

The following clubs will be allocated space and appropriate facilities on the site; tennis, cricket and outdoor bowls.

Recommendations

1. The Melksham Campus Project Board recommends to the area board members;
 - a. A new facility with a revised accommodation schedule that reflects community need and is sustainable for the future
 - b. A facility that is within the budget allocated
 - c. The options to reduce and/or remove space based on need and sustainability

New accommodation schedule

Accommodation	Reasons
Café	There will be a café at the heart of the centre. The café will provide a great meeting point for the community and also encourage people to stay and use multiple facilities.
Community space	There will be community space available for clubs, groups and organisations, however, the volume and layout of this space is to be confirmed and subject to ongoing discussions with the Town Council over the relocation of the assembly hall and use of the Town Hall.
Office Space	Office space will be available for all users of the building. The office space will be made up of hot desks to ensure the maximum utilisation of space. The office could potentially accommodate up to 40 people.
Squash Courts x 2	The construction of these two courts will allow both club and social squash.
Studio	This studio will house a diversity of fitness classes; this will include space to host the popular spinning classes.
Swimming Pool 6 lane 25 meter	The scheme will include a 25m 6 lane pool with spectator seating. It will be regional competition standard. Melksham has a very active swimming club. This forms a crucial part of the Sport England Bid; Sports England is supporting the scheme by providing a £1.6 million grant funding.
Learner Pool	The learner pool will be 13mx7m. It will have a depth of between 0.6-0.9m. There is a high demand for swimming lessons; classes are currently oversubscribed. A learner pool maximises the number of lessons that can be provided. The income generated will help the centre's sustainability in the long-term.
GP Surgery	The St Damiens GP practice has signed the agreement to relocate to the centre. This will bring services together in one place in the centre of Melksham and encourage the health and wellbeing offer to local residents.
Sports Hall	The sports hall will be multi-sport benefiting a cross section of the community. The project group is proposing an increase from 4 to 6 courts to meet the identified need.

How has the budget been balanced – what’s been reduced or moved?

Accommodation		Reasons
Community display space	Removed	The original scheme included 70m ² of dedicated exhibition space; however, displays can be accommodated on walls throughout the building, and in the café.
ICT touchdown space	Removed	This has been taken out in favour of community PC’s located in the library. The library scheme already included sufficient IT provision; which has enabled this to be removed.
Circulation space	Reduced	The circulation space has been reduced to provide a cost saving. There will be appropriate circulation space.
Library	Reduced	New technology and approaches to delivery are changing the way libraries operate. Consequently, it is possible to reduce the library footprint without negatively impacting on the offer or provision. The library has reduced from 443m ² to 350m ² .
Meeting rooms	Reduced	The new scheme will include one large meeting room (instead of three) and two one 2 one rooms (rather than three). The facilities available at the Town Hall have been taken into account when considering the amount of meeting room space required as this will remain available to groups whether the Town Council decide to participate in the Campus or not. Additional community space will be included but cannot be confirmed until the discussions with Melksham Town Council have been concluded and an agreement is (or is not) agreed regarding bringing the Assembly Hall and Town Council functions into the Campus facility.
Police accommodation	Reduced	Improvements in mobile technology mean the police no longer require the same level of fixed accommodation; this has therefore been reduced in the new scheme.
Indoor Bowls	Removed	A difficult decision has been taken to remove the indoor bowls provision from the scheme. The indoor bowls rink was an expensive part of the scheme; a footprint of 1505m ² would cost circa £2.5 - 3million to build. The ongoing revenue costs to run this space was not sustainable based on the projected usage and the complexities of using this space for other purposes. Wiltshire Council is working with the indoor bowls club to look at other possibilities to retain indoor bowls. Feasibility on the existing premises is underway to look at how long this could host the club. The new centre includes a larger sports hall; the hall will accommodate portable bowls mats. We understand there are disadvantages to operating a portable long mat bowls green, but it provides the best value of money for the whole community.
Climbing wall	Removed	Climbing walls are costly to operate and maintain. The income generated use does not cover the associated costs; they are not value for money. Wiltshire Council has invested in a moveable climbing wall, which could be located in Melksham for events or holiday programmes. This has reduced the need for the council to build fixed climbing walls across the county.

Melksham Community Area Transport Group 14/01/2016

Report Author: Alan Baines

Present: Cllr. Roy While (Chairman), WC; A.Baines, MWPC; R.Brindle, BRAG; A.Lee, Atworth PC; B.Warwick, Seniors; T.Carr, Seend PC; M.Jarvis, BGPC; M.Stansby, WC; R.Schell, WC; S.Drinkwater, WC; A.Cadwallader, WC.

	Item	Update	Actions and recommendations	Who	Priority Level
1.	Apologies	Cllr. Jon Hubbard, WC.			
2.	Notes of last meeting	The minutes of the previous meeting held on 1 st October 2015 were circulated.	approved with addition of R.Brindle as attendee.		
3.	Current/Ongoing Schemes				
a)	Seend High St – Traffic management features at narrow section	Successful bid for substantive funding to install electronic signs. This will not be done by Balfour Beatty, but by new contractor in next Fin. Year. A Road Closure will be required to install the electrical supply.	Area Board to note	Cllr While	
b)	Melksham various roads – new bus shelters at Gloucester Square / Blackmore Rd, Snowberry Lane and Semington Rd / Longford Rd	Scheduled for 14 - 18 March.	Area Board to note	Cllr While	
c)	Bowerhill Hurricane Rd to Grasmere – Footway link	Design complete, awaiting start date from B.B.	Area Board to note	Cllr While	

d)	Melksham Blackmore Rd to Malvern Close – Footway link	Design complete, awaiting start date from B.B.	Area Board to note	Cllr White	
e)	Melksham Kenilworth Estate – 20mph speed limit	With Legal Dept to advertise public consultation 22 Jan - 15 Feb.	Area Board to note	Cllr White	
f)	Keevil main street - Handrails	To be done by B.B. hopefully during school Feb half term.	Area Board to note	Cllr White	
g)	3715 Melksham Tower Rd - Devonshire PI shared use footpath link.	At detail design stage.	Area Board to note	Cllr White	
h)	3843 Dropped Kerbs, Corsham Rd, Whitley.	To be done next Fin. Year, but may be combined with possible scheme to re-surface B3353.	Area Board to note	Cllr White	
i)	3991 Atworth Zebra Crossing improvements.	With Legal Dept to arrange 4-week consultation in 1 - 2 months time.	Area Board to note	Cllr White	
j)	4047 Bollard for Bowmans Ct, Melksham.	Secondhand bollard obtained to be installed February.	Area Board to note	Cllr White	
k)	4158 Berkshire Grn "Cyclists Dismount" sign.	There is a problem in that part of the route is not legally a shared use path. Also signs indicating Cycle Route 403 in the area are no longer correct - an updated map to be obtained from Sustrans. Cyclists dismount signs on order – installation anticipated mid February.	Area Board to note	Cllr White	

l)	4166 Melksham Railway Station directional signage.	Signs on order, to be fitted in March.	Area Board to note	Cllr White	
m)	4182 Drop kerb opposite De Havilland PI, Bowerhill.	To be installed next Fin. Year, but cost seems high.	Area Board to note	Cllr White	
4.	Finance Update				
	Current Balance = £16410.	Some spend will now be in next Fin. Year. There may also be some cost differences as a result of the change of Highway Contractor.	Area Board to note	Cllr White	
5	New Requests and issues raised since last meeting				
a)	Issue 3895 Bus shelter outside United Reform Church, Melksham High Street	Asbestos check completed - Negative. Refer to Town Council to determine future intent.	Highways to contact Town Council	Mark Stansby	
b)	Request for street lights, Sandridge common Area Board issue no 3842	Issue should be referred to Planning Dept for inclusion in S.106 agreement for nearby development proposal. Issue to be CLOSED.	Area Board to note To recommend to the Area Board that this Issue be closed.	Parish Council Cllr White	
c)	4044 Speeding, C19 Ashton Common.	This is a straight section of road from Stoney Gutter past Bullen Hill Farm. 85th percentile speeds were 49.9mph with mean speed of 42mph.	Highways to inform Parish Council of result of speed survey.	Mark Stansby	

d)	4127 Crossing Point on Sandridge Rd, Melksham.	"Lollipop Person" being sought. Further information from MTC/Rivermead School required.	DEFER to next meeting.	Cllr Aves	
e)	4283 Kerb required Melksham Lane, BG.	Verge over-run occurring in front of cottages next to railway bridge, but drainage appears ok.	Highways to provide rough estimate of likely cost of kerbs.	Mark Stansby	
f)	4330 Speeding, C218 Bulkington High St.	Area is subject to a 30mph limit - Metro Count to be arranged.	Area Board to note	David Holker	
g)	Request for signs St Mary School, Broughton Gifford Area Board issue no 3900	Ordered for fitting on existing posts. Funded centrally by Highways.	Area Board to note	Cllr While	
6.	Other agenda items				
a)	Councillor Briefing Note 250 - Protocol for Dealing with Freight Management Requests	Spencer Drinkwater gave a presentation on the procedures involved. Each CATG is able to put forward two routes for consideration, with two then being selected in the County to be taken forward. Four routes had been previously short listed within the Melksham CATG area: 1. C19, Hag Hill - Bratton ; 2. A365, Bowerhill - Seend Fork ; 3. Bollands Hill, Seend ; 4. C220 Top Lane, Whitley - Purlpit, Atworth. It was agreed that A365 would be put forward as this would also address the	To recommend to the Area Board that routes A365 Seend to Bowerhill and C220 Whitley Top Lane to Purlpit be assessed for freight management measures.	Cllr While	

		Bollands Hill route by implication. The other route would be C220, since this was a narrow regular bus route and was supported by both Melksham Without and Atworth Parish Councils.			
b)	Handover of Wiltshire Council Speed Indicator Devices	It was agreed to await the outcome of a meeting arranged between WC officer Vicky Oates and the four parishes of Melksham, Melksham Without, Atworth and Broughton Gifford on 19th Jan.	Area Board to note.	Cllr While	
7.	AOB				
	Brian Warwick reported that a repeat of the "No Barriers Survey" was being conducted in April and that parishes could request their area to be included.		To note	Parish & Town Councils	
8.	Date of Next Meeting				
	Provisionally, 24th March - venue to be advised.		To be arranged	Georgia Tanner	

1. Environmental & Community Implications

1.1. Environmental and community implications were considered by the CATG during their deliberations. The funding of projects will contribute to the continuance and/or improvement of environmental, social and community wellbeing in the community area, the extent and specifics of which will be dependent upon the individual project.

2. Financial Implications

2.1. All decisions must fall within the Highways funding allocated to Melksham Area Board.

3. If funding is allocated in line with CATG recommendations outlined in this report, and all relevant 3rd party contributions are confirmed, Melksham Area Board will have a remaining Highways funding balance of **£16,410.32 less new commitments of £nil giving £16,410.32**

4. Legal Implications

4.1. There are no specific legal implications related to this report.

5. HR Implications

5.1. There are no specific HR implications related to this report.

6. Equality and Inclusion Implications

The schemes recommended to the Area Board will improve road safety for all users of the highway.

7. Safeguarding implications

There are no specific implications related to this report

8. Recommendations

To approve the recommendations and expenditure as outlined above

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Wiltshire Council

AGENDA ITEM 12

**Melksham Area Board
 24th February 2016**

Legacy projects in Melksham

1. Purpose of the Report

1.1. To provide an update on legacy events in Melksham.

2. Background

2.1. In 2012 communities came together and celebrated the Queen's Diamond Jubilee, the Olympic games and followed the Olympic Torch relay as it came through Wiltshire.

2.2. The Legacy Steering Board to make sure we continue building on the momentum from 2012 so that we create a real legacy for the future; focussing on:

- i. Keeping the economy invigorated
- ii. Bringing communities together
- iii. Getting more people more active through sport and leisure
- iv. Increasing access to arts and culture

3. Clean for the Queen

3.1. A special clean-up weekend will take place on March 4–6 2016. The campaign looks to rally volunteers across the country to help clean up in their local areas.

