



Melksham Community Area Network

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Neighbourhood Watch Event - Saturday 11th September 2010

Aim of event: To create a bigger appetite for Neighbourhood Watch in the Melksham Community Area

How this will be achieved: By determining the strengths and weaknesses of Neighbourhood Watch in the area and agreeing ways of improving its effectiveness



Those welcome: Everyone in the Melksham Community Area already involved in Neighbourhood Watch or seriously interested in setting up a scheme

Venue: Melksham Assembly Hall

Time: 7.30-9.00 Breakfast and networking 9.00-12.50 Main event

Activities: will include a presentation from an experienced and successful Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator and various workshops including *Setting Up A Neighbourhood Watch Scheme, Communication, Signage, Insurance Implications, Community Speed Watch*

Minutes of Melksham area board meeting, 28/07/2010

See link - <http://cms.wiltshire.gov.uk/ieAgenda.aspx?A=785>



Annual Review of Waste management

The council's waste management contractor, Hills Waste Solutions Ltd., is required to produce an Annual Review of the waste management services provided for the council.

Key messages for 2009/10 are:

- There was a continued reduction in the overall amount of waste the council collects and manages – total municipal waste in 2009/10 was 7.5% lower than at its peak in 2004/05 and 2.5% lower than in 2008/09;
 - Wiltshire maintained our household waste recycling and composting performance at 40.5% (National Indicator 192);
 - The fall in overall waste tonnages was accompanied by a continued fall in dry recyclates, so maintaining our performance was very dependent on garden waste tonnages. This highlights the need to maintain recycling promotions.
- The Lakeside Energy from Waste (EfW) contract started to take deliveries of waste from June 2009. This has contributed to reducing the percentage of waste sent to landfill from 56.4% in 2008/09 to 47.2% in 2009/10 (National Indicator 193).



A copy of the Annual Review for 2009/10 can be viewed at:

<http://www.recycleforwiltshire.com/images/stories/food/service%20review%20final%202010.pdf>

This report will be considered by the Overview & Scrutiny Committee Environment Task Group on 15 November 2010. If you would like to comment on aspect of the Review or the service provided by the contractor please send your comments by **30 September 2010** by email to:

wastemanagement@wiltshire.gov.uk

or by post to:

Waste Management Services
County Hall
Bythesea Road
Trowbridge
BA14 8JN

Wiltshire Arts programmes

The PAWS details are now on our website - visit

www.wiltshire.gov.uk/leisureandculture/artsandgalleries/participatoryartworkshopscheme.htm -

deadline for applications is midnight 1 October 2010. Details of our community arts training course is also now available at

www.wiltshire.gov.uk/leisureandculture/artsandgalleries/communityartstraining.htm - deadline for applications is 6 October 2010.



Melksham Gardeners' Society

"Growing in the Community" is this year's theme of the Royal Horticultural Society (RHS) "Dig Together Day" campaign on Saturday 4th September. Melksham Gardeners' Society are running a Dig Together Day, in conjunction with their 2nd Annual Flower & Produce Show, with the aim of encouraging more members of the public to get involved with gardening and "growing their own food". Please see the attached Press Release for more information.



Great Bulkington Railway

'Teddy Bear Sp



pecial' on the Great Bulkington Railway on August Bank Holiday Monday 30th August 2010. See attachment for poster.

Wiltshire Voluntary Sector Forum Network

The GROW service (a partnership project between DEVELOP Enhancing Community Support and Voluntary Action Kennet, funded by Wiltshire Council) is launching the first Wiltshire Voluntary Sector Forum Network commencing Autumn 2010 to support local Voluntary and Community Groups to be heard in Wiltshire. **BOOK NOW** for the **FIRST MEETING** in DEVIZES – See Booking Form Attached! Hear how the Network will operate and how you can be involved. The Council; South West Forum and the Compact Board Chair will all be speaking about the way this can support your work!

Any Voluntary and Community Sector group operating in Wiltshire is welcome to book to come! See attachment for booking form.

The Wiltshire Voluntary Sector Forum Network will not duplicate, but will add value to the existing voice, consultation and representation structures for the voluntary and community sector in Wiltshire. GROW will support the development and maintenance of the Network and provide a matching web based resource. We will work to include both rural and urban based groups; groups working right across Wiltshire, as well as more locality specific groups. Contact is: [Meryl Hecquet](mailto:meryl@developecs.org.uk) , www.developecs.org.uk , meryl@developecs.org.uk

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