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Melksham Town Council

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To:

Councillor J Hubbard Town Mayor
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Councillor P Aves
Councillor G Cooke
Councillor J Crundell
Councillor S Crundell
Councillor G Ellis
Councillor C Forgacs
Councillor C Houghton
Councillor L Lewis
Councillor S Mortimer
Councillor J Oatley
Councillor T Price
Councillor S Rabey

Date 18 March 2022

The Town Council extend a warm invitation to the community of Melksham to the Annual Town Meeting to be held on **Monday 28th March 2022** commencing at **7.00 pm at the Town Hall, Melksham.**

The Annual Town meeting is not a Town Council meeting. It is a meeting of the Town electors and must take place between 1 March and 1 June each year. Electors can contribute to the agenda and this meeting will celebrate local activities and debate current issues in the community.

Yours sincerely

Councillor Jon Hubbard
Melksham Town Mayor

**Melksham Town Council
Annual Town Meeting**

**Monday 28 March 2022
At 7.00 pm at Town Hall, Melksham**

AGENDA

Virtual Meeting Access

Please follow the joining instructions below for the virtual Zoom meeting:

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83385661394?pwd=TEZ2L3JUemtRkVZMk9GcUhIMTgxUT09>

Meeting ID: **833 8566 1394**

Passcode: **840623**

1. Welcome from the Town Mayor (Pages 1 - 6)

The Town Mayor will advise those present on the format and purpose of the meeting.
(see attached process for Annual Town meetings).

2. Minutes (Pages 7 - 12)

To approve the Minutes of the previous Annual Meeting held on 24 May 2021.

3. Report of the Town Mayor

To receive the report of the Town Mayor.

4. Reports of Wiltshire Councillors (Pages 13 - 14)

To receive the reports from the Wiltshire Councillors:

Wiltshire Councillor, Phil Alford

Wiltshire Councillor, Jon Hubbard

Wiltshire Councillor, Mike Sankey (see attached)

5. Reports from Councillors/Chairs of Town Council Committees

- Asset Management and Amenities Committee
- Economic Development and Planning Committee
- Community Development Committee
- Finance, Administration and Performance Committee

6. Policing in Melksham

A presentation from Sgt James Twyford, Wiltshire Police.

7. Reports from Groups who have received grants during the year (Pages 15 - 52)

Reports from those groups who received grants during the year:

- 2385 Melksham Squadron ATC
- AFC Melksham
- Age UK Wiltshire
- Alzheimer's Support
- Dorothy House
- Group Five
- Melksham Community Money Advice
- Melksham Community Transport
- Melksham Goes Wild
- Proud Melksham
- Read Easy Melksham
- Riverside Club
- The Wiltshire Bobby Van Trust
- W.A.N.D.S.
- Wiltshire Citizens Advice Bureau
- Wiltshire Mind
- Wiltshire Sight

8. Other Grant Reports received since the publication of the agenda

9. Presentations from Groups who have received grants during the year

Presentations from those Groups who received grants during the year:

- Alzheimer's Support
- Dorothy House
- Help Counselling
- Melksham Cricket Club
- Melksham Goes Wild
- Splash Wiltshire
- W.A.N.D.S. (Wiltshire Adopters- Networking Development and Support)

10. Reports/Presentations from Community Groups (Pages 53 - 58)

To receive presentations/updates from the following Community Groups:

- Melksham Area Board (see attached)
- The Joint Melksham Neighbourhood Plan
- Priority for People

11. Open Forum/Questions from Electors

Electors are invited to contribute to the agenda and/or celebrate local activities and debate current issues in the community. Electors are also invited to raise any issues they want to bring to the attention of the Town Council for future consideration by the Town Council.

The Annual Meeting of the Town

1. Requirement

Every English town or parish must have a town/parish meeting, which consists of the local government electors registered for the area for which it is held. The Annual Town Meeting is the meeting where the parish council report to its electorate on what it has accomplished in the preceding year.

The Annual Town Meeting may not start earlier than 6:00pm. (LGA 1972 s 14 (4))

2. Chair

The meeting should be chaired by the Chairman or Town Mayor or in their absence the Vice Chairman or Deputy Town Mayor. LGA 1972 ss 17(1))

However, there is no requirement for the Town Mayor to attend a meeting of the town but they are entitled to attend. LGA 1972 s 16

If neither the Town Mayor or Deputy Town Mayor are present then those electors present may appoint a chairman for the meeting. LGA 1972 ss 17(3)

3. Role of Councillors

Although it is not mandatory for the Councillors to attend they would usually attend and will speak if need be. However, the purpose of the meeting is to enable the residents to have their say. Councillors will listen with interest and if they are residents themselves will have the opportunity to raise questions and make comments if they wish.

4. Role of the Town Clerk

There is no requirement for the Town Clerk to attend the Annual Town Meeting unless it is their contract of employment that they attend.

If required to attend they should attend the Annual Parish Council Meeting as the proper officer of the council unless a leave of absence has been agreed.

5. Minutes of the Meeting

The minutes of meetings of the town are kept separately from those of the town council. They are to be kept in a book specially provided for the purpose. LGA 1972 ss 19(1)

The minutes of the previous meeting should be signed by the person who chaired the previous Annual Town Meeting.

6. Dates

The Town meeting must assemble annually between 1 March and 1 June (both inclusive) on a date decided by the Town Council. Proceedings must not begin before six o'clock in the evening. In an election year, it is recommended that it is held after the election.

7. How convened

The Annual Town Meeting is usually called by the Town Mayor of the town council. However, any town meeting may be called by... (LGA 1972 s 15 (1))

- The Town Mayor of the town council,
- Any two Councillors from the town,
- Any six registered electors from the town.

Proper notice of the meeting must be given not less than seven clear days before the meeting. This must specify the time and place, the business to be transacted at the meeting, and it must be signed by the person(s) convening the meeting. The notice must be posted in some conspicuous place or places or given in such a manner that it will give publicity to the meeting.

The time and place of the meeting is specified: it must not be held before 6:00 p.m. and must not be held in premises used for the supply of alcohol (unless there are no other suitable venues).

8. Purpose

Electors, public and press are invited to hear reports from the Town Mayor, Unitary Councillors, community groups and any organisation that the town council has funded during the year.

The Council may also invite local community groups including those who have received substantial grant funding from the Town Council.

The first part of the formal meeting with speeches and presentations normally lasts about one hour depending on those present, the number of questions raised and the discussion that follows. After the formal session, the meeting is open to groups such as to local clubs, societies and other voluntary and statutory organisations to provide an exhibition and/or a representative to speak about the work of their group.

9. Decisions/Voting

Decisions are taken in the first instance by a majority of those present and voting.