3.2. Through working in partnership with Melksham Town Council, Melksham Without Parish Council, Bowerhill Scouts, Selwood Housing, Bowerhill Residents Action Group, Broughton Gifford Parish Council, Young Melksham, and the Queensway Community Group, Melksham will be delivering the following events:

Date	Time	Organisation lead	Meeting at:
Saturday 13 th February	10 – 4pm	Bowerhill Scouts	Canal path between picnic benches and Giles's Wood
Friday 4 th March	2 – 3.30pm	Queensway Community Group	Pembroke Road, outside the Co-op
Saturday 5 th March	10 – 12pm	Young Melksham	Canberra Centre, Spa Road
Sunday 6 th March	10 – 12pm	Melksham Town Council	Town Hall
Saturday 5 th and Sunday 6 th March	Various	Bowerhill Residents Action Group	N/A
Sunday 6 th March	TBC	Broughton Gifford Parish Council	Broughton Gifford Village Hall

4. Queen's 90th street parties

- 4.1 Melksham will be holding a Queen's Tea Party Picnic in King George V Playing Field on Sunday 12 June between midday and 5pm, organised by a Melksham Town Council working group.
- 4.2 The event will be very informal, with everyone invited to bring along picnics to share in the celebration. There will be tea and coffee and soft drinks available to buy, and people are welcome to bring their own tables, chairs and blankets to enjoy their picnics.
- 4.3 Large groups (10 or more) can reserve a pitch by booking with the Town Council on their website www.melkshamtown.co.uk or call 01225 704187.
- 4.4 If residents would like to organise their own smaller street tea party events then please get in touch with Rhys Schell on 01225 716752 or rhys.schell@wiltshire.gov.uk.

5. Road to Rio – get active

- 5.1 The Road to Rio is a community challenge to get people active. You can enter as a team or as an individual and your distance can be covered by walking, running, swimming or cycling.
- 5.2 All 18 community areas in Wiltshire will be in competition to see who can travel the furthest and make it all the way to Rio de Janeiro.
- 5.3 The Road to Rio challenge will take place between 4 June – 29 July and registration is open from 2 May 2016.
- 5.4 When signing up you will be asked to enter your postcode, this will allow all your activity to be added to your community total.
- 5.5 The first 1000 entrants will receive a free pedometer. Once you have entered, you can continue to log your activity online to keep a record of your individual achievement. To measure your distance you can use a health/activity tracker or download a free smartphone app. As you add your distance you will be able to see how far you have travelled, along with how far your community has gone. You will also be able to see how your community is getting on compared to the other 17 areas.

A number of schools, community clubs and groups have already expressed an interest and we'd like to get as many Melksham participants as possible to be the most active community area.

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Melksham Area Board

24th February 2016

1. Neighbourhood Policing

Sergeant:	Acting Sgt Kane Fulbrook-Smith
Town Centre:	PC Emily Thomas PCSO Rose Baldock PCSO Janet Gould
Rural North:	PC Barry Dalton PCSO Maggie Ledbury
Rural South:	PC Barry Dalton PCSO Helen Wilson

After two years as the Melksham NPT Sergeant, James Williams has now moved back into his old role as Custody Sergeant. He has provided some valuable leadership and guidance to the Team which inevitably will have reflected on the community Melksham NPT serve. Kane Fulbrook-Smith, who has been a member of the NPT for six and a half years, will be taking his place and is looking very much forward to the responsibilities of keeping Melksham safe and working with our Councillors and Partner Agencies.

2. NPTs - Current Priorities & Consultation Opportunities:

The current priority for my team in Melksham is:

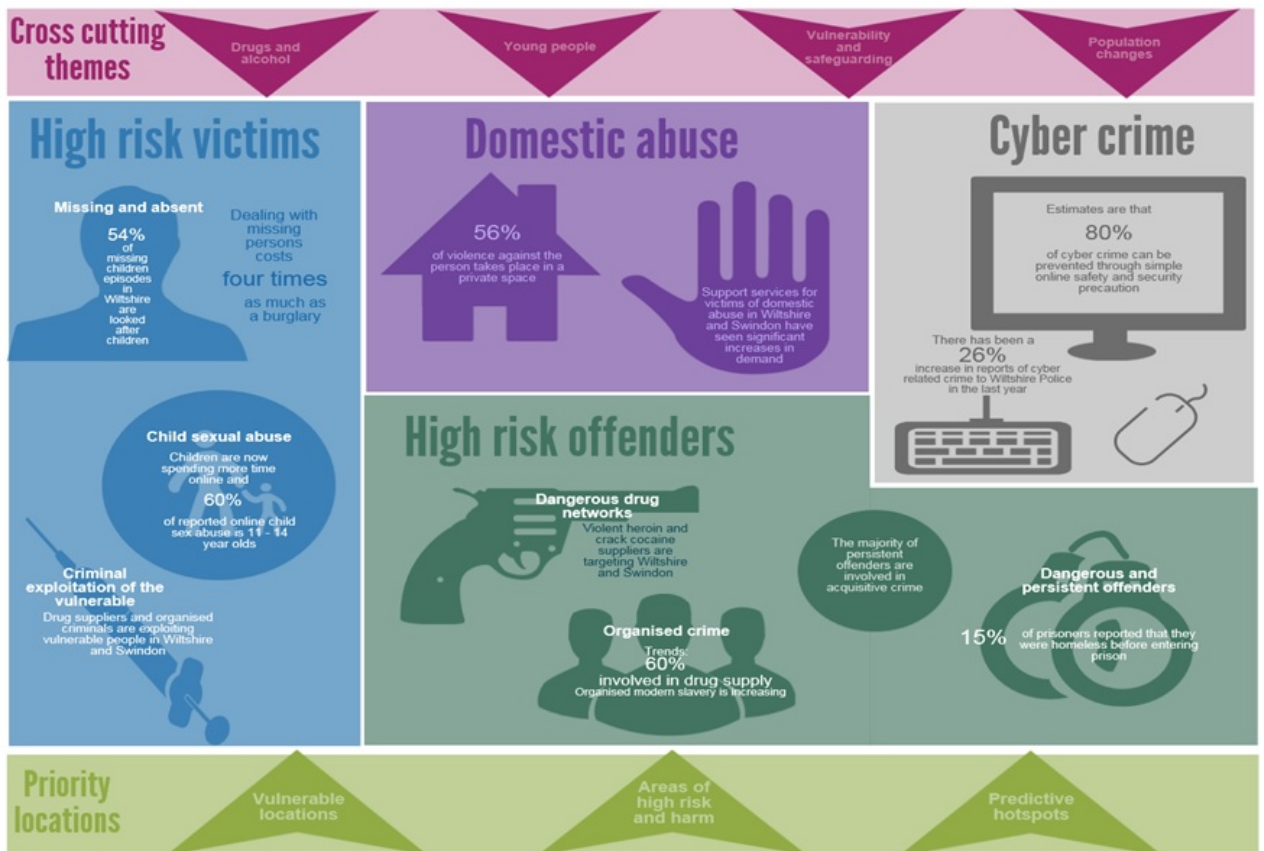
To promote Cyber Crime awareness within our communities.

Melksham NPT has now attended the following schools:

The Manor, Rivermead, Forest & Sandridge, Bowerhill Primary, Aleric, Keevil Primary, Churfields Primary Broughton Gifford a total of 550 pupils within years 5-6 schools to deliver lessons on Cyber-crime and Bullying.

We have received positive feedback so far from children and teachers with this force wide initiative. Melksham NPT has now taken it to the next phase working with Melksham Oak School to compile and deliver a music Rap as well as introducing an NPT Cyber Crime Stand at Parent Evenings. These have commenced at Keevil Primary and The Manor. The Local Youth Network and Young Melksham have also agreed to assist working with NPT and vulnerable members of the community delivering workshops on Cyber Crime. This in turn will give the Melksham Young People time credits whilst bridging the gap between various groups to achieve the overall objective in reducing crime. Literature handouts will also be available for parents, children and the general public.

3. Wiltshire Police Control strategy



High Risk Victims

54% of Missing and absent children are looked after children. Melksham NPT are committed to work closely with the children’s home in our area and build a rapport with the residents. This means they are more likely to engage with local officers should they be reported as missing. Historically we have been able to locate missing children quickly by understanding where they like to spend time and who they are likely to be with.

Child sexual abuse

Children spend more time on line and 60% of online Child sexual abuse involves 11-14 year olds.

With many children using smart phones and starting to explore sexual feelings at this age common offences children become involved in are asking for or taking pictures of a sexual nature and sending them on. This is considered making or distributing an indecent image of a child. At present we seek to educate rather than criminalise those children involved for the first time in minor offences of this nature. Decisions regarding this approach are made on a case by case basis.

Criminal exploitation of the vulnerable

We have seen in other areas of Wiltshire that Drug suppliers and organised Criminals will exploit vulnerable people. Sometimes they will try and take over a vulnerable persons address to use as a base for criminal activity. If you have any concerns about a vulnerable person please contact Wiltshire Police on 101.

Domestic Abuse

Through Intelligence led policing Melksham NPT worked jointly with Local Priority Team to target a High Risk Domestic Offender who had been evading police for a considerable period of time. By sharing of information and responding quickly there was a positive arrest which resulted in the offender being served a Custodial Sentence. This in turn safeguarded the previous victim and a current new partner who had been manipulated into believing that they had no reason to be afraid and were not at risk of abuse.

Domestic Abuse so often takes place behind closed doors and victims have no escape route. The Domestic Violence Disclosure Scheme- Clare's Law - has been introduced to safeguard potential victims. The purpose of this is for individuals who are in an intimate relationship to be given information about their partner who may be putting them at risk of harm. This is a very impactful scheme that can ultimately keep people safe from domestic violence.

High Risk Offenders

Melksham NPT work closely with Offender managers and the Public Protection Department to monitor prolific or dangerous offenders. A New Tasking Process has been implemented across the Force to target our persistent and prolific offenders in our communities. Our work involves visiting those offenders when appropriate and engaging with them. This approach focuses on five principles:

- *All partners tackling offenders together
- *Delivering a local response to local problems
- *Offenders facing their responsibilities and consequences
- *Making better use of existing and proven programmes
- *All offenders at high risk of causing serious harm and continue to re-offend are under the 'spot light'

By adapting this method of policing we are able to provide evidence of compliance and non-compliance of dangerous offender orders or probation conditions to facilitate positive action if required and make individuals accountable.

Priority Locations

Melksham NPT has identified a High Risk location that is persistently used for drug related criminal activity and Anti-Social Behaviour. The last two months have been very busy capturing evidence through targeted patrols. This has resulted in the First Anti-Social Behaviour Injunction Order for Melksham under the ASB Crime and Policing Act 2014 on 1st February 2016. The multi-agency approach with Wiltshire Council and other external and internal departments have also been crucial to achieve this positive result. This Order also carries a Power of Arrest for any prohibition that has been breached over a 12 month period.

Cross Cutting Themes

To assist and address acquisitive crime such as shoplifting in Melksham the Shop Watch Scheme was set up to assist Police and Retailers in deterring crime. In Melksham there are currently 7 Businesses who are active and we are working with MRS Communications to enhance this product.

The Melksham Pub watch Association are also a valuable voluntary Group in that they work very well with NPT to address alcohol related issues and Night Time Economy to reduce alcohol related violence. This was evident over the Christmas and New Year Period where there had been a reduction in reported incidents as per previous years.

Wiltshire Police have now introduced a New Intelligence Briefing Tool which Supervisors deliver at the beginning of a tour of duty. The information is more specific around the Force Control Strategy and directed tasks and actions are given to officers. This new model is fluid in that it never becomes stagnant; the Intelligence is fresh and purposeful.

Nick Mawson
Sector Inspector,
Devizes Melksham Pewsey Marlborough

February 2016

Developing mental health services for veterans

The NHS has launched a national engagement on mental health services for veterans.

The engagement will run until 31 March 2016 and aims to capture views and experiences of these services from a range of stakeholders, including veterans who have or have had a mental health illness, their families and carers, service charities, commissioners and providers offering treatment and support in this area.

Findings from the engagement will help to ensure that future mental health services for veterans are accessible, provide high-quality and sensitive care, treatment and support, and best meet the needs of veterans, regardless of when they leave the armed forces.

Currently, the NHS commissions 12 mental health services across England for veterans. These were set up in 2010 following publication of "Fighting Fit: a mental health plan for servicemen and veterans". The contract on these services are due in 2016/17 and this provides the NHS with a significant opportunity to ask people about their views and experiences of the current services. This will also allow the NHS to explore why some veterans have not sought or received support and treatment.

