

Update from Melksham Community Area Partnership



Queen Elizabeth 2 Playing Fields Challenge

A scheme to protect playing fields or recreational spaces across the UK is being set up to commemorate Queen Elizabeth II's jubilee in 2012. Wiltshire Council can put forward two sites (out of 23) which are owned by the council within the Melksham area.

We collected people's views on which sites should be nominated at Party in the Park and we are now looking for more people's input through an online survey. You can choose your preferred two fields by going to our website, <http://melksham.communityarea.org.uk>. The survey will close on 19 August 2011.

Community Plan

We have been out, braving all weathers, to gather opinions and concerns for life in Melksham and the surrounding villages. Despite the rain at Party in the Park, we managed to talk to plenty of people about their priorities and ideas for the area, with lots of useful comments on issues such as community safety and the environment. All these ideas are going into the Draft Community Plan. This is already on the MCAP website but is added to and enhanced all the time, and will be a document that outlines to Wiltshire Council and other service providers what really matters to the people in our community.

Join the Partnership

The Melksham Community Area Partnership is set up to help you to be heard. We are building a network of people, businesses, groups, clubs and services in the area so we can best find out what is important to you.

From this network we gather the priorities and needs of the community as well as find out what's already happening to address these needs, and write it all down in the Community Plan. We can then get people who deliver services to refer to (and be involved in) the Plan when making decisions about how best to provide for the community.

We are therefore looking for partners, who want to get involved in terms of letting us know information and helping us make the Plan. We are also looking for groups or clubs who want to become theme groups within the

partnership so we have a regular link in to specific issues like transport, economy, housing, culture etc. If you would like support in setting up a group we would also love to help you do that. As well as groups we always want to stay in touch with individuals who simply want to be involved in the Plan and express what is important for your community, be it your village, club, business, or simply your street.

Please get involved by emailing

Miriam@melksham.communityarea.org.uk, calling 07865 065 925 or writing to Miriam Zaccarelli, MCAP, Melksham Town Hall, SN12 6ES, and help us build a network that can make a difference.