Initially voting on a question is done by a majority of those present at the meeting and the decision of the person chairing the meeting as to the decision is final unless a poll is demanded. LGA 1972 ss 18(2). (see para 12)

No votes taken at this meeting are binding on the town council although they should consider them at the next meeting of the town council. Only members on the electoral roll can vote on an issue. Other members of the public can attend and express their opinions but not vote.

10. How are they Conducted

Many town and parish councils make this meeting a community event by providing refreshments, presentations from community groups and providing an informal atmosphere.

There should be an opportunity for the public and press to express their opinions on what the council are doing during the meeting.

11. Legal status

Though the town meeting may discuss town affairs its resolutions differ in their legal consequence. In a few cases a resolution is legally binding. In all others, a resolution is persuasive only; the town council may legally disregard it and leave the electors to their remedy at the next election.

12.1 The Call for a Poll

A poll may be demanded before the end of a town meeting on any question arising at the meeting, but no poll shall be held unless the person presiding at the meeting consents to it or the poll is demanded by ten or one third of the local government electors present (whichever figure is the less) call for it.

The town meeting does not vote on whether or not to have a poll once this call has been made.

The poll is a poll of the local government electors of the town; there is no provision for a ward poll.

12.2 The Question

The meeting does, however, vote on the question which is to be put in the poll, and each local government elector present may give one vote and no more on any question.

The proposer of the question becomes a key figure in the subsequent poll and the proposer's name and address will need to be recorded by the proper officer (clerk) of the meeting.

The form of words used in the question itself is also important. The Town Mayor should ensure that the question can be voted for either 'yes' or 'no'. The question should not lend itself to vague or double-negative answers.

Once the wording has been agreed at the meeting, the question cannot be changed.

12.3 The Returning Officer is notified

The Town Mayor or chairman of the meeting has a duty to provide the Returning Officer (Chief Executive of Wiltshire Council) with, the question, the name and address of the proposer of the question and the date of the town meeting.

The Returning Officer will consider whether a poll shall be held, and in most cases the Returning Officer's duties will be clear cut.

12.4 Case Law

However, in the case of Bennet. v Chappell (1965 - 3 WLR 829), the Court of Appeal recognised that a parish poll requested for a purpose that was 'devoid of practical application' might not be granted. Clearly, a question of whether there should be a referendum on the constitution of 'Ruritania' or a war against 'Ruritania' would be 'devoid of practical application' as far as a town or parish council would be concerned. The poll can serve as an instruction to the town or parish council to do or to desist from doing something that is within its power, and there would be no practical application in asking the electorate to vote on a question that was wholly outside the remit of the council.

In the case of Letchworth Garden City Heritage Foundation v (1) the Returning Officer for the District of North Hertfordshire and (2) the Chairman of the Parish Meeting of Letchworth Garden City (2009), the High Court considered the history and purpose of parish meetings and the possible meanings of the phrase 'parish affairs'. Whilst this case did not define or give modern examples of what would constitute 'parish affairs', it indicated that the High Court is likely to view a parish affair as any matter specific to a parish in which the local government electors in that parish have a legitimate and genuine interest.

In this case, the Claimant Foundation judicially reviewed a poll organised by the first Defendant, being the District Council's returning officer. The Claimant Foundation owned the estate of Letchworth Garden City, and the area was within the jurisdiction of Hertfordshire County Council, Letchworth Garden City Town Council and the Claimant Foundation. There was tension in the local community between those who regarded the Claimant Foundation as effective and the town council as redundant, and others who wished see the Foundation replaced by a directly elected body. At an assembly of the parish meeting, there were discussions as to whether the Claimant Foundation's governance structures should be changed. The next day, the 2nd Defendant being the Chairman at the assembly of the parish meeting (and the Chairman of the town council) notified the district council of a request for a poll on the issue. The Claimant Foundation argued that the poll, and by extension the parish meeting or discussions by the parish meeting in respect of Foundation's governance structures, were beyond the parish council's powers, because the governance of the Foundation was not a 'parish affair' within the meaning of section 9 of Local Government Act 1972. The Foundation's claim was unsuccessful. As some of the Foundation's governors were appointed or elected from within the parish, the High Court held that the parish had a straightforward and obvious role to play in the Claimant Foundation's governance. The High Court held that the Foundation's governance structures and any change in those nominated from within the parish to serve as governors of the Foundation fell within the definition of the term

'parish affairs, were properly the subject of discussion by the parish meeting and properly the subject of the poll.

12.5 Preparations for the Poll

The poll must take place between 14 and 25 days after the poll was demanded, with the publication of the question.

All costs in relation to the poll must be met by the Town Council.

Note: The Annual Parish Meeting is a SEPARATE meeting from the Town Council's Annual Meeting. The Annual Town Meeting should be a relatively informal event for the community whereas the Annual Meeting of the Town Council is a formal council meeting.

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Melksham Town Council

Minutes of the Annual Town Meeting held on Monday 24th May 2021

PRESENT: Councillor J Hubbard (Chair)
Councillor C Goodhind (Vice-Chair)
Councillor P Alford
Councillor P Aves
Councillor G Cooke
Councillor J Crundell
Councillor S Crundell
Councillor G Ellis
Councillor L Lewis
Councillor C Forgacs
Councillor C Houghton
Councillor S Mortimer
Councillor J Oatley
Councillor T Price
Councillor S Rabey

IN ATTENDANCE: Sgt James Twyford

OFFICERS:	Linda Roberts	Town Clerk
	David McKnight	Economic Development Manager
	Patsy Clover	Assistant to the Town Clerk
	Christine Hunter	Committee Clerk

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: Ten members of the public and one member of the press were present.

1/21 Welcome from the Town Mayor

The Town Mayor, Councillor Hubbard welcomed members of the public and press to the Annual Town Meeting and informed those present that this was an opportunity for the Town Council to report on progress made over the last year, and give members of the public an opportunity to question councillors on local issues.

The Town Mayor, Councillor Hubbard spoke of articles recently in the local press regarding King George V Park and confirmed that at the Full Council meeting held on 17 May 2021 decisions were made on how the Council manages the work in King George V Park. No decisions were made on the work itself. The issue will be

discussed in more detail at the Asset Management and Amenities Committee meeting on 21 June 2021. The Town Mayor, Councillor Hubbard stated that members of the public are welcome to attend.

2/21 Minutes

It was proposed by the Town Mayor, Councillor Hubbard, seconded by Councillor S Crundell and

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Annual Town Meeting held on 29 April 2021, having previously been circulated, were approved as a correct record and were signed by the Town Mayor, Councillor Hubbard.

3/21 Melksham Town Council

The Town Mayor, Councillor Hubbard stated that 13 of the 15 councillors for Melksham were new councillors. Each councillor then introduced themselves. The Town Mayor, Councillor Hubbard offered those present the opportunity to ask questions of the new councillors, no questions were put.

