

## Melksham Community Grants

Congratulations to all those projects that were successful in attracting funding from Melksham area board in 2010/11. Here is a flavour from some of the projects that have been supported.

**Wiltshire Guild of Spinners** (£1000) have installed new gates to the building they use to replace the old wooden gates which were in very poor condition.

**Atworth Parish Council** (£1100) have been busy with two projects, improving the kerbing on the village green and renovating the copse of pines at the entrance to the village.

**Bowerhill Residents Action Group** (£2500) have successfully created a new picnic area, local signposted walks and erected a local information board in Bowerhill near the Kennet and Avon canal. This is allowing local people better access to their surrounding countryside.



**Keevil Society** (£999) have purchased a new marquee for use by community groups in the village at fetes and events.

**Atworth Youth Club** (£930) were awarded funding to allow young people to take part in the Duke of Edinburgh award



**Happy Circle Day Centre** (£985) The grant has enabled the day centre to run a series of trips/ activities to enhance the members' experience at the day centre; and address the issue of social isolation and independence. This programme of activity is an extension to what the centre would normally be able to provide.



**Poulshot Village Trust** (£1,489) are undertaking a programme of planting large native species trees, such as Oak, Ash and Large-leaved Lime trees in the hedgerows, especially those that border lanes and byeways and some roadsides within the parish boundary.

**Melksham Without Parish Council** (£467) have a new large screen to allow parish councillors and members of the public to view planning applications more easily.



**Seend Community Centre** (£959) received funding towards new good quality projection equipment for the hall. The project has created opportunities for many more people to participate in community activities in an enhanced village venue.

**Bath Spa University** (£5000) have been undertaking research into emotional resilience working with staff and pupil at Melksham schools.



**Poulshot Village Hall** (£2,490) have upgraded their kitchen to facilitate meal preparation and cleaning up afterwards.

**Melksham Choral Society** (£900) were supported by the area board to stage a large Christmas concert of Hayden's Creation at Melksham Oak school in 2010.



**Melksham Town Cricket Club** (£724) received funding to purchase youth equipment. Their sessions are available to all ages and both genders. They aim to improve the services to get more young people taking part.

### **Interested in grant funding?**

Melksham Community Grants are available for community groups and parish councils in the Melksham community area (Melksham, Melksham Without, Atworth, Broughton Gifford, Bulkington, Great Hinton, Keevil, Poulshot, Seend, Semington and Steeple Ashton).

Up to £5000 is available for community projects. For more information please see our website:

[www.wiltshire.gov.uk/areaboards](http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/areaboards)

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