The NHS wants to hear from people who have served in the armed forces and have used or are currently using NHS veterans' mental health services. We also want to hear from family members and carers of veterans who have or have had mental health difficulties, as well as staff and organisations that are providing mental health care, treatment and support for veterans and their families.

To take part in the engagement and share your views, which runs from 25 January to 31 March 2016, please visit: <https://www.engage.england.nhs.uk/survey/veterans-mental-health-services>.

For further information on the engagement exercise or veterans' mental health services in your area, please email ENGLAND.VMH-Engagementhub@nhs.net

New provider for adult community health services in Wiltshire

Wiltshire Clinical Commissioning Group has awarded Wiltshire Health & Care the contract to provide adult community health services in Wiltshire for the next five years.

Wiltshire Health & Care is a new organisation formed by Great Western Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust, Salisbury NHS Foundation Trust and Royal United Hospitals Bath NHS Foundation Trust.

The new contract is due to start in July 2016, and will mark the start of an exciting period of change, where more care will be delivered closer to local communities, people will be supported to maintain independence and reliance on hospital services will be reduce.

As part of the CCG's five year plan to bring health care closer to home, the changes to adult community health services will ensure that the focus is very much on patient centred care with GP

practices firmly at the heart of community provision. Delivered through integrated community teams across the county, Wiltshire Health & Care will support Wiltshire CCG to meet the challenges of an ageing population and to enhance partner working across the health economy to provide a health service fit for tomorrow.

Pilot out of hours service for unwell children

A new pilot service for an out of hours GP service for children has been launched with the aim of avoiding unnecessary A&E attendances. Parents of children aged 0-10 can now book a same day appointment to see a GP at the Salisbury Walk In Health Centre.

The extended service provides health advice and treatment for minor illnesses and injuries and provides parents with a local alternative to A&E when their child is ill and their surgery is closed.

The pilot service, which is already helping to reduce some of the pressure seen at our A&E departments over the winter months, will run until the end of March 2016. It is available for children under the age of 10, and is open Monday to Friday 18:00 – 22:00 and Saturday and Sunday 16:00 – 20:00 by contacting the 111 telephone number.

If necessary, the call handler will advise parents to contact the Walk In centre to make a same day appointment. If however, the child has an obvious serious or life threatening condition; parents are advised to call 999.

Stay well this Winter campaign

Wiltshire Clinical Commissioning Group are part of the **Stay Well This Winter** national campaign to raise awareness of what you can do to stay healthy this winter and what services are available if you need additional help.

The national **Stay Well This Winter** campaign started on 5 October 2015 and will run until 27 March 2016 and will also be providing advice to those with long-term health conditions, over 65s, pregnant women and parents of under-sevens.

Get the jab, get Flu Safe

NHS Wiltshire CCG is encouraging people to have their flu jab. Flu is a highly contagious infection that anyone can catch, but it can be very serious for some. For most people flu is a relatively mild illness from which they recover within a week or two – yet every year people, especially those at risk, become seriously ill because they don't get their free flu jab.

Flu is not the same as a cold and it affects people of all ages. If you or someone you care for is in any of the at-risk groups listed below you can get a free flu jab from your GP.

- everyone aged 65 years and over
- all pregnant women irrespective of their stage of pregnancy
- Adults and children over six months with long term heart, lung, kidney, liver or neurological conditions
- people with diabetes
- anyone who has a reduced immunity because of an illness or medical condition
- people with asthma
- anyone in long-stay residential care
- carers of disabled or elderly people and healthcare workers that are in direct contact with patients

Get the best protection for yourself and your family by being flu free this winter and book your appointment today.

Staying Healthy this winter

NHS Wiltshire CCG is urging people to keep warm and well this winter, especially as the nights are starting to draw in and the temperature is dropping.

The cold can have serious consequences as it can increase the risk of strokes and heart attacks as well as causing people to catch colds and flu. Wrapping up warm, keeping the heating turned up, making sure you have enough winter food supplies and keeping a well-stocked medical cabinet in case you do catch a cold or flu are all sensible steps to take.

Some top tips on staying warm and well this winter.

1. Keep your home warm – set your central heating to between 65 and 70 degrees Fahrenheit (18-21 degrees centigrade). Heat the room you sit in during the day to 70 degrees, and your bedroom to 65 degrees. When it's very cold, set the heating to come on earlier so that you're not waiting for your home to warm up.
2. Have your flu jab. Everyone over 65, or with a wide variety of health conditions, is entitled to one free of charge. Immunity takes effect almost immediately, so even though a flu outbreak is currently well underway, you can still protect yourself by getting the jab – just call your GP to make an appointment.
3. If you do fall ill with flu, it's best to stay at home. Flu is caused by a virus, and cannot be treated with antibiotics – so a visit to your GP is not necessarily the best course of action.
4. Vomiting and diarrhoea bugs caused by norovirus are common and very infectious. This can be a very unpleasant condition, but the best advice is to stay at home and drink plenty of fluids until the symptoms pass. Norovirus is highly infectious, with an incubation period of between one and three days. For that reason, you should wait 48 hours after symptoms have stopped before going back to work or your children go back to school.
5. Make sure you have enough winter supplies and keep a well-stocked medicine cabinet, with supplies of ibuprofen, paracetamol and your favourite cold remedy at hand.

Where to go when you're ill - The following points should be helpful when deciding who to contact.

- Pharmacies offer over-the-counter medicines and advice. As well as being open during regular retail hours, they operate an out-of-hours service on a rota basis;
- Call NHS 111 for advice or go to NHS Choices website www.nhs.uk. They can give a wide range of advice and information about many conditions;
- Use the minor injuries units at Chippenham and Trowbridge or the walk-in centres in Swindon and Salisbury for cuts, burns and other injuries – but not for colds, flu or vomiting;
- Make an appointment with your own GP - an out-of-hours service is also available;
- If it is a genuine emergency, go to your local A&E department or call 999 for an ambulance

Keep an eye on elderly or frail friends, neighbours and relatives this winter and join us in helping Wiltshire stay well this winter.



Update for Area Boards - February 2016

The Care Quality Commission (CQC) inspection of The Royal United Hospitals Bath NHS Foundation Trust (RUH)

The CQC is the independent regulator of health and adult social care in England. On 14th March 2016 the CQC will be inspecting acute hospital services provided by the RUH. It wants to hear from local people about their experiences of services and will have an engagement stall at Trowbridge Library, County Hall on Wednesday 2nd March from 11.00 to 13.00.

If you would like to provide any feedback on your experiences of services, please contact the CQC on telephone 0300 0616161 or email: enquiries@cqc.org.uk. Alternatively, you can contact Healthwatch Wiltshire as we work closely with the CQC to support its inspections.

Quality Checkers in Wiltshire

Wiltshire now has a team of trained Quality Checkers available who could be called upon to check the quality of other services. Healthwatch Wiltshire is encouraging services to make use of this valuable resource. For the two organisations involved, Healthwatch Wiltshire and Wiltshire People 1st, it means an increase in the awareness and understanding of what it's like for people with learning difficulties living in a Wiltshire care home and to test an inclusive approach to engagement and volunteering.

A team of people with learning difficulties have taken part in this new project to check the quality of residential care homes providing support for other people with learning difficulties. For the team of Quality Checkers who took part it meant an opportunity for training, learn new life skills, and to take part in a project which is designed to improve services. The team visited 11 care homes and spoke to residents, empowering them to speak out about their experiences. On the whole they were impressed with what they saw and heard and produced informative reports which included recommendations for improvements after each visit.

A report which sums up the pilot project and the 11 individual visit reports are available on the Healthwatch Wiltshire website. An easy read summary and a description of the project is also available from Wiltshire People 1st. They are available in hard copy on request. For further information, please contact Healthwatch Wiltshire. Alternatively, you can call Wiltshire People 1st on 01380 871900 email admin@wiltshirepeople1st.org.uk or visit their website www.wiltshirepeoplefirst.org

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Update for the Melksham Area Board Meeting

Update From:Melksham Town Council.....

Date of Area Board Meeting: 24 February 2016

Headlines/Key Issues:

At a Town Council meeting held on 11 January 2016, Councillors approved budgeted expenditure for 2016/17, be set at £602,654, with a precept requirement of £432,020, generating an equivalent Band D charge of £95.09 per annum an increase of 8.28% or £7.27 per annum. This increase represented less than a 14p per week increase on the Band D Council Tax charge, enabling the Town Council to present a balanced budget in line with the levels of expenditure and income anticipated and given the pressures of Town and parishes councils to take on services no longer provided by Wiltshire Council, this level of increase was perceived to be justifiable and necessary.

Projects:

- **Emergency Plan**

Melksham Town's flood plan is currently being prepared. The group involved in drawing up the plan are currently seeking Flood Wardens to help in a flooding emergency. If you can help please contact Miriam Zaccarelli at the Town Hall.

- **Smoke Free Signs**

The Town Council will shortly be installing Smokefree signs funded by Public Health Early Years in the various play areas in the town.

- **Poster Boards in Bus shelters.**

The Town Council are currently investigating the costs of installing double sided A2 size notice boards in bus shelters to advertise events in the Assembly Hall. The Town Council are also looking at the finances involved in providing additional boards for business advertising.

Future Events/Dates for the Diary:

- 6 March: 'Clean for the Queen' Tidy Town event
- 5 June: Civic Service at St Michael & All Angels Church
- 12 June: Queen's Birthday Celebrations in King George V Play Area from 12pm-5pm. The event will be a big picnic. Groups, clubs, churches and businesses in the Melksham area will be invited to join in the fun.

Signed:Steve Gray.....

Dated:12 January 2016

Update for Melksham Area Board

Name of Parish/Town Council	Melksham Without Parish Council
Date of Area Board Meeting	Wednesday 24 February 2016
Headlines/Key successes	

- Attending the official opening of the new Forest & Sandridge School on Tues 9th February with HRH Duchess of Cornwall



- Flooding to properties prevented despite heavy storms at beginning of February, due to proactive, preventative work undertaken by Flood Wardens, Parish Council and Wiltshire Council. Unfortunately BRAG (Bowerhill Residents Action Group) picnic area submerged twice, with Canal & River Trust attending to clear blocked culvert.
- Multiple large planning applications in the Parish currently being considered 450 houses approved, new applications for 100, 150 and 235 homes to be decided.

Projects

- Taking devolved service of all Wiltshire Council owned play areas in the Parish (Hornchurch Road and Kestrel Court in Bowerhill, and also Berryfield play area)
- Developing robust Community Emergency Response plan and volunteer recruitment, working closely with Melksham Town Council
- Developing operational delivery of SIDs (Speed Indicator Device) – taken on from Wiltshire Council in conjunction with Melksham Town Council, Atworth Parish Council and Broughton Gifford Parish Council.

Update for Melksham Area Board

Forthcoming events/Diary dates

- Sat 5th/Sunday 6th March “Clean for the Queen” events across the Parish organised by Action Groups (CAWS, BRAG & BASRAG)
- Thursday 17th March, 7.30pm at Bowerhill Village Hall
Emergency Response Volunteer Meeting for Bowerhill residents

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- Monday 11th April, 7.00pm at Forest & Sandridge School
Annual Parish Meeting including Grants Presentation & Dementia Awareness presentation

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- AGMs:
CAWS (Community Action: Whitley & Shaw) – Thurs 25th Feb, 7.30pm, Whitley Methodist Church

Shaw Village Hall – Mon 7th March, 7.30pm

Whitley Reading Rooms – Tues 12th April

Connect (Shaw & Whitley Village Publication – Mon 18th April

Signed: Teresa Strange, Clerk

Date: 12th February 2016



TransWilts Rail - 2015

- Passenger journeys up from 183,400 to 230,000 (est)
- Melksham station journeys up from 23,930 to 51,858
- 2 weeks minimal service in July
- 4 weeks of diverted trains throughout August
- Proof of capacity for hourly service **plus freight**

Report to TransWilts CIC AGM

by

Graham Ellis (Community Rail Officer)

13th February 2014, Jury's Inn, Swindon

grahamellis@transwilts.org

Portsmouth train @ Swindon



Some 2015 promotions

- Weymouth Wizard; 350 per train x 4
- Santa now on 2 trains not just one, with [MRDG](#)
- "Small Line Big Reach" campaign – thank you [Lisa Ellis](#)
- [FGW](#) (as was) and Social Media for Wizard
- Ticket Wallets and integrated timetables - Lisa
- Video with [Wiltshire Council](#)

Weymouth Wizard



Measuring Passenger Metrics

Autumn Passenger counts (every train / 3 days)

- Strong positive passenger sentiment
- Wide variety of journeys
- Busiest section Melksham to Chippenham
- Full and standing 5 **or** 6 days a week
- Very strong Saturday, Sunday off peak usage





Service Changes

- Sunday train changes
more even so much better timetable
- Extension of lunchtime train to Frome
- Retiming of 15:14 to 15:12
1 hour faster to Soton due to new connection

Activities looking forward

- Data to support inputs for future
- GWR direct award and SWT franchise inputs
- Consideration of XC and Crossrail 2

- Briefing of candidates prior to May 2015 election
and liaison thereafter

- **Paul Johnson** has taken lead on longer term strategy
THANK YOU Paul!