4/21 Policing in Melksham

Sgt James Twyford provided a presentation on work undertaken by the police over the past year and confirmed proposed interventions and priorities for the forthcoming year. Sgt Twyford confirmed how ongoing work with various neighbourhood groups and the excellent working relationship with Melksham Town Council had helped to reduce crime in Melksham.

Terri Welch asked for an update on the Speed Indicator Devices (SIDs). The Town Mayor, Councillor Hubbard confirmed that the SIDS will be in place by mid-June.

There were no further questions from members of the public.

5/21 Reports from Groups who received grants during the year

Reports were received from twenty-nine groups who had received grants during the year.

6/21 Presentations from Community Groups

The Town Mayor, Councillor Hubbard confirmed that the reports provided by the Area Board and 4Youth Melksham were included in the agenda pack.

2385 (Melksham) Air Training Corps

Flight Lieutenant Greg McKay provided a presentation explaining the variety of practical and outdoor activities that took place over the last year in Covid-safe

environment, with support from community groups and the public sector. The full range of training and activities will commence after 21 June 2021.

Community Response

Philippa Huxtable, the Age Friendly Co-ordinator, gave a presentation on the work carried out by 465 volunteers during the last year throughout the Covid-19 pandemic. Services provided during lock-down ranged from collecting prescriptions and shopping, to providing Christmas lunches, which has helped build relationships within the community. Community support work will continue for the residents of Melksham with a new face-to-face video service being launched, the provision of a volunteer companion scheme, and the continuation of friendly phone calls.

Melksham in Bloom

Terri Welch provided a presentation and since Bloom commenced in Melksham over ten years ago, the town has received three Gold awards from the South West in Bloom competition and is aiming for gold again this year.

Terri reported on Town Tidy days for litter picking, works undertaken with the Town Council's Amenities team, volunteers and Melksham Town Council's plans to take over the Friends' Garden.

Priority for People

The Economic Development Manager, David McKnight, provided a presentation on the Priority for People initiative explaining that this was a project which has arisen from the Strategic Plan, Melksham 2020-2036. Priority for People will be launched on 7 June 2021 through a public survey and details can be found on the website www.priorityforpeople.org

Neighbourhood Plan

The Town Clerk explained that the Neighbourhood Plan was a joint plan covering the boundary of Melksham Town and Melksham Without Parish Council. Neighbourhood Plans are community led planning which go through several stages of scrutiny. Melksham's Plan has taken seven years to get to referendum stage. The referendum will be held on 1 July 2021 and requires a 51% yes vote to be successful; that is 51% of the people voting not the total electorate. If successful the Plan will go into an immediate review which will focus on the Town Centre Masterplan Plan, Local Green Space, Housing Site Allocation, implications of the by-pass proposal and the Melksham Canal Link. The plan is available on the Melksham Town Council website at <https://bit.ly/2SzxHgF>

The Town Mayor, Councillor Hubbard confirmed that, if adopted, the Neighbourhood Plan will protect Melksham from any reduction in a three/ five-

year land supply, and would increase the Community Infrastructure Levy contribution from 15% to 25%.

Adrienne Westbrook stressed the large amount of work required to produce the plan, the importance of the document and the importance of the referendum taking place on 1 July 2021. It gives the opportunity to shape how Melksham housing will develop in the future.

Councillor Ellis and Terri Welch thanked the Town Clerk, Adrienne Westbrook and officers for their hard work on the Neighbourhood Plan.

7/21 Open Forum/Questions from Electors

Questions from Electors:

Richard Wiltshire had asked in advance if the Town Council, through its' Health Working Group, could press the NHS to provide additional services at Melksham Hospital for local patients. Visiting consultants and practitioners would reduce the need for people to attend the RUH Bath and other larger hospitals, thus reducing the pressure on these facilities.

The Town Mayor, Councillor Hubbard explained that at the annual meeting of the Town Council on 17 May 2021 membership of the Health Working Group had been discussed. Council were looking to work in partnership with the Wiltshire Council Health Group, that Councillor Nick Holder of the Area Board is establishing, to work with stakeholders and providers. The Chief Executive of the CCG will be in attendance. The Council will support and encourage the NHS in maximising GP services within the town and services to Melksham Hospital.

Adrienne Westbrook expressed concern about amendments to the Terms of Reference for the King George V Park Sub Committee. The Terms of Reference gave delegated authority for spending to the Group not exceeding £501,000, ring fenced for improvements to the Park. Adrienne Westbrook stated she was concerned that the delegated powers for spending had been removed from the KGV Sub Committee when there were still outstanding projects to be completed.

The Town Mayor, Councillor Hubbard confirmed there had been no amendment to the budget and that funding was still ring-fenced for use in that or any other project.

The Town Clerk stated that the Terms of Reference for the new committee had not yet been drafted. The Town Mayor, Councillor Hubbard confirmed that the name of the committee had been changed as agreed at the Town Council Meeting held on 17 May 2021, but that the Terms of Reference could not be changed until they had been amended and approved at Full Council.

From Zoom

Pam Wiltshire asked the Town Council to support the Trees for Jubilee Campaign. She also mentioned that she was concerned that the subject of the Council's Tree Wardens had not been included on the agenda for the Council Meeting held on 17 May 2021 and hoped that their use would be reinstated.

The Town Mayor, Councillor Hubbard advised Mrs Wiltshire that both topics would be added to future Council Agendas for consideration.

Paul Johnson from TransWilts gave a verbal update on improvement works undertaken and scheduled at Melksham Station which included re-opening the Café, opening the Melksham Hub. He advised that cycle hire is available from the station and commented on reductions in greenhouse gases achieved through the use of electric vehicle charging points.

Meeting Closed at: 8.45 pm

Signed:

Dated:

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Wiltshire Councillor Report for Melksham Town Council Annual Town Meeting to be held on 28 March 2022

May 2021 was the start of a very steep learning curve for me as I entered the world of Wiltshire council. I felt very humbled and privileged to have been elected, especially from a field of some very worthy opponents. One of my first feelings was one of great responsibility and I took part in the thorough induction training provided, willingly and enthusiastically.

Some of the main concerns brought to my attention by residents of Melksham East were and remain:

- Antisocial behaviour.
- Speeding.
- Littering.

I am pleased to be able to work with the members of Melksham Town Council representing Melksham East on these issues.

Some specific issues I have worked on have been:

- the opening of the playground in Gladstone Road.
- the installation of white lines on Gladstone Road where antisocial parking had been taking place.
- the installation of a bollard on the cycle path between Heather Avenue / Dorset Crescent.
- the installation of temporary lighting on entrance to Oakfield's stadium from Eastern Way.
- requesting a metro count for Skylark Road.