Rail / Bus integration

Melksham Rail link bus

WITHDRAWN July 2015
was running at circa 7000 journeys p.a.

234 Chippenham – Melksham - Trowbridge

WITHDRAWN August 2015
significant effect on traffic (today: no way home for Swindon fans)

No follow up study on effect on passengers available

Operational issues

- General reliability issues lessening (signalling and stock)
- No longer the automatic first cancellation
- Improving feedback / help at times of disruption

But these are very much work in progress

At the stations

- **Swindon** station
 - loss of Sensory Garden to police store
- **Chippenham** Station
 - new accessible footbridge
- **Melksham** Station
 - car Park, CCTV and Ticket Machine
- **Trowbridge** Station (**Heart of Wessex**)
 - car Park, Electric charging points, TVMs

MRDG - Our group at Melksham

- Support from **Melksham Town Council** and **Melksham Without Parish Council**
- Station volunteers
- Passenger Count & special train assistance
- Work resolving access via Foundry Close
- Publicising in the community



National Awards

Individual volunteer - **Lee Fletcher**

ACoRP national awards - shortlisted

Individual volunteer - **Bob Morrison**

RailFuture national awards – silver

Best Social Media Campaign – Weymouth Wizard

Railfuture national awards – gold

Best Web Site – Coffee Shop

Railfuture national awards – silver

Best Campaign – TransWilts

Railfuture national awards - silver

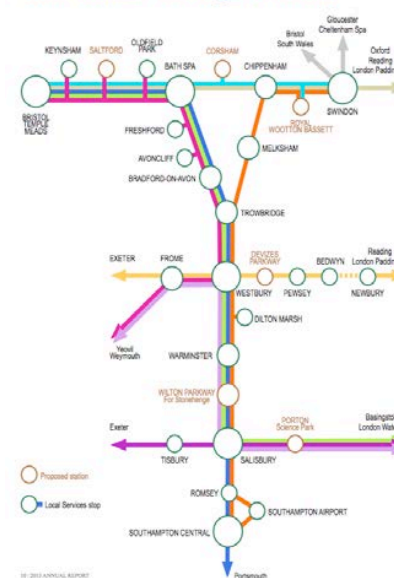
Wilton means business



Thank you to the team

Volunteers on the days and events above - Other community groups - local and rail - Other CRPs, ACoRP, DfT, Passenger Focus - TICs, libraries - Eyes on the ground - Eyes online - Advocates of line - Staff - Great Western Railway - Wiltshire Council - Users - Paul Johnson (Chair), Peter Blackburn (President), Lisa Elis (graphics and literature) and others too numerous to mention

Rail Routes serving Wiltshire



A wider interlude

80% of TransWilts Rail passengers use other wheeled transport at one end or other of their TransWilts Journey.

- * Other train
- * Car drivers / lifts
- * Taxi
- * Bicycle

People Walk to and from the stations too - and they need good safe route.

Looking forward with buses

- There are opportunities for the community, council and operators to work together in the provision of services better tuned for the current and future passengers, at a lower subsidy and offering more stability for operators
- The “Bus Bill” - initial details launched 11.2.16 – proposes to provide changes to the legal framework which will make this working together very much easier, and it seems in line with TransWilts goals.

Buses – Current Metrics

Although the distance travelled by train in Wiltshire is greater than the distance travelled by bus, the number of bus journeys is higher than the number of train journeys. 44% of bus mileage (138 complete routes out of 250, and parts of most others) is subsidised by Wiltshire Council, and they're looking to halve their subsidy next year. Goodness only knows what the budget will be in following years, or the effect on people or remaining services if they simply cut - Wiltshire Council don't.

There are commonly acknowledged to be problems in the bus industry ...

Difficult fares and interticketing and joined up information; poor marketing

Too many buses competing in some places. Historic / patchy network in others

Irregular intervals between services and lack of connections – 'random'

Changable at six weeks notice

Reputation for being dirty, unreliable (late and cancelled) boneshakers

Cease in late afternoon – little availability to get home or evening / weekend

Looking at Integrated travel



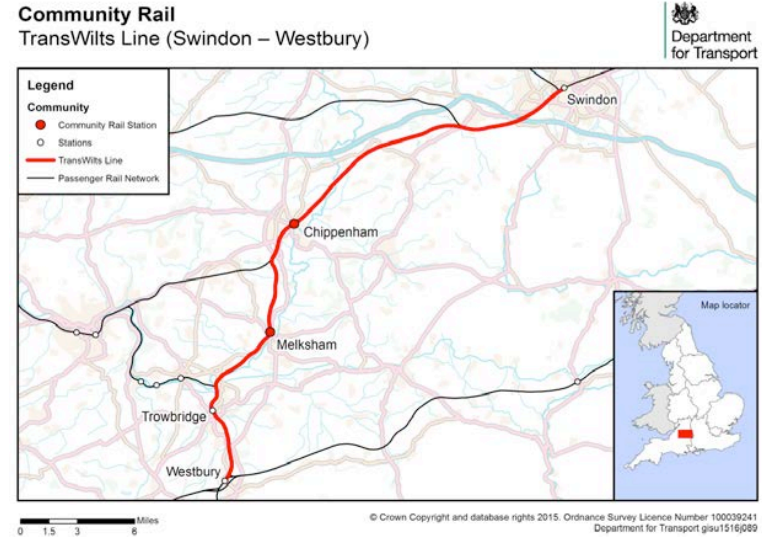
2015 groundwork for 2016

- For onward growth – stations and services
- For continued response on end to end journeys
- For moving from trial to permanent service

Working with **DfT** towards service designation

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Connecting Wiltshire's communities

Designation Plan



TransWilts Rail - 2016

Designated service provides lead ...

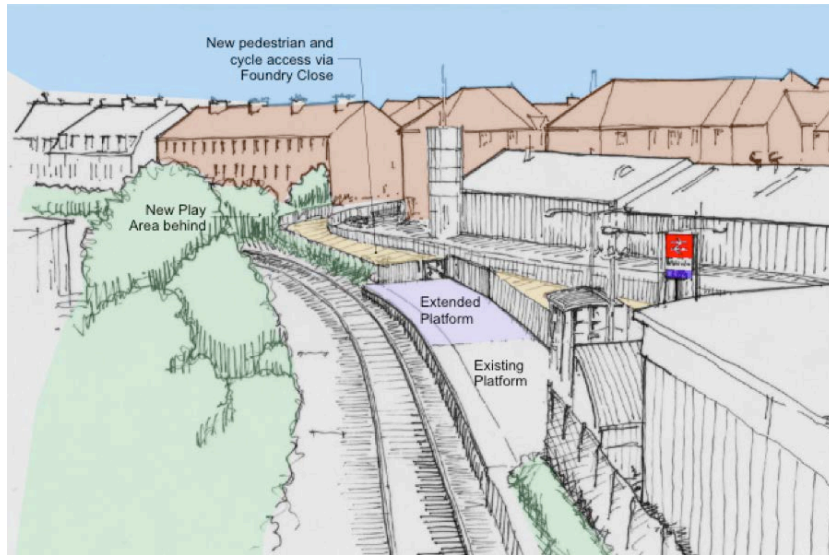
- from trial to permanent

Melksham Station

- prepare for longer trains
- access to Foundry Close
- better bus links
- now that big changes have happened

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3 car and access at Melksham



How much can we grow?

- 400k journeys @ Melksham (8 times present!)
- but not such fast growth rate figures this year
 - * train capacity
 - * 9000 per annum lost due to rail link bus
 - * engineering
- New flows when trains run beyond Westbury

Chippenham Station

- Adoption
- Community use / old Brunel building
- look to "bay re-instatment" / loop
- Passenger User Group
- [Ticket barriers]

More passengers @ Melksham



Award Entry Plans

- Wilts Council Video
- Ticket Wallets and mini-timetables
- And outstanding individuals

Awards are a fine recognition for outstanding people, and great positive exposure for the line.

Diary (2)

- 16 April - TransWits Link, Salisbury; Christial Wolmar and Nigel Harris
- 21 April Salisbury Business Show
- 29 April - AGM MRDG
- 15 May - start of summer timetable
- 1 June - ACoRP Station adoption seminar
- 24 June 2016 - MRDG
- 9 July - WWRUG, excursion / day out to Swindon
- 20 July - ACoRP members seminar South
- 23 July - Melksham Carnival
- 20 September - WWRUG - talk on Melksham
- 29 September - ACoRP annual awards, Southport
- 30 September - MRDG
- 1 October - TWSW
- 12 November - Raifuture Autumn Conference
- 25 November - MRDG
- 4 May 2017 - Council elections / Wiltshire
- 14 May 2017 - trains become 2 carriages
- 3 June 2017 - TransWits CIC AGM

Diary (1)

- 13 February - TransWits CIC AGM
- 18 February - Melksham Historical Association - "The Brunel Brotherhood" talk
- 19 February - Bus users, Chippenham
- 26 February - MRDG
- 29 February - Bus update
- 2 March - TWSW directors meet MPs and Lords
- 4 March - ACoRP AGM, Birmingham
- 5 March - TWSW Taunton
- 8 March - Bus, Manchester
- 9 March - Wessex Walks - preparation
- 10 March GWR Conference - Yeovilton
- 12 March - RailFuture Wessex Branch AGM
- 14 and 15th March - designated Lines seminar, Norwich
- 16 March Corsham Business Show
- 20 March - WWRUG, AGM, Bradford-on-Avon
- 28 March - start of Weymouth summer
- 2 to 11 April - amended service
- 4 April - closing day, Wiltshire Bus consultation
- 6 April - closing day, Designated servive consultation



You know what they say about the TransWilts...



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This Annual Report outlines progress in 2014-2015 and our future aspirations for TransWilts line and services. Our plans for development of the line passenger services essentially align with Network Rail control periods in five year and ten year strategies. The “Network 2020” five year plan focus between 2015-2019 being around cooperation and community development with the current franchise operator GWR. A longer term “Network 2025” ten-year strategy, based upon local CRP aspirations, informing NR control period 6 2019 to 2024 and new franchises for both Great Western and South Western regions. Our “Network 2020” Regional policy has been prepared as a key part of the DfT consultation to apply for designation of the TransWilts service as a community rail service.

Melksham Station passenger growth of 117% is the seventh highest in the UK. Passenger journeys grew from 183,000 in 2014 to 235,000 in 2015.

Strong passenger growth underpins five-year plans

Prospectus “Network 2020” for TransWiltshire Line 2015-2019

We seek to facilitate improved outputs for the railway and particularly the communities and businesses that are served by the Swindon to Westbury line.

Improvements for local communities are provided by **increased accessibility to public transport**, connectivity between rural market towns and principal centres, access to employment, education and public services.

Development and improvement of the local stations, as community gateways, with a more modern and prosperous railway image.

Sharing the Wiltshire Council Transport Plan Strategy 2011-2026 Vision “To develop a **transport system which helps support economic growth across Wiltshire’s communities.**”

“Increase rail connectivity through the provision of bus/rail links and assist with the **implementation of some new stations.**”

“Support the function of **rail stations as transport hubs** and proactively work with partners to introduce services and **corridor improvements particularly**

between Chippenham, Westbury, Trowbridge and Salisbury.”

Our **application for Service Designation** if successful will substantially assist the TransWiltshire CRP in playing a significant role in delivering our aspirations.

Our **“Network 2020”** policy 2015-2019 sets out the future direction within the following priorities:

More community involvement with stations and the railway.

Improve stations; Melksham and Chippenham, acting as a shop windows for the town both as an inward gateway to the local community and as an outward gateway to the wider UK community using the national rail network.

Local rail service improvements supporting the rapid growth in passenger volumes since the service was restored in 2013. Extend Melksham platform to three-car length.

Overcrowding is becoming a problem on some trains. Two car units included in GWR franchise 2016 will better suit commuter timetables.

There is a need for a **more frequent hourly service and better timetable connectivity** to meet the rapidly growing community demands, particularly at Westbury.

Revenue collection improvements as overcrowded trains restrict on train ticket sales.

Wiltshire’s Local Transport Plan objectives are supported by **reducing the need to travel by car and promoting our sustainable transport alternative.**

To **enhance the journey experience of transport users.**

To **engage and communicate with Friends of TransWiltshire both individual and corporate** in activities such as station adoption.

Promoting special events such as Santa Train and Weymouth Wizard.



Ambitious longer term aspirations

Prospectus “Network 2025” for TransWilts Line 2019-2025

- Extension of the service Swindon to Salisbury and through to Southampton Airport
- A new station at Wilton Parkway
- Upgrade Westbury as interchange hub
- Third platform at Chippenham facilitates Bristol Metro regional service via reopened Corsham Station

Extension of the TransWilts service through Salisbury to Southampton Airport.

Increase rolling stock to three-car trains.

Door-to-door travel times to Southampton Airport would be typically one hour forty minutes from Chippenham, one hour thirty minutes from Melksham,

Additional station at Wilton Parkway for Salisbury and a **sustainable gateway for visitors to Stonehenge.**

Extended early and late train services to coincide with the Airport’s first departure times and last arrival times.

Upgrade of Chippenham station third platform to a regional platform to support Corsham Station.

Upgrade of Westbury platform 0 as a three-car service platform interchange capability for **regional connectivity**.





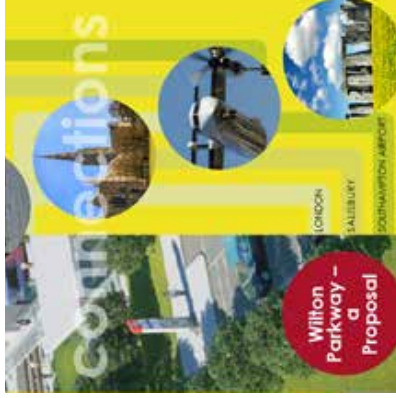
A message from the Chairman

“It is a privilege to be part of Trans Wilts, and at such an exciting time, both in rail and in the growth of our regional railway. The hiatus in the electrification of the Western Region will no doubt bring new challenges in addition to those already faced in 2015. We have ambitious plans for further growth with improving connectivity for our Wiltshire communities. Our progress depends upon our Friends, members and volunteers, so we were delighted that they received national award recognition in 2015. Our continuing strong partnership support from GWR and Wiltshire Council is essential and is gratefully acknowledged.”

– Paul Johnson

pauljohnson@transwilts.org

Highlights and Progress in 2015



Passenger Growth

The ORR passenger growth report for 2014-2015 showed, for the second year, a 117% growth in passenger traffic at Melksham. The 7th highest growth in the country.

Melksham Station passengers have grown from the pre-service total of 12,080 in 2012-2013 to 51,858 in 2014-2015. A growth of 329% in two years.

Our own passenger survey indicates line numbers growing to 235,000. A 28% increase over last year and a 1,200% increase over the pre-service level of 18,000 in 2012-2013.

An innovative approach has been introduced to timetable publications. Mini-Guides, which fit in branded travel wallets, were issued for the December 2015 timetable. The guide contains both rail and bus timetables for our travel corridor.

CIC formation

This is the first Annual Report since the formation of the CIC in January 2015.

We are grateful for the financial contribution from our Stakeholder Partners GWR and Wiltshire Council, whilst SWT are an important Corporate Sponsor.

The CIC has invested in a comprehensive web site which facilitates support in both Rail and Bus public transport community issues.

The Coffee Shop remains an important forum for those interested in transport issues.

We have started to seek commercial sponsors, in particular to support station adoption and engagement with employers in our transport corridor.

We are taking a hard look at our priorities and resources for 2016.

Friends and Community

A new initiative in 2015 was the introduction of Friends membership, both individual and corporate.

Our Friends Secretary is supporting with newsletters and adding expertise and humour to our news articles. We were therefore delighted that Bob was recognised by winning the individual volunteer in the RailFuture Awards 2015.

In addition we won three other RailFuture Awards, these were for "Best Social Media Promotion", "Best Campaign" and "Best Website". Our volunteer Lee Fletcher received national recognition as an ACoRP Finalist.

The Weymouth Wizard was a great success running on the TransWilts Line because of electrification works, but averaging more than 300 passengers per train. An 'extra carriage' Santa Special was again operated on a Sunday in December.

An Interview with our Community Rail Officer

The success of the service depends on the Community Rail Officer, so we thought you would enjoy Graham's views on how things have gone and where we are going.

Summer 2015 brought both challenges and opportunities. Engineering works in Box Tunnel and Bathampton brought two suspensions of our services, followed by four weeks of an hourly service by diverted trains from Portsmouth. I am delighted to report that the hourly services ran to time, providing a very practical illustration of what can be done.

The August Saturday diversion of the Weymouth Wizard, an eight-carriage through train to Weymouth, gave us a marketing opportunity, and the community and Great Western worked together in marketing the opportunity, carrying some 350 passengers each way on that single train. Around half of the passengers heard about the train through our social media campaign, which won an award at the national RailFuture awards in November.

Other awards at RailFuture were won by our overall campaign, and by our associated "Coffee Shop" online forum, where more than 20,000 messages were posted during the year on rail and related subjects.

Volunteers and supporters are key to the success of the line; there are far too many to mention each individually, but THANK YOU. In the case of the TransWilts, much of their work is away from the

line promoting it, but you'll see them out in force at such times as the Santa Special, run with our Melksham Railway Development Group associates. Our team of counters travelled on all trains over a weekend in early December, reporting passenger numbers of 666 on Saturday, 544 on Sunday and 662 on Monday.

Our Friends initiative is an important support element, and one that will grow in importance in 2016 under Bob Morrison's leadership.

In the Autumn, we were delighted to welcome Claire Perry, MP, the rail minister as our keynote speaker, and in April 2016 we look forward to welcoming Christian Wolmar and Nigel Harris.

I attended a number of meetings and events including ACoRP in Nottingham and London, and Citizen Rail in Torquay.

Operational staff and passengers are the daily bread and butter of the line, and it's great to have such a positive bunch. Even on a cold, wet November morning I'm greeted by smiling faces.

This year, pocket timetables and travel wallets were produced and distributed. It's heartening to ride the train and see people pulling out their TransWilts wallet holding their



ticket, and it's great to be asked for further timetable supplies.

Small but significant timetable changes in May and December have brought a through train each day to and from Frome, a recast of Sunday services to a more useful and regular pattern. In December the retiming of the 15:14 off Swindon to 15:12 allows a faster path and a connection to the south at Westbury; some destinations such as Southampton are now reachable an hour earlier.

One of the most notable changes was the rolling up of the CRP into a Community Interest Company. It's logical to take a wider look at passengers' requirements which are door to door, and with the rapid passenger growth, it's necessary to take a longer term look at where the line is going.

– Graham Ellis
grahamellis@transwilts.org

Our Friends Secretary talks about the members' initiative

Bob Morrison is a leading community rail volunteer and he has a 2015 RailFuture Award to prove it. He has led the Friends membership initiative since its inception to bring a wider membership into TransWilts involvement.

A journalist by trade Bob has been a regular user of the railways for more than 40 years. Earlier than that, as a nine year old going to school, he occasionally swapped a 2p bus fare for a 3p child's single to travel with British Rail from Reading to Reading West.

Since moving to Swindon five years ago he became involved with the TransWilts on the eve of the new improved service introduced in 2013. So while not involved in the campaigning to gain the extra trains, he has been very concerned to demonstrate the success of them and the campaign to retain and enhance them. Based at the northern end of the line he is keen to see better connections achieved at Westbury with trains heading to the West Country, particularly with the last remaining direct services to stations west of Taunton via Bristol likely to be removed when electrification arrives.

As a non-driver Bob is also a regular bus user and spends many hours researching how to reach places by public transport with a taxi only coming into play as a last resort. He readily admits to being surprised how often he is able to reach out of the way places by public transport after a lot of investigating.

As Friends Administrator he oversees the receiving of applications and dealing with renewals and queries from members. He also contributes many of the articles to the regular TransWilts newsletter which is circulated to Friends and opinion formers in the area. He also provides material for the CIC website at transwilts.org

The Friends of the TransWilts are a vital part of the organisation, while some are content to be armchair supporters, and are most welcome as such, others volunteer to assist with counting numbers on trains or supporting other initiatives the organisation is involved in.

– Bob Morrison
friends@transwilts.org



Accounts (unaudited)

Financial year 1st February 2015 to 31st January 2016

Brought Forward	Assets	£
TWCRP opening balance	12,500.00	1
TOTAL Opening		12,500.00

Notes to Accounts

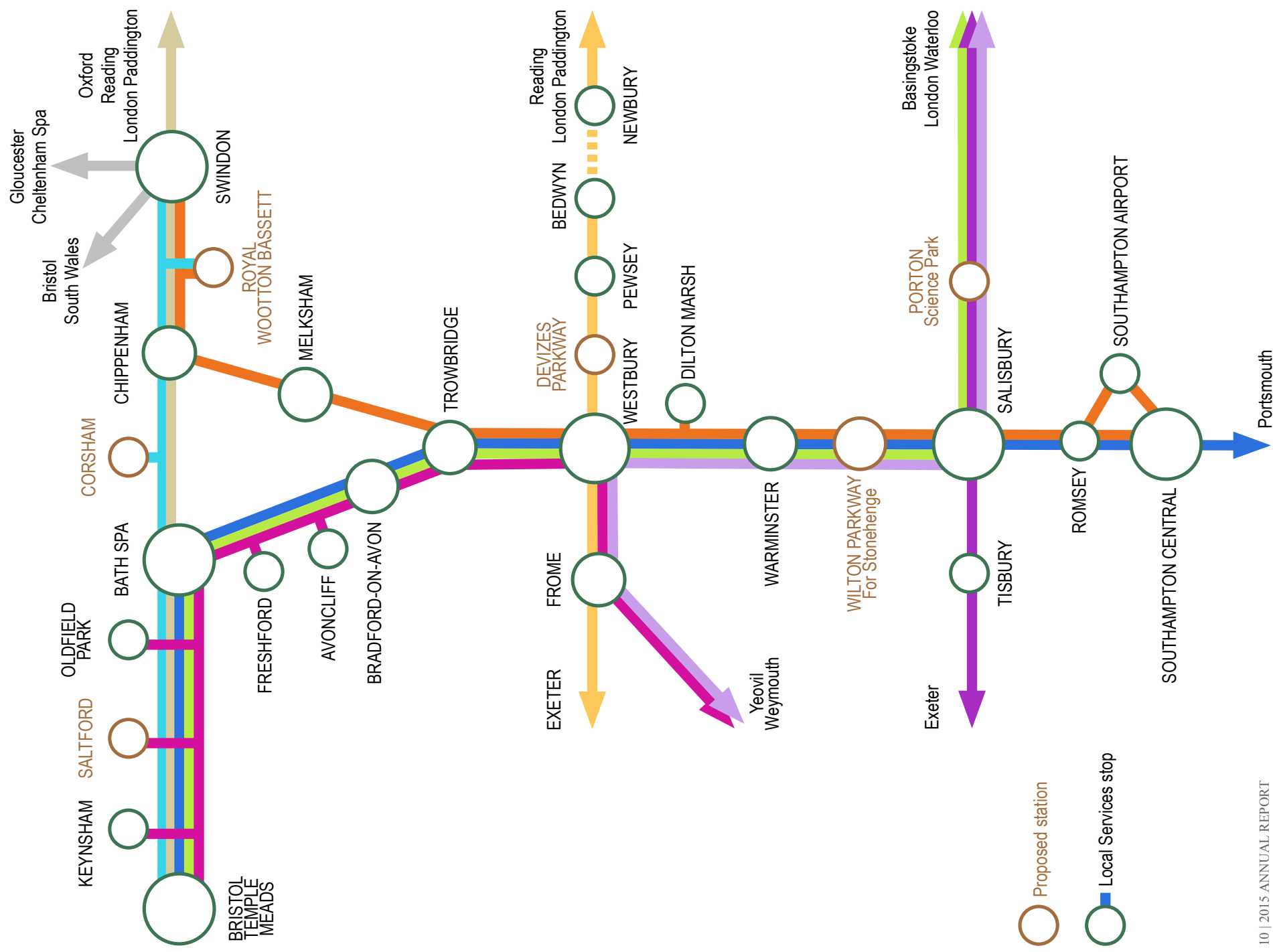
- Accounts of CRP and CIC have been amalgamated with a transfer of bank cash from CRP to new CIC account.
- GWR Customer & Community Fund, and Wiltshire Council
- GWR Project Fund, and Wilton TC
- Friends membership and corporate sponsors
- Administration of CRP and CIC activities including consulting contract payments
- Office rental and Conference room hire
- Stationery including timetables, newsletters, brochures and travel wallets. Stationery stock is written off as purchased
- Reimbursement of travel expenses
- Cost of liability insurance, web site domain fees
- Friends administration including set up costs for web site, design of membership system and administration of "coffee shop" forum
- Costs for activities associated with the Bus and community activities including web site amendments
- Projects: Melksham Station and Wilton Station
- Cash at Co-operative Bank
- Debtors cheques un-cleared
- Creditors and unpaid pro-forma invoices