I am currently working to:

- enhance the public open space between Primrose nature reserve and Eastern Way.
- install a footpath behind the Oaks school.
- upgrade the current public rights of way between Eastern Way and Primrose Nature Reserve into a proper cycle path.

Currently I am working with Councillor Louisa Lewis and others to represent to GreenSquareAccord concerns raised by residents over maintenance charges and the quality of work undertaken on properties.

I am also talking to Brook Banks about the public open space adjacent to Forest and Sandridge school and representing resident's concerns about the proposed extension of Forest and Sandridge school.

Another exciting work stream is in supporting Melksham Town Council officers in their attempts to resolve the outstanding issue of a new community hall for the East of Melksham development.

At Wiltshire Council, I currently serve on:

- Children's Select Committee
- Health Select Committee
- Standards Committee
- Audit Committee

As a member of these committees I have served on a number of rapid scrutiny exercises, which have included the following:

- A GAP analysis of housing provision for care leavers
- A review of LGA model code of conduct to consider whether it should be adopted by Wiltshire Council. This scrutiny is ongoing, but the LGA model code of conduct has already been adopted by Calne Town Council.

It is always a pleasure to work with officers and members of Melksham Town Council, all of whom are dedicated professional and helpful, and who are supportive whenever I bring an issue to the town council for their attention/consideration.

I believe the residents of Melksham are best served by a good working relationship between Melksham Town Council and Wiltshire Council at both officer and member level, and I look forwards to working during the coming years on that basis.

Mike Sankey

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YOUR CONTACT DETAILS	
ORGANISATION: 2385 (Melksham) Sqn ATC	
NAME: Flt Lt G McKay	
1. Please give details below of the items or activities funded by this grant	
ITEM/ACTIVITY	TOTAL COST
Radio	225.00
TOTAL AMOUNT SPENT FROM MELKSHAM TOWN COUNCIL GRANT	225.00
2. The benefits of your grant	
Please give details below of the ways in which the award has been of benefit to the work of your group and how this benefits people of Melksham as stated on your original application	
This has supported the adventure training activities of the Sqn.	

3. How many people in Melksham have benefited from the grant?		
60		
4. Has last year's grant been spent in accordance with its purpose as requested last year? (please circle)		
Yes	No	Partially
5. Is there anything else that you would like to say regarding your grant?		
<p>Thank you for the ongoing support of Melksham Town Council.</p>		

Please return this form by email to christine.hunter@melksham-tc.gov.uk. or to Melksham Town Hall by **4 March 2022**. If you have any questions or require any help please do not hesitate to contact Miriam Zaccarelli/Christine Hunter.

3. How many people in Melksham have benefited from the grant?		
30+		
4. Has last year's grant been spent in accordance with its purpose as requested last year? (please circle)		
Yes	No	Partially
5. Is there anything else that you would like to say regarding your grant?		
<p>Without the contribution of local councils our qualified coaches (who give their time free every week) would not be able to run this weekly club .Some players struggle to even pay bus fare to attend so we try to ensure its free to all .The council s long term year on year support for about 14 years has allowed us to run</p> <p>Our club is well know and well respected in the local community and continues to provide a service to the disabled each week .</p>		

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GRANT MONITORING FORM 2021/2022

YOUR CONTACT DETAILS	
ORGANISATION: Age UK Wiltshire	
NAME: Emma Walker	
1. Please give details below of the items or activities funded by this grant	
ITEM/ACTIVITY	TOTAL COST
Venue hire costs for Melksham Fitness and Friendship Club x 3 sessions	£120
Costs of providing an exciting and interesting Jamma de Samba session to attract existing and new members to return to the Club (to take place in Spring 2022)	£300
Travel costs to ensure residents of Melksham can access the sessions.	£100
TOTAL AMOUNT SPENT FROM MELKSHAM TOWN COUNCIL GRANT	£120 (to date)
2. The benefits of your grant	
<p>Please give details below of the ways in which the award has been of benefit to the work of your group and how this benefits people of Melksham as stated on your original application</p> <p>With an emphasis on providing opportunity for older people to keep active and make new friends, the generous support of Melksham Town Council helped Age UK Wiltshire to urgently relaunch our Melksham Fitness and Friendship Club, in response to the impact of pandemic restrictions on the physical, mental and emotional health of our community.</p> <p>With participation in carefully planned exercise programmes and group games and activities designed to promote the mobility, physical and cognitive health and core strength and balance of participants, a midway break, between the two parts, allows the focus to shift to time to swap news with friends over a cup of tea and biscuits.</p> <p>With laughter and fun never in short supply at the accessible and inclusive volunteer-led sessions, activities, which can include Bowling, Kurling (no ice required), skittles, quoits, quizzes and gentle Tai Chi, are carefully designed to reflect the abilities of and appeal to participants.</p>	
3. How many people in Melksham have benefited from the grant?	

13 older people from Melksham are currently registered as Members of the Club and regularly attend the sessions which take place on alternate Thursday afternoons.

4. Has last year's grant been spent in accordance with its purpose as requested last year? (please circle)

Yes

No

Partially

5. Is there anything else that you would like to say regarding your grant?

As a small, independent charity, based in the heart of our community for over 70 years, a real understanding of local need underpins the delivery of our range of practical and emotional support services.

We are hugely grateful for the generous support of Melksham Town Council, which is hugely appreciated and has enabled us to continue to promote the independence and wellbeing of older people in the town, through the delivery of our Fitness and Friendship Club.

Please return this form by email to christine.hunter@melksham-tc.gov.uk. or to Melksham Town Hall by **4 March 2022**. If you have any questions or require any help please do not hesitate to contact Miriam Zaccarelli/Christine Hunter.

The feedback we have received to date has been hugely positive:

"Meeting people is what you miss during lockdown. I used to be quite morose and not talking very much, but going to the groups has made me quite chatty. You meet similar couples and it's brought back all sorts of memories for me."

"It's good because it makes you move and you go home worn out. It gets us out more and doing more. I wouldn't miss going now."

3. How many people in Melksham have benefited from the grant?

60 to date and we continue to encourage more to take part.

4. Has last year's grant been spent in accordance with its purpose as requested last year? (please circle)

Yes

No

Partially

5. Is there anything else that you would like to say regarding your grant?

As noted in our original application, Melksham Movement for the Mind is not a stand-alone project but is part of a spectrum of support provided by Alzheimer's Support, including home visits and further support for local carers as well as those living with dementia. People who attend our Movement sessions can therefore access these other services, thus maximising the value of the Council's support.

We are extremely grateful for the Council's very generous support of our work which we believe makes a real difference to local people living with dementia – THANK YOU.