Incoming	Receipts	£
Grants	15,528.00	2
Bank Interest	0.57	
Project Funding	3,000.00	3
Friends & Sponsors	1,207.00	4
TOTAL		19,735.57

Outgoing	Expenditure	£
Secretariat & CRP Officer	7,396.75	5
Offices & Room Hire	3,162.78	6
Stationery & Newsletters	2,626.13	7
Travel	246.60	8
Professional Fees inc. Insurance	487.20	9
Friends Administration & setup	1,400.00	10
Bus activities inc. setup	1,290.00	11
Project Activities	1,812.24	12
TOTAL		18,421.70

Closing Carried forward	Assets	£
Cash at Bank	14,509.07	13
Plus Debtors	1,000.00	14
Less Creditors	(1,695.20)	15
TOTAL Closing		13,813.87

Rail Routes serving Wiltshire







Report to	Melksham Area Board
Date of Meeting	24/02/2016
Title of Report	Community Area Grant Funding

Area Board Grants Budget			
Opening balance 2015/16	Spend to date	Current balance	Balance if all grants are agreed in February 2016
£56,673.00	£50,237.00	£6,436.00	- £4,846.50

Purpose of the report:

To consider the applications for funding listed below

Applicant	Amount requested
Applicant: Melksham & District Girlguiding Project Title: Melksham Girlguiding HQ. Insulation of Building View full application	£1500.00
Applicant: St John Ambulance Project Title: Melksham Unit Defibrillators View full application	£1000.00
Applicant: 1st Bowerhill Scout Group Project Title: 1st Bowerhill scout Group - Do Our Best View full application	£1300.00
Applicant: 1st Bowerhill Scout Group Project Title: 1st Bowerhill scout Group - Do Your Best View full application	£1985.50
Applicant: Avon Bowls Club Project Title: Avon Bowls Club Pavilion New Floor Covering View full application	£750.00

Applicant: Atworth Village Hall and Recreation Ground Committee Project Title: Children's Play Equipment View full application	£3750.00
Applicant: Melksham Town Sound Project Title: AM Transmission Project MTS View full application	£997.00

1. Background

Area Boards have authority to approve Area Grants under powers delegated to them. Under the Scheme of Delegation Area Boards must adhere to the [Area Board Grants Guidance](#)

[The funding criteria and application forms](#) are available on the council's website.

2. Main Considerations

2.1. Councillors will need to be satisfied that funding awarded in the 2015/2016 year is made to projects that can realistically proceed within a year of it being awarded.

2.2. Councillors must ensure that the distribution of funding is in accordance with the Scheme of Delegation to Area Boards.

2.3. Councillors will need to be satisfied that the applications meet the Community Area Board grants criteria.

3. Environmental & Community Implications

Grant Funding will contribute to the continuance and/or improvement of cultural, social and community activity and wellbeing in the community area, the extent of which will be dependent upon the individual project.

4. Financial Implications

Financial provision had been made to cover this expenditure.

5. Legal Implications

There are no specific legal implications related to this report.

6. Human Resources Implications

There are no specific human resources implications related to this report.

7. Equality and Inclusion Implications

Community Area Boards must fully consider the equality impacts of their decisions in order to meet the Council's Public Sector Equality Duty.

Community Area Grants will give local community and voluntary groups, Town and Parish Council's equal opportunity to receive funding towards community based projects and schemes, where they meet the funding criteria.

8. Safeguarding Implications

The Area Board has ensured that the necessary policies and procedures are in place to safeguard children, young people and vulnerable adults.

9. Applications for consideration

Application ID	Applicant	Project Proposal	Requested
1563	Melksham & District Girlguiding	Melksham Girlguiding HQ. Insulation of building	£1500.00
<p>Project Description: Guides HQ is over 50 years old and is a single skin wooden building. Our heating bills are enormous and the building is very cold in winter. We intend to insulate one half this next year and the other half when we can raise funds.</p> <p>Input from Community Engagement Manager: The grant application meets the 2015/16 grants criteria.</p>			
<p>Proposal That the Area Board determines the application.</p>			

Application ID	Applicant	Project Proposal	Requested
1599	St John Ambulance	Melksham Unit Defibrillators	£1000.00
<p>Project Description: To support our volunteers in their role and help them to save more lives in their local community we are planning an upgrade of life saving defibrillators. We are seeking donations or funding of up 1000 to support the cost of a new device training on the new device including the purchase of a training device and consumables to ensure continuous service.</p> <p>Input from Community Engagement Manager: The grant application meets the 2015/16 grants criteria.</p>			
<p>Proposal That the Area Board determines the application.</p>			

Application ID	Applicant	Project Proposal	Requested
1657	1st Bowerhill Scout Group	1st Bowerhill scout Group - Do Our Best	£1300.00
<p>Project Description: We are fortunate to have a selection of equipment to draw from when creating activities. Our current storage container can hold the kit but we desperately need support for organising. To this end we are seeking funding for racking which will allow the kit to be stored off the ground and in an organised manner. In addition we are seeking funding for shelving and storage units for our dedicated cupboards at</p>			

the Village Hall in order to organise the areas and make them safe and easily accessible.

Input from Community Engagement Manager:

The grant application meets the 2015/16 grants criteria.

Proposal

That the Area Board determines the application.

Application ID	Applicant	Project Proposal	Requested
1589	1st Bowerhill Scout Group	1st Bowerhill scout Group - Do Your Best	£1985.50

Project Description:

For our 2016 projects we are seeking funding for are Explorer challenge - kayaking expedition Scout cooking - Outdoor cookers Cub music activities - Ukuleles and Beaver outdoor experience - 3 pastel coloured bell tents.

Input from Community Engagement Manager:

The grant application meets the 2015/16 grants criteria.

Proposal

That the Area Board determines the application.

Application ID	Applicant	Project Proposal	Requested
1651	Avon Bowls Club	Avon Bowls Club Pavilion New Floor Covering	£750.00

Project Description:

The existing floor covering is in need of replacement since it is badly soiled and worn after more than 15 years of service. We are looking for part funding only. The balance of the cost approximately £1400 would be met out of our own funds.

Input from Community Engagement Manager:

The grant application meets the 2015/16 grants criteria.

Proposal

That the Area Board determines the application.

Application ID	Applicant	Project Proposal	Requested
1659	Atworth Village Hall and Recreation Ground Committee	Children's Play Equipment	£3750.00

Project Description:

The current play equipment in the recreation ground has been there since the 60s and is looking old and tired. One piece of equipment had to be removed due to wood rot and needs replacing. This application is to repair some of the old equipment and to introduce new modern and exciting equipment for the children of

Atworth and the users of the play equipment in the recreation ground.
Input from Community Engagement Manager: The grant application meets the 2015/16 grants criteria.
Proposal That the Area Board determines the application.

Application ID	Applicant	Project Proposal	Requested
1534	Melksham Town Sound	AM Transmission Project MTS	£997.00
<p>Project Description: Melksham Town Sound is the local radio station for Melksham broadcasting online. We are now looking at broadcasting to Melksham on the AM frequency with a cover radius of up to 10 miles. As Ofcom currently say Melksham South West is not able to offer any FM licences for a couple of years they are offering us a chance to apply for an AM licence middle of next year 2016. We need to buy the transmission equipment ready for a 10 day trial early next year under Ofcoms RSL license. This will include an AM transmitter CE Marked and the Tower which will act as the antenna. This will then benefit the community early next year with a radio station all about Melksham on the AM band.</p> <p>Input from Community Engagement Manager: The grant application meets the 2015/16 grants criteria.</p> <p>Proposal That the Area Board determines the application.</p>			

No unpublished documents have been relied upon in the preparation of this report

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Grant Applications for Melksham on 24/02/2016

ID	Grant Type	Project Title	Applicant	Amount Required
1563	Community Area Grant	Melksham Girlguiding HQ. Insulation of Building	Melksham & District Girlguiding	£1500.00
1599	Community Area Grant	Melksham Unit Defibrillators	St John Ambulance	£1000.00
1657	Community Area Grant	1st Bowerhill scout Group - Do Our Best	1st Bowerhill Scout Group	£1300.00
1589	Community Area Grant	1st Bowerhill scout Group - Do Your Best	1st Bowerhill Scout Group	£1985.50
1651	Community Area Grant	Avon Bowls Club Pavilion New Floor Covering	Avon Bowls Club	£750.00
1659	Community Area Grant	Children's Play Equipment	Atworth Village Hall and Recreation Ground Committee	£3750.00
1534	Community Area Grant	AM Transmission Project MTS	Melksham Town Sound	£997.00

1563	Community Area Grant	Melksham Girlguiding HQ. Insulation of building	Melksham & District Girlguiding	£1500.00
<p>Submitted: 09/11/2015 16:25:53</p> <p>ID: 1563</p> <p>Current Status: Application Appraisal</p> <p>To be considered at this meeting: tbc contact Community Area Manager</p> <p>1. Which type of grant are you applying for? Community Area Grant</p> <p>2. Amount of funding required? £501 - £5000</p> <p>3. Are you applying on behalf of a Parish Council? No</p> <p>4. If yes, please state why this project cannot be funded from the Parish Precept</p> <p>5. Project title? Melksham Girlguiding HQ. Insulation of building</p>				

Total required from Area Board	£1500.00			
Expenditure (Itemised expenditure)	£	Income (Itemised income)	Tick if income confirmed	£
Materials/Labour	3000.00	1500.00	yes	1500.00
Total	£3000			£1500

11. Have you or do you intend to apply for a grant from another area board within this financial year?

No

12. If so, which Area Boards?

13. Please tell us WHO will benefit and HOW they will benefit from your project benefit your local community?

We have about 80 members in Melksham District. We take girls from Melksham Town Beanacre Bowerhill and Seend. We need to make our HQ a pleasant place for the children to meet and doing this work will also allow us to advertise to let the building to outside agencies to help us generate more income. With more income we can make further upgrades to the building.

14. How will you monitor this?

We have a local carpenter who does small works for us free of charge. He has quoted us for this work and both myself and our District Treasurer are charged with taking care of the maintenance of the building. We will closely monitor all work done through to completion.

15. If your project will continue after the Wiltshire Council funding runs out, how will you continue to fund it?

We will have to continue with our fundraising but as we are running our finances on a shoestring it may take some considerable time to raise enough to do the work. Our heating bills are considerable and with the insulation this will we hope considerably reduce heating costs.

16. Is there anything else you think we should know about the project?

17. DECLARATION

Supporting information - Please confirm that the following documents will be available to inspect upon request:

Quotes:

Yes I will make available on request 1 quote for individual project costs over £500 & 2 quotes for project costs over £1000 (Individual project costs are listed in the expenditure section above)

Accounts:

Yes I will make available on request the organisation's **latest accounts**

Constitution:

Yes I will make available on request the organisation's Constitution/Terms of Reference etc.

Policies and procedures:

Yes I will make available on request the necessary and relevant policies and procedures such as Child Protection, Safeguarding Adults, Public Liability Insurance, Access audit, Health & Safety and Environmental assessments.

Other supporting information (Tick where appropriate, for some project these will not be applicable):

Yes I will make available on request evidence of ownership of buildings/land

And finally...

Yes the information on this form is correct, that any award received will be spent on the activities specified.

ID	Grant Type	Project Title	Applicant	Amount Required
1599	Community Area Grant	Melksham Unit Defibrillators	St John Ambulance	£1000.00

Submitted: 01/12/2015 13:30:55

ID: 1599

Current Status: Application Appraisal

To be considered at this meeting:

tbc contact Community Area Manager

1. Which type of grant are you applying for?

Community Area Grant

2. Amount of funding required?

£0 - £500

3. Are you applying on behalf of a Parish Council?

No

4. If yes, please state why this project cannot be funded from the Parish Precept**5. Project title?**

Melksham Unit Defibrillators

6. Project summary:

To support our volunteers in their role and help them to save more lives in their local community we are planning an upgrade of life saving defibrillators. We are seeking donations or funding of up 1000 to support the cost of a new device training on the new device including the purchase of a training device and consumables to ensure continuous service.

7. Which Area Board are you applying to?

Melksham

Electoral Division

8. What is the Post Code of where the project is taking place?

SN12

9. Please tell us which theme(s) your project supports:

Children & Young People
Health, lifestyle and wellbeing
Inclusion, diversity and community spirit
Safer communities

If Other (please specify)

10. Finance:

10a. Your Organisation's Finance:

Your latest accounts:

12/2014

Total Income:

£89.00

Total Expenditure:

£87.00

Surplus/Deficit for the year:

£119.00

Free reserves currently held:

(money not committed to other projects/operating costs)

£0.00

Why can't you fund this project from your reserves:

Surplus for St John Ambulance ought not to be considered as a reserve. Over 90 of funding received is used to provide charitable output with the surplus remaining to support national emergencies and in the event of income used to continue are vital first aid support.

We are a small community group and do not have annual accounts or it is our first year:

10b. Project Finance:

Total Project cost	£1000.00		
Total required from Area Board	£1000.00		
Expenditure	Income	Tick if income	
(Itemised £ expenditure)	(Itemised income)	confirmed	£

AED training
device and consumables 1000.00

Total **£1000** **£0**

11. Have you or do you intend to apply for a grant from another area board within this financial year?

Yes

12. If so, which Area Boards?

Corsham
Melksham
Pewsey

13. Please tell us WHO will benefit and HOW they will benefit from your project benefit your local community?

St John Ambulance Units are an integral part of their community often seen at local events providing a reassuring lifesaving service. Many events in our community are given a significant discount whilst some are covered free of charge. St John Ambulance volunteers are highly trained and are just as likely to use this skill doing their weekly shop as they are at a community event. Volunteers in the area also provide access to first aid for their neighbourhood. Each September local units run free to access first aid demonstrations as well as events throughout the year. An automated external defibrillator AED is vital in saving lives when the heart goes into Cardiac Arrest. Having the most up to date equipment means that the volunteers stand the best chance of saving lives perhaps of people they know in the community. Pewsey Unit has two AEDs but a replacement scheme is running across the South West. If two devices were funded by this Area Board they would be placed with the unit allowing the two they currently hold to be relocated elsewhere in Wiltshire replacing the oldest devices we have.

14. How will you monitor this?

AED usage is highly monitored and reported on both for our records and the European Resuscitation Council. Whilst identifiable patient data could not be disclosed information could be provided on the level of use.

15. If your project will continue after the Wiltshire Council funding runs out, how will you continue to fund it?

The 1000 would purchase an AEDs and ensure that enough materials and batteries could be supplied to ensure operation for 3-5 years depending on usage.

16. Is there anything else you think we should know about the project?

We are seeking 6 new devices 3 live devices and 3 training at an approximate cost of 1000 per pair of devices. That figure includes budgets for additional supplies essential to keeping the equipment in full working order and ready to use plus the training volunteers at each Unit with any amount over the 3000 total subsidised by St John Ambulance. Before any discounts or cost savings each defibrillator costs up to 800 with additional supplies replacement pads etc. training device at 200 and training costs anticipated as 350 per Unit of volunteers resulting in 1350 per defibrillator set or 4050 in total. We hope that the majority of costs involved in providing these defibrillators will be covered by the grants. This will be achieved through the fact that funds

raised in the wider region and nationally may allow us to gain discounts through purchasing significant numbers of units. In addition the fact that Pewsey Melksham and Corsham are reasonably close to each other with volunteers used to working and training together may allow us to save costs on teaching our first aiders how to use the new equipment for example it is likely to be possible to run two courses instead of three. The training devices can be used by the local volunteers to improve awareness at free of charge events for the local community and during our annual Save a Life September campaign where we hold demonstration events in public spaces or to groups. All of these factors have been considered during the application process and I am confident that each 1000 of restricted income - held for the specific purpose of buying new defibrillators for our volunteers in each town will cover the majority of costs with only a minimal top up from our charities unrestricted income.

17. DECLARATION

Supporting information - Please confirm that the following documents will be available to inspect upon request:

Quotes:

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Accounts:

yes I will make available on request the organisation's **latest accounts**

Constitution:

yes I will make available on request the organisation's Constitution/Terms of Reference etc.

Policies and procedures:

yes I will make available on request the necessary and relevant policies and procedures such as Child Protection, Safeguarding Adults, Public Liability Insurance, Access audit, Health & Safety and Environmental assessments.

Other supporting information (Tick where appropriate, for some project these will not be applicable):

And finally...

yes The information on this form is correct, that any award received will be spent on the activities specified.

1657	Community Area Grant	1st Bowerhill scout Group - Do Our Best	1st Bowerhill Scout Group	£1300.00
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Submitted: 10/01/2016 10:49:34

ID: 1657

Current Status: Application Appraisal

To be considered at this meeting:

tbc contact Community Area Manager

1. Which type of grant are you applying for?

Community Area Grant

2. Amount of funding required?

£501 - £5000

3. Are you applying on behalf of a Parish Council?

No

4. If yes, please state why this project cannot be funded from the Parish Precept

5. Project title?

1st Bowerhill scout Group - Do Our Best

6. Project summary:

We are fortunate to have a selection of equipment to draw from when creating activities. Our current storage container can hold the kit but we desperately need support for organising. To this end we are seeking funding for racking which will allow the kit to be stored off the ground and in an organised manner. In addition we are seeking funding for shelving and storage units for our dedicated cupboards at the Village Hall in order to organise the areas and make them safe and easily accessible.

7. Which Area Board are you applying to?

Melksham

Electoral Division

8. What is the Post Code of where the project is taking place?

SN12 6SN

9. Please tell us which theme(s) your project supports:

Children & Young People

Health, lifestyle and wellbeing

Inclusion, diversity and community spirit

Safer communities

Sport, play and recreation

If Other (please specify)

10. Finance:

10a. Your Organisation's Finance:

Your latest accounts:

03/2015

Total Income:

£19239.22

Total Expenditure:

£13927.13

Surplus/Deficit for the year:

£8110.76

Free reserves currently held:**(money not committed to other projects/operating costs)**

£2010.76

Why can't you fund this project from your reserves:

Reserves are held for annual subscriptions minibus depreciation and replacement. We are anticipating funding 50 of the project topping up our reserves with fundraising.

We are a small community group and do not have annual accounts or it is our first year:

10b. Project Finance:

Total Project cost		£2606.88		
Total required from Area Board		£1300.00		
Expenditure		Income	Tick if income	
(Itemised	£	(Itemised	confirmed	£
expenditure)		income)		
Container -				
Heavy Duty	1856.89	Bag Packing	yes	400.00
Shelving				
Storeroom		Melksham		
Storage Racks	749.99	Christmas		32.00
		Fayre		
		Raffle		80.00
		Easter Bingo		135.00
		Group Funds		650.00
Total	£2606.88			£1297

11. Have you or do you intend to apply for a grant from another area board within this financial year?

No

12. If so, which Area Boards?

Melksham

13. Please tell us WHO will benefit and HOW they will benefit from your project benefit

your local community?

The Scout group helps young people to enjoy new adventures to experience the outdoors interact with others gain confidence and have the opportunity to reach their full potential. We have a membership of over 70 young people between the ages of 6 and 18 supported by a team of 15 adult volunteer leaders. The young people in the Scout movement will benefit from an outdoor experience that will help them prepare for their future and build their social skills teamwork ability leadership ability and confidence.

14. How will you monitor this?

All expenditure is agreed at Executive Committee level and minuted. This is reviewed and documented at our AGM.

15. If your project will continue after the Wiltshire Council funding runs out, how will you continue to fund it?

We have and continue to fundraise for the group through bag packing toner recycling clothes recycling raffles bingo and coin collection.

16. Is there anything else you think we should know about the project?

NA

17. DECLARATION

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Policies and procedures:

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Other supporting information (Tick where appropriate, for some project these will not be applicable):

And finally...

Yes the information on this form is correct, that any award received will be spent on the activities specified.

1589	Community Area Grant	1st Bowerhill Scout Group - Do Your Best	1st Bowerhill Scout Group	£1985.50
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Submitted: 24/11/2015 18:26:28

ID: 1589

Current Status: Application Appraisal

To be considered at this meeting:

tbc contact Community Area Manager

1. Which type of grant are you applying for?

Community Area Grant

2. Amount of funding required?

£501 - £5000

3. Are you applying on behalf of a Parish Council?

No

4. If yes, please state why this project cannot be funded from the Parish Precept

5. Project title?

1st Bowerhill scout Group - Do Your Best

6. Project summary:

For our 2016 projects we are seeking funding for are Explorer challenge - kayaking expedition
Scout cooking - Outdoor cookers Cub music activities - Ukuleles and Beaver outdoor
experience - 3 pastel coloured bell tents

7. Which Area Board are you applying to?

Melksham

Electoral Division

8. What is the Post Code of where the project is taking place?

SN12 6SN

9. Please tell us which theme(s) your project supports:

Children & Young People

Health, lifestyle and wellbeing

Inclusion, diversity and community spirit

Safer communities

Sport, play and recreation

If Other (please specify)

10. Finance:

10a. Your Organisation's Finance:**Your latest accounts:**

03/2015

Total Income:

£19239.22

Total Expenditure:

£13927.13

Surplus/Deficit for the year:

£8110.76

Free reserves currently held:**(money not committed to other projects/operating costs)**

£2010.76

Why can't you fund this project from your reserves:

Reserves are held for annual subscriptions minibus depreciation and replacement. We are anticipating funding 50 of the project topping up our reserves with fundraising.

We are a small community group and do not have annual accounts or it is our first year:

10b. Project Finance:

Total Project cost		£3971.26		
Total required from Area Board		£1985.50		
Expenditure (Itemised £ expenditure)		Income (Itemised income)	Tick if income confirmed	£
2nd hand Kayak equipment	890.00	Bag Packing	yes	450.00
4 x Bell tents in green and lilac	1956.00	Sponsored Dodgeball	yes	120.00
Instruments	305.36	Smartie Challenge		85.00
Biolite Base Camps x 2	819.90	Clothes Recycling		186.00
		Group Funds		1000.00
		Spring Activities		144.00
Total	£3971.26			£1985

11. Have you or do you intend to apply for a grant from another area board within this financial year?

No

12. If so, which Area Boards?

Melksham

13. Please tell us WHO will benefit and HOW they will benefit from your project benefit your local community?

The Scout group helps young people to enjoy new adventures to experience the outdoors interact with others gain confidence and have the opportunity to reach their full potential. We have a membership of over 70 young people between the ages of 6 and 18 supported by a team of 15 adult volunteer leaders. The young people in the Scout movement will benefit from an outdoor experience that will help them prepare for their future and build their social skills teamwork ability leadership ability and confidence.

14. How will you monitor this?

All expenditure is agreed at Executive Committee level and minuted. This is reviewed and documented at our AGM.

15. If your project will continue after the Wiltshire Council funding runs out, how will you continue to fund it?

We have and continue to fundraise for the group through bag packing toner recycling clothes recycling raffles bingo and coin collection.