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4. Has last year's grant been spent in accordance with its purpose as requested last year? (please circle)		
Yes	No	Partially
5. Is there anything else that you would like to say regarding your grant?		
<p>Sadly, we have not yet been able to open this clinic due to the impact of the outbreak of the Omicron variant of the coronavirus pandemic. We were so thrilled to receive this grant at the end of Sept 2021, and immediately began researching and making plans to introduce this clinic in a central Melksham location. However, our plans were curtailed when the new variant hit our area: re-introduced safety restrictions meant the set-up of a new community-based clinic was not safe or wise, and the additional pressure on the NHS and our local healthcare network led to our reduced capacity to further this project. For example, between January and February 2022, multiple members of our clinical teams took on extra shifts to enable the safe discharge of more local patients from hospital into their own homes to reduce the potential risk of them catching Omicron whilst in hospital. The clinical staff who would have been involved in setting up the new clinic simply didn't have the capacity to do so.</p> <p>However, we remain 100% committed to introducing this new clinic very soon. A clinical project manager is in the process of liaising with potential venues, promotional banners are being produced, and we very much hope the new clinic will be up and running during April 2022.</p> <p>We are also delighted to tell you that we have secured further funding from two separate charitable trusts for this clinic, meaning it will be fully funded for at least 12 months. This funding is part of a wider package which is enabling us to set up a total of 10 clinics across our region in the months ahead. The Melksham clinic will be one of the first two clinics to be introduced.</p>		

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3. How many people in Melksham have benefited from the grant?

See question 2.

4. Has last year's grant been spent in accordance with its purpose as requested last year? (please circle)

Yes

No x

Partially x

5. Is there anything else that you would like to say regarding your grant?

Many thanks for your continued support of our work with needy families. Without your financial assistance we would be unable to operate.
Apologies for not replying sooner with this report.

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The workload is increasing, and we are always looking for people to help with the work. This could mean training to be advisors or other support.

With the ever increasing demand on our service for local people we were able to improve our support with the help of this grant.

3. How many people in Melksham have benefited from the grant?

During the last year 11 people as at 17/3/22

4. Has last year's grant been spent in accordance with its purpose as requested last year? (please circle)

Yes

5. Is there anything else that you would like to say regarding your grant?

I think I covered it above

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3. How many people in Melksham have benefited from the grant?

At present membership stands at about 200 people.
Each trip is open to up to 25 people. On average around 14 – 16 people have travelled on each trip and we ran 12 trips through the year.

4. Has last year's grant been spent in accordance with its purpose as requested last year? (please circle)

Yes

No

Partially

5. Is there anything else that you would like to say regarding your grant?

Our club members have been extremely appreciative of the support given to them to be able to go on our trips. Many cannot afford to go away on holiday and take full advantage of the convenience and reasonable cost of our days out.
The grant given has allowed us to continue the trips, with rising costs the future of these trips was in doubt.

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GRANT MONITORING FORM 2021/2022

YOUR CONTACT DETAILS	
ORGANISATION: Melksham Goes Wild	
NAME: Liz Jarvis	
1. Please give details below of the items or activities funded by this grant	
ITEM/ACTIVITY	TOTAL COST
Creepie Crawlle competition prizes	£79
lamination of photos for above competition	£30
planned workshop (April 30th) Melksham assembly hall to gather key players in	
rewilding and planting areas in Melksham. Fee for consultancy, Paul Jupp.	(£250)
art competition prizes	£50
setting up costs	£50
purchase of t shirts with melksham goes wild logo	£10
purchase of seeds	£50
PLEASE NOTE NOT ALL OF THIS MONEY SPENT AS YET,	
TOTAL AMOUNT SPENT FROM MELKSHAM TOWN COUNCIL GRANT	£159
2. The benefits of your grant	
<p>Please give details below of the ways in which the award has been of benefit to the work of your group and how this benefits people of Melksham as stated on your original application</p> <p>One of the objectives of our group is to help re-educate people about how we need to manage our green spaces going forward to support the rapidly dwindling insect and pollinator populations and to help with carbon sequestration in the soil. We felt a competition for the children is a good place to start and held the competition at the Food and Drink Festival in September 2021. The prizes were awarded recently and I believe we had a picture in the Melksham news to record the event.</p> <p>The crisis that we face with regard to loss of biodiversity and climate change is acknowledged at all levels of national and local government.</p> <p>The blue and green strategy document produced by Wiltshire council makes it plain that many of the aspirations in that strategy depend on the work of volunteers and groups like ours.</p> <p>We plan to hold an art competition for children and will award an art set, kindly donated by Artway of Melksham, to the lucky winner and vouchers for the art shop in Melksham.</p> <p>This year will see us rolling out another “blue heart” campaign in Melksham to promote people dedicating a small area of their garden to wildlife, I would like to see the development of neighbourhood “blue heart” champions as part of this initiative. We will want to provide Blue hearts for this purpose or at the very least provide the material for this project for people to make themselves.</p>	

3. How many people in Melksham have benefited from the grant?		
umm..... hopefully people will see the benefit in the longer term as we see insects such as butterflies and Bees return in more numbers and of course in some areas there will be beautiful mini meadows of wildflowers which we know is delightful to the eye and soothing on the nervous system!		
4. Has last year's grant been spent in accordance with its purpose as requested last year? (please circle)		
Yes	No	<u>Partially</u>
5. Is there anything else that you would like to say regarding your grant?		

We are, as yet, a fledgling group, several of the members work full time and so their spare time for working on our group is very limited.

Much of my time has been taken up with the bureaucracy of form filling, draft constitutions and trying to get a bank account set up, it's taken until now and you will see that we have yet to draw down the money as we have still not got an account approved, although I think it's imminent.

The impact of Covid has been huge of course, after an initial meeting all our contact was on zoom until recently when we had an in person meeting.

The lockdowns have meant we were unable to network or visit schools to promote the art competition or make contact with any other groups other than on zoom.

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LOCAL MEDIA, NEWS AND BBC RADIO HAVE COVERED NEWS OF THE EVENT, WHICH IS GREAT FOR PUBLICISING THE CHARITY AND WHAT WE DO.

OUR CHARITY STATUS IS NOW REGISTERED, 1197458

3. How many people in Melksham have benefited from the grant?

EVENT HAS NOT RUN YET, BUT OUR FACEBOOK PAGE NOW HAS 343 FOLLOWERS, THIS IS PREDOMINANTLY FROM THE MELKSHAM AREA AND HAS GROWN SINCE GRANT APPROVAL AND PUBLICITY AROUND THE EVENT.