16. Is there anything else you think we should know about the project?

NA

17. DECLARATION

Supporting information - Please confirm that the following documents will be available to inspect upon request:

Quotes:

Yes I will make available on request 1 quote for individual project costs over £500 & 2 quotes for project costs over £1000 (Individual project costs are listed in the expenditure section above)

Accounts:

Yes I will make available on request the organisation's **latest accounts**

Constitution:

Yes I will make available on request the organisation's Constitution/Terms of Reference etc.

Policies and procedures:

Yes I will make available on request the necessary and relevant policies and procedures such as Child Protection, Safeguarding Adults, Public Liability Insurance, Access audit, Health & Safety and Environmental assessments.

Other supporting information (Tick where appropriate, for some project these will not

be applicable):

And finally...

Yes the information on this form is correct, that any award received will be spent on the activities specified.

1651	Community Area Grant	Avon Bowls Club Pavilion New Floor Covering	Avon Bowls Club	£750.00
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Submitted: 08/01/2016 10:31:55

ID: 1651

Current Status: Application Appraisal

To be considered at this meeting:

tbc contact Community Area Manager

1. Which type of grant are you applying for?

Community Area Grant

2. Amount of funding required?

£0 - £500

3. Are you applying on behalf of a Parish Council?

No

4. If yes, please state why this project cannot be funded from the Parish Precept

5. Project title?

Avon Bowls Club Pavilion New Floor Covering

6. Project summary:

The existing floor covering is in need of replacement since it is badly soiled and worn after more than 15 years of service. We are looking for part funding only. The balance of the cost approximately 1400 would be met out of our own funds.

7. Which Area Board are you applying to?

Melksham

Electoral Division

8. What is the Post Code of where the project is taking place?

SN12 6ES

9. Please tell us which theme(s) your project supports:

Children & Young People

Health, lifestyle and wellbeing

Sport, play and recreation

Other

If Other (please specify)

A facility which benefits all members of Melksham Community

10. Finance:

10a. Your Organisation's Finance:

Your latest accounts:

10/2015

Total Income:

£22389.77

Total Expenditure:

£19973.82

Surplus/Deficit for the year:

£2415.95

Free reserves currently held:

(money not committed to other projects/operating costs)

£5695.13

Why can't you fund this project from your reserves:

We have ongoing costs for hire of venues purchase of consumables food drinks etc. Green maintenance is a cost which is paid monthly and is variable due to remedial and seasonal treatments required so a reserve must be held to cater for unexpected costs. We must also have funds available for running repairs to the premises such as redecoration internal and external bowls equipment replacement appliance maintenance/replacement etc.

We are a small community group and do not have annual accounts or it is our first year:

10b. Project Finance:

Total Project cost		£2150.00		
Total required from Area Board		£750.00		
Expenditure (Itemised expenditure)	£	Income (Itemised income)	Tick if income confirmed	£
Floorcovering installation	2150.00	1400.00		750.00
Total	£2150			£750

11. Have you or do you intend to apply for a grant from another area board within this financial year?

No

12. If so, which Area Boards?

13. Please tell us WHO will benefit and HOW they will benefit from your project benefit your local community?

We currently have a membership of 104 people principally from Melksham with an age range of 7 to 85yrs. We offer a source of exercise and social interaction throughout the year.

Membership is open to all without exclusion. We need to offer a safe clean and pleasurable environment and somewhere we can all feel proud of. Replacement of the floorcovering will enhance both the appearance and safety of our facilities to give members and visiting teams a pleasant and secure experience. The area needs to be safe for the disabled and less mobile members of our community without worrying about slip or trip hazards. These features will benefit the following areas Children Young People with the ability to attract young players into the sport interaction with local schools. Health - lifestyle well-being giving people of Melksham the opportunity to take part in an outdoor activity. Sport Play and Recreation - we have fully qualified personnel to achieve this as an alternative to more physically strenuous sports.

14. How will you monitor this?

During execution of the work we will have members of our Management Committee on site to check the work to our satisfaction.

15. If your project will continue after the Wiltshire Council funding runs out, how will you continue to fund it?

This is a one off installation, so no continuous funding is required.

16. Is there anything else you think we should know about the project?

17. DECLARATION

Supporting information - Please confirm that the following documents will be available to inspect upon request:

Quotes:

Yes I will make available on request 1 quote for individual project costs over £500 & 2 quotes for project costs over £1000 (Individual project costs are listed in the expenditure section above)

Accounts:

Yes I will make available on request the organisation's **latest accounts**

Constitution:

Yes I will make available on request the organisation's Constitution/Terms of Reference etc.

Policies and procedures:

Yes I will make available on request the necessary and relevant policies and procedures such as Child Protection, Safeguarding Adults, Public Liability Insurance, Access audit, Health &

Safety and Environmental assessments.

Other supporting information (Tick where appropriate, for some project these will not be applicable):

And finally...

Yes the information on this form is correct, that any award received will be spent on the activities specified.

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1659	Community Area Grant	Children's Play Equipment	Atworth Village Hall and Recreation Ground Committee	£3750.00
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Submitted: 11/01/2016 11:22:15

ID: 1659

Current Status: Application Appraisal

To be considered at this meeting:

tbc contact Community Area Manager

1. Which type of grant are you applying for?

Community Area Grant

2. Amount of funding required?

£501 - £5000

3. Are you applying on behalf of a Parish Council?

No

4. If yes, please state why this project cannot be funded from the Parish Precept

There is no money in the precept

5. Project title?

Children's Play Equipment

6. Project summary:

The current play equipment in the recreation ground has been there since the 60s and is looking old and tired. One piece of equipment had to be removed due to wood rot and needs replacing. This application is to repair some of the old equipment and to introduce new modern and exciting equipment for the children of Atworth and the users of the play equipment in the recreation ground.

7. Which Area Board are you applying to?

Melksham

Electoral Division

8. What is the Post Code of where the project is taking place?

SN128JY

9. Please tell us which theme(s) your project supports:

Children & Young People
Countryside, environment and nature
Health, lifestyle and wellbeing
Sport, play and recreation

If Other (please specify)

10. Finance:

10a. Your Organisation's Finance:

Your latest accounts:

12/2014

Total Income:

£18212.52

Total Expenditure:

£11793.78

Surplus/Deficit for the year:

£6418.74

Free reserves currently held:

(money not committed to other projects/operating costs)

£1418.74

Why can't you fund this project from your reserves:

We try to keep in reserve between 12 and 18 months in the accounts for hall maintenance invoices. This is important as if we lose any of our current hall users it would put a strain on the budget. We also have a lot of other projects are working on to update the village hall to a modern standard. All this takes a lot of money which we do not have. The income seems high but we held a celebration festival in 2014 to recognise that the hall was built 100 years ago.

We are a small community group and do not have annual accounts or it is our first year:

10b. Project Finance:

Total Project cost		£24689.00		
Total required from Area Board		£3750.00		
Expenditure (Itemised expenditure)	£	Income (Itemised income)	Tick if income confirmed	£
Quote from supplier	21522.00	Hills Waste Solutions grant	yes	15000.00
Ground work	400.00	Fundraising	yes	1190.00

		Run	
Play bark	790.00	Table Top Sale	yes 204.00
		Rotary Club	yes 600.00
		Pub Quiz	yes 184.00
Total	£22712		£17178

11. Have you or do you intend to apply for a grant from another area board within this financial year?
No

12. If so, which Area Boards?
Melksham

13. Please tell us WHO will benefit and HOW they will benefit from your project benefit your local community?
The main people who will benefit with be the children of Atworth and the surrounding area. It will also benefit the pupils of the local primary school who uses the recreation ground and play area. It will also benefit the local Snapdragons who also have children who use the recreation ground. This will benefit the children by having new and modern equipment which will encourage more children to use the recreation ground for sports and to play to keep fit and have fun using the new equipment.

14. How will you monitor this?
This will be monitored by the village hall committee and the mothers of the children who will have children that will be using the play equipment

15. If your project will continue after the Wiltshire Council funding runs out, how will you continue to fund it?
The project will have to stop until we have received additional money from fundraising events of from other funders. If we don't receive a grant from the Area Board we unfortunately may be in danger of losing the grant from Hills Waste Solutions

16. Is there anything else you think we should know about the project?
This is a once off project for now. Eventually we will have to replace all the remaining equipment in the children's play area in due course as nearly all of it was installed in the sixties and its getting old. We also have a long term plan to introduce keep fit equipment in the recreation ground to provide equipment for all ages to become and retain fitness.

17. DECLARATION

Supporting information - Please confirm that the following documents will be available to inspect upon request:

Quotes:
Yes I will make available on request 1 quote for individual project costs over £500 & 2 quotes for project costs over £1000 (Individual project costs are listed in the expenditure section above)

Accounts:

Yes I will make available on request the organisation's **latest accounts**

Constitution:

Yes I will make available on request the organisation's Constitution/Terms of Reference etc.

Policies and procedures:

Yes I will make available on request the necessary and relevant policies and procedures such as Child Protection, Safeguarding Adults, Public Liability Insurance, Access audit, Health & Safety and Environmental assessments.

Other supporting information (Tick where appropriate, for some project these will not be applicable):**And finally...**

Yes the information on this form is correct, that any award received will be spent on the activities specified.

1534	Community Area Grant	AM Transmission Project MTS	Melksham Town Sound	£997.00
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Submitted: 27/10/2015 13:53:28

ID: 1534

Current Status: Application Appraisal

To be considered at this meeting:

tbc contact Community Area Manager

1. Which type of grant are you applying for?

Community Area Grant

2. Amount of funding required?

£501 - £5000

3. Are you applying on behalf of a Parish Council?

No

4. If yes, please state why this project cannot be funded from the Parish Precept**5. Project title?**

AM Transmission Project MTS

6. Project summary:

Melksham Town Sound is the local radio station for Melksham broadcasting online. We are now looking at broadcasting to Melksham on the AM frequency with a cover radius of up to 10 miles. As Ofcom currently say Melksham South West is not able to offer any FM licences for a couple of years. But they are offering us a chance to apply for an AM licence middle of next year 2016. We need to buy the transmission equipment ready for a 10 day trial early next year under Ofcoms RSL license. This will include a AM transmitter CE Marked and the Tower

which will act as the antenna. This will then benefit the community early next year with a radio station all about Melksham on the AM band.

7. Which Area Board are you applying to?

Melksham

Electoral Division

8. What is the Post Code of where the project is taking place?

SN12 7BS

9. Please tell us which theme(s) your project supports:

Children & Young People

Countryside, environment and nature

Economy, enterprise and jobs

Health, lifestyle and wellbeing

Sport, play and recreation

Transport and roads

Technology & Digital literacy

If Other (please specify)

10. Finance:

10a. Your Organisation's Finance:

Your latest accounts:

Total Income:

£

Total Expenditure:

£

Surplus/Deficit for the year:

£

Free reserves currently held:

(money not committed to other projects/operating costs)

£

Why can't you fund this project from your reserves:

We are a small community group and do not have annual accounts or it is our first year: yes

10b. Project Finance:

Total Project cost £997.00

Total required from Area Board £997.00

Expenditure (Itemised expenditure)	£	Income (Itemised income)	Tick if income confirmed	£
RF 1watt AM Transmitter	457.00	N/A		0.00
Radio Tower Antenna	290.00			
Receiving and Audio System	150.00			
AM Antenna Wires	100.00			
Total	£997			£0

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No

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Melksham

13. Please tell us WHO will benefit and HOW they will benefit from your project benefit your local community?

The People of Melksham and the surrounding areas will benefit from this Project with a local radio station on the AM Band. As the local radio station we will provide local news stories and latest traffic around the Melksham area. We can also provide training to local people on the transmission side or the studio side of broadcasting.

14. How will you monitor this?

The AM Transmission will be monitored by our Transmission team on a weekly router. We also have a Air Traffic engineer helping us with the project.

15. If your project will continue after the Wiltshire Council funding runs out, how will you continue to fund it?

Under Ofcoms License the station will be able to run ON AIR advertising to fund the stations operations.

16. Is there anything else you think we should know about the project?

We are just applying for the Transmission equipment but the overall cost of the Project including the 20 Day Trial is £3902 Including equipment just for 20 Day Trial is £2345.

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Yes I will make available on request evidence of ownership of buildings/land

Yes I will make available on request the relevant planning permission for the project.

Yes I will make available on request any other form of licence or approval for this project has been received prior to submission of this grant application.

And finally...

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