4. Has last year's grant been spent in accordance with its purpose as requested last year? (please circle)

Yes YES

No

Partially

5. Is there anything else that you would like to say regarding your grant?

WE ARE HUGELY GRATEFUL TO MELKSHAM TOWN COUNCIL FOR SHOWING THEIR SUPPORT TO THE LGBT+ COMMUNITY, HELPING THOSE MOST AT NEED TO FEEL ACCEPTED IS A HUGE PART OF WHAT WE DO, AND MELKSHAM PRIDE FESTIVAL HAS GIVEN US A MASSIVE OPPORTUNITY TO ENGAGE WITH THE COMMUNITY AND SHARE IN PRIDE, WHICH IS ABOUT CELEBRATING WHO YOU ARE AND WHAT MAKES YOU UNIQUE.

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YOUR CONTACT DETAILS	
ORGANISATION: Read Easy North & North West Wiltshire	
NAME: Christine Thomson	
1. Please give details below of the items or activities funded by this grant	
ITEM/ACTIVITY	TOTAL COST
The funding from Melksham Town Council contributed to providing two Sessions a week on a one to one basis in a secluded area to coach 3 adults to improve their reading skills. This coaching can take up to a year before the reader can feel confident to be able to read, and enjoy independence. It costs up to £200 to coach one person as this includes training and travelling Costs for the coach and providing the specific reading materials which the Reader keeps when the course is completed.	£200 for each adult
TOTAL AMOUNT SPENT FROM MELKSHAM TOWN COUNCIL GRANT	£500.00
2. The benefits of your grant	
Please give details below of the ways in which the award has been of benefit to the work of your group and how this benefits people of Melksham as stated on your original application	
<p>It is estimated there are 8 million adults in the UK who cannot read and as Melksham's population is growing there are possibly adults who need coaching in a kind, patient and secluded area.</p> <p>The award contributes to providing the necessary equipment and encourages the Management Team to continue with confidence that we can provide the necessary training. It also gives the Team confidence that we can expand into Melksham with more advertising and holding stalls at Party in The Park and The Food & River Festival as an example of some of the expenses.</p> <p>Our Coordinator has recently been interviewed on BBC Wiltshire which will help to give an awareness to our work.</p>	

3. How many people in Melksham have benefited from the grant?

Currently, we have successfully coached 11 adults in Melksham who now can enjoy their lives with more confidence. We managed to continue coaching during covid by zoom and now plan to encourage more people to apply for coaching on a one to one basis.

4. Has last year's grant been spent in accordance with its purpose as requested last year? (please circle)

(Yes)

No

Partially

5. Is there anything else that you would like to say regarding your grant?

On behalf of the Management Team I would like to thank Melksham Town Council for their kind donations and showing an interest in our work which you will agree is vital for our people to enjoy their daily lives with confidence. Thank you.

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3. How many people in Melksham have benefited from the grant?

The estimated benefit is 100 plus

4. Has last year's grant been spent in accordance with its purpose as requested last year? (please circle)

Yes

5. Is there anything else that you would like to say regarding your grant?

The Riverside Committee wish to thank the Melksham Town Council for the grant, in view of the lack of hiring over the pandemic period, without this assistance the dish washer could not have been purchased and the old machine would have not be usable.

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3. How many people in Melksham have benefited from the grant?

7 (only 1 session delivered)

4. Has last year's grant been spent in accordance with its purpose as requested last year? (please circle)

Yes

No

Partially

5. Is there anything else that you would like to say regarding your grant?

Unfortunately, due to Covid, we were not able to hold our Christmas Party and Craft'ernoon sessions in December 2021 and January 2022.

Additionally, due to ill-health, we were not able to organise a Holiday Workshop during the February 2022 half-term.

We have also received unexpected donations of art and craft supplies which enabled us to purchase very little materials for the Craft'ernoon session we held in February 2022 (£6.97 out of the £40 we had allocated)

We would be very grateful if consideration could be given to us using this money toward a Climate Emergency Drama Workshop and a Craft Workshop during the Easter holidays. This would be combined with using funding allocated for a Holiday Workshop during the Easter holidays.

This would support our planned Family Celebration Day in late May 2022 to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee. On the day attendees will be invited to create "Trees of Hope".

Inspired by the River of Hope, our focus for the "Trees of Hope" will also be hope for the future with a spotlight on the environment and protecting the planet – and the part we can all play.

Using their own hand as a leaf shape children will use colours and designs to share their hope for the next 70 years. All the children's hands (leaves) together will form large colourful trees – reinforcing the message that one small thing one does can lead to something great, and ensuring our children feel an important part of the day.

We are using a tree as it has powerful meaning for us - roots (so important for our children) but also branches reaching for the sky (aspiration). Also, we could not take part in tree planting for this event, and this enables us to offer a nod to the Queen's Green Canopy.

The Climate Emergency Drama Workshop would culminate in children creating some "sample" handprint leaves which will be used during the Celebration Day as examples, to help provide inspiration.

The Craft Workshop would enable us to produce the support (trunks) of the trees, using mostly recycled and repurposed materials.

Unspent grant money due to Covid, ill-health and donations - Item	Amount
Craft'ernoon – venue hire (Melksham venue) (2 x 3 hours at £10/ hour)	£60
Craft'ernoon – activities leader (Melksham artists) (2 x £60)	£120
Craft'ernoon – materials (sourced locally whenever possible) (2x £40)	£80
Craft'ernoon – underspend on art and craft materials due to donations	£33.03
Craft'ernoon underspend	£293.03
Workshops – venue hire (Melksham venue) (1 x 3 hours at £10/hour)	£30
Workshops – activities leader (Melksham artists / professionals / groups) (1 x £150)	£150
Workshops underspend	£180
Christmas party – venue hire (Melksham venue) (4 hours at £10/hour)	£40
Christmas Party underspend	£40
Total	£513.03

Proposal for reallocating the current underspend - Item	Amount
Underspend to date	£513.03
<i>Grant for a holiday workshop during the Easter Holiday</i>	<i>£180</i>
Total	£693.03
Craft Workshop – Melksham venue hire (3 hours at £10/hour)	£30
Craft Workshop – activities leader	£180
Climate Emergency Drama Workshop – Melksham venue hire (6 hours at £10/hour)	£60
Climate Emergency Drama Workshop – activities leaders	£350
Contingency for materials and / or needing the venue for longer	£73.03
Total	693.03

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3. How many people in Melksham have benefited from the grant?

The grant has paid for the security hardware installed in 18 homes in Melksham.

4. Has last year's grant been spent in accordance with its purpose as requested last year? (please circle)

Yes

5. Is there anything else that you would like to say regarding your grant?

It is only with the help from organisations, such as Melksham Town Council, that we can continue to provide the highly professional service that we are renowned for. We are extremely grateful for your continued support.

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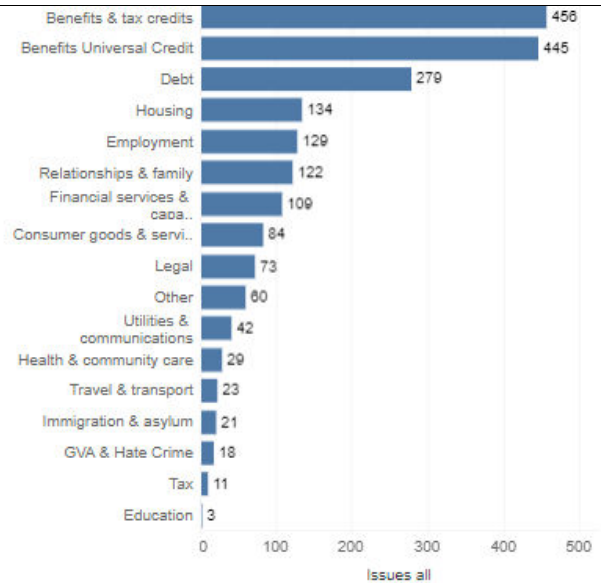
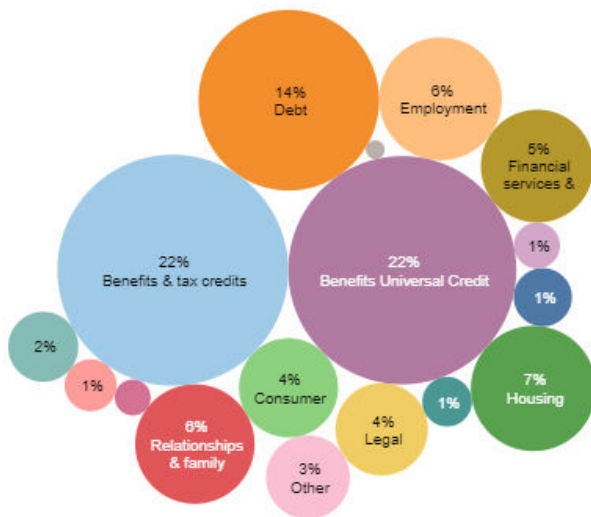
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YOUR CONTACT DETAILS	
ORGANISATION: Wiltshire Citizens Advice	
NAME: Suzanne Wigmore CEO	
1. Please give details below of the items or activities funded by this grant	
ITEM/ACTIVITY	TOTAL COST
New IT Kit and software	£1,050
Staff and volunteer travel	£350
Contribution 2 1 day per week supervisor time	£4,600
TOTAL AMOUNT SPENT FROM MELKSHAM TOWN COUNCIL GRANT	£6,000
2. The benefits of your grant	
Please give details below of the ways in which the award has been of benefit to the work of your group and how this benefits people of Melksham as stated on your original application	
<p>Due to the ongoing uncertainty around seeing clients safely face to face we continued with out telephone and digital advice for 2021.</p> <p>We have dealt with 2,038 issues for the people of Melksham where we have give full advice. We have helped 168 households claim for Universal Credit, and 154 with a claim for Personal Independence Payment. We also helped 45 households with fuel debt, and more than 100 households with a range of other debt issues.</p> <p>60% of clients were female, 7% were disabled and a further 48% had a long-term health condition. 95% of clients were White British.</p> <p>You can see a summary of the issues that we helped with below.</p>	

Part 1 issues %



Nationally agreed modelling shows below the average return for every £1 invested in advice clients directly benefit by £10.90. We therefore estimate that this grant has resulted in direct income or debt savings of more than £65,000 for the people of Melksham. Much of this money will be spent in the local community and on essential items.



3. How many people in Melksham have benefited from the grant?

We have helped 480 households with 2,038 issues, this is approximately 1,200 adults and children

4. Has last year's grant been spent in accordance with its purpose as requested last year? (please circle)

Yes

5. Is there anything else that you would like to say regarding your grant?

We have been able to support nearly 500 households with the direct impact of Covid lockdowns including claiming Universal Credit, Disability Benefit and dealing with debt, employment and housing issues. We know that as the direct impact from the lockdown become less, many households will be impacted by the increasing costs of living. We have published a report which gives some more information about the local impact which you can read on our website here.

<https://www.citizensadvicewiltshire.org.uk/campaigning-for-change?start=1>

Over the next few months we will continue to compile details of local and regional charities who can help support households who are struggling to pay essential bills. We are also able to provide direct energy vouchers to low income households who have a pre-payment metre.

We are as ever grateful to Melksham Town Council for their continued support for us and their residents. This is especially crucial at a time where many households face a serious cost of living crisis and Wiltshire Council continues to reduce support for services such as hours which are able to help in times of greatest need.

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Overall benefits for the community include:

- Supporting better mental health for people who live and work in Melksham Town and surrounding area.
- Empowering people who experience a mental health problem or emotional distress to make informed choices about how they live and recover.
- Improving support to ensure people get the right services and support at the right time to help their recovery.
- Enabling social participation for people with experience of mental health problems.
- Confidence building leading to full participation in society, for example employment and volunteering.
- Removing inequality to ensure equal treatment for people who experience both mental health and other forms of discrimination.
- Provides a safe and friendly place for those experiencing mental health problems and emotional distress.

3. How many people in Melksham have benefited from the grant?

Weekly 8-14 people in attendance, which equates to estimated 30 people in the year we have helped. (These are drop in sessions, and so exact details are hard to record).

4. Has last year's grant been spent in accordance with its purpose as requested last year? (please circle)

Yes

No ☒

Partially

5. Is there anything else that you would like to say regarding your grant?

Just a big thank you. Wiltshire Mind helps fill the massive gap in statutory provision for mental health services, but we are funded solely on voluntary donations. This year, like 2020-21 has been particularly hard to find funding to provide a sustainable service beyond 2022/23 without the community raising money for us and our beneficiaries.

We strive to remain the local mental health charity, and are grateful for the Town Council's on going support.

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YOUR CONTACT DETAILS	
ORGANISATION: Wiltshire Sight	
NAME: Karen Monk	
1. Please give details below of the items or activities funded by this grant	
ITEM/ACTIVITY	TOTAL COST
Community Hub – Melksham Riverside Club x 4 months	£674
CSLA preparation	£184
CSLA attendance	£184
Travel	£50
Venue hire	£80
Marketing	£80
Overheads	£96
TOTAL AMOUNT SPENT FROM MELKSHAM TOWN COUNCIL GRANT	271.50
2. The benefits of your grant	
<p>Please give details below of the ways in which the award has been of benefit to the work of your group and how this benefits people of Melksham as stated on your original application</p> <p>Since we were awarded the grant in September, we have been able to run four community hubs in Melksham where we have been able to provide support to blind and partially sighted people. Our Community Sight Loss Advisor for Melksham has continued to provide practical and emotional support during these hubs and through home visits with regards to all aspects of their sight loss. They have been able to provide practical support through demonstrating equipment including daily living aids, provide technology training, trialling of different lighting and magnification, and emotional support through helping people rebuild confidence, and grow social connections. By showing people a range of innovative technology, they have been able to find the right tools for them and their sight loss and by training people to use items effectively, they have been able to help maximise any remaining sight that the individual has. Our community sight Loss Advisor has continued to identify any additional support needs and referred people to our new volunteer befriending service if they were feeling lonely and isolated. Our befrienders have provided over 30 sessions with clients living in Melksham since September.</p> <p>We have been able to provide individual support to over 20 individuals living in Melksham all of whom would have struggled to manage without our intervention. We have offered support to over 30 individuals. In feedback forms provided in 2021 by clients, 98% rated our services as good or higher, with 79% rating the service as excellent.</p>	

3. How many people in Melksham have benefited from the grant?

35

4. Has last year's grant been spent in accordance with its purpose as requested last year? (please circle)

Yes

No

Partially

5. Is there anything else that you would like to say regarding your grant?

We are grateful for the continued support from Melksham Town Council and its contribution to our Community Sight Loss Service which help us to be able to provide face to face local support which is essential in enabling us to be being best placed to support local people living with sight loss.

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Melksham Area Board - Activities 2021-22

Despite the disruption caused by the COVID-19 pandemic and the move to online meetings, the Melksham Area Board over the past year has continued to host public discussions, broker debates and commission activities, including:

THEME	ACTIVITY
Health & Wellbeing	Melksham COVID-19 community support Promotion of “thatmeetingspace” as a community hub Planning for a “Young Carers” event Health and Wellbeing Group discussions including; COVID vaccination rollout; review of NHS estate; support to stroke survivors; carer support; activities for older people; lunch clubs and day centres
Children and Young People	Skate Park mini-ramp official opening Wiltshire Youth Council elections Support for 4Youth services: after-school/ evening youth clubs; teen counselling; SEND club; young peoples’ awards; street-based youth work
Older People	Recruitment of Older Peoples Champion and Carers Champion Support to Age Friendly Melksham including baseline survey, action plan, recruitment of new co-ordinator
Community Safety	Tackling anti-social behaviour Member of CCTV Working Group New CCTV camera at skate park Street based youth work alongside Police Riverside Walk resurfacing
Housing	Melksham Neighbourhood Plan and referendum
Environment	Climate Strategy and Natural Environment Plan consultations Clackers Brook restoration plans Tree planting at Lower Woodrow Wilts and Berks Canal restoration Support for tree planting and other climate action

Transport	Melksham A350 bypass route option consultations Impact of Cleveland Bridge closure in Bath Approval of major highways maintenance plan CATG capital enhancements – speed limits, drop kerbs, crossings, footpaths, bollards, signs, nameplates
Employment and Economy	Levelling Up bid to Government for town centre investment Melksham House investment and planning application to create workspace hub Christie Miller sports centre demolition COVID business support grants
Arts, Culture and Leisure	Community Campus build updates including archaeological dig and time capsule burial Support for Berryfield Village Hall public works loan Celebrating Age project to deliver arts, music and theatre to the old and isolated

Melksham Area Board – Grants 2021-2022

Over the past year the Area Board has provided funding support to projects through its Community Grants, Youth Grants, Health and Wellbeing Grants and CATG transport grants, totalling £ .

2021/22	Applicant - Project	Grant
Community	Bowerhill Scouts - “Scout and About” project to purchase a minibus	£ 7,000
Community	2385 Melksham Squadron – additional training and development and capital expenditure support	£ 5,014
Community	Melksham Station Hub - canopy in the piazza area	£ 5,000
Community	Shaw and Whitley Community Hub - set up of a community shop	£ 5,000
Community	Cllr Alford - resurfacing the Millennium Riverside Walk	£ 5,000
Community	Christ Church, Shaw - reordering and redecoration to form a community hub	£ 5,000
Community	Melksham Cricket Club - new cricket playing astro	£ 5,000
Community	Riverside Club - improvements to the existing kitchen	£ 2,895
Community	Independent Living Centre - replacement of oil tank and removal of bees nest in chimney	£ 2,300
Community	Cllr Hubbard – cycling support in Melksham	£ 2,075
Community	Melksham Station Hub - fitting weatherproof blinds to the canopy and improved signage	£ 1,500
Community	Spurgeons - Canberra Centre Community Garden Project	£ 1,000
Community	West Wilts Model Car Club – purchase of a replacement computer to run club racing events	£ 995
Community	Cllr Sankey - CCTV camera in the Melksham Skate Park area	£ 990

Community	Friends of Shurnhold Fields - replanting of 200 saplings in WW1 Wood	£ 750
Community	Cllr Hubbard - defibrillator to be sited at the cricket pavilion at King George V Playing Fields	£ 495
Community	Keevil Parish Council - paved area at Banfield recreation ground	£ 379
Community	Melksham Town Council - new cabinet for the defibrillator at the Pavilion in King George V Park	£ 345
Community	Public Open Spaces Fund 2022 – carry forward all unspent funds to encourage community environmental action	£ 10,000
Youth	4Youth - “TeenTalk” Young Peoples Counselling	£ 5,000
Youth	4Youth - expansion and delivery of Thursday youth club for young people aged 13-19 years	£ 4,855
Youth	Melksham Amateur Swimming Club - Vital Swim Teacher Training	£ 750
Health & Wellbeing	Young Carers event – allocate additional funds for a young carers event in Autumn 2022	£ 2,750
Health & Wellbeing	Melksham Free Dining - “Coming Together to Dine With Us” project to support the costs of free lunches and after-meal social activities for the elderly and vulnerable	£ 2,500
Health & Wellbeing	Celebrating Age Wiltshire - match funding for Yr 2 of the project	£ 1,500
Health & Wellbeing	Alzheimers Support - “Movement for the Mind” project for local people with dementia	£ 782
Health & Wellbeing	Melksham Talking Newspaper – running costs	£ 500
Health & Wellbeing	Spurgeons - Canberra Centre Parent Support Project	£ 500
CATG	Broughton Gifford Traffic Management Measures	£12,500
CATG	Melksham Old Broughton Road – drop kerbs	£ 2,750

CATG	Melksham Bath Road / Union St bollards	£ 750
CATG	Steeple Ashton Ground Sockets for SID	£ 500
CATG	Melksham Sandridge / Maple Footway CAT survey	£ 450
CATG	Semington Littlemarsh Road Markings	£ 250
CATG	Melksham Heather Avenue Bollard	£ 250

TOTALS 2021-2022:

Community	£ 50,738
Youth	£ 10,605
Health and Wellbeing	£ 8, 532
CATG Transport	£ 17, 450

GRAND TOTAL **£ 87, 325**

PLUS CARRY FORWARD

Open Spaces Fund 22/23	£ 18, 459
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