

# Melbourn Village Plan

*Newsletter February 2011*

**Thank you for volunteering for the Melbourn Village Plan!  
We can only do it with your support!!**

A Volunteer Event was organised during the first week of December 2010 to thank everyone for volunteering, and especially those who have already done so much. The occasion also showcased and offered a variety of new opportunities for volunteering. The ideas on display had arisen from the village questionnaire feedback. More than 100 people attended the event and the volunteer opportunities were very well subscribed.



Community initiatives to be started following the Volunteer Event in December are:

### **Play Parks**

A 'user group' of parents with younger children has been formed with the objective of improving the play park provision within the village.

### **Litter Picking**

A volunteer litter-picking group is proposed supplementing local authority street-cleaning arrangements. **First work-party day April 9<sup>th</sup>. See over the page for details.**

### **Volunteers for Stockbridge Meadows**

Volunteers are encouraged as a method of providing supplementary support to the existing wildlife management plan set out for The Stockbridge Meadows Riverside Park. **First work-party day will be March 6<sup>th</sup>. See over the page for details.**

### **Footpath Networks Group**

A volunteer group will be started specialising in all aspects of footpath management including surveying, mapping and maintenance.

### **Senior Citizens Support**

A volunteer initiative is planned to work alongside existing provisions, improving the life of the more elderly population.

### **Melbourn Conservation Volunteers**

A volunteer group is proposed to develop ideas for conserving energy, wildlife conservation and all 'green' initiatives. A 'champion' is needed to set this going.

### **Youth**

A volunteer project is being mapped out to work alongside existing providers to improve facilities and support for young people in Melbourn.

### **Melbourn in Bloom**

A volunteer-based plan is being developed to create a 'Village in Bloom' event, with the objective of making the village more beautiful for visitors and residents alike.

If you would like to know a bit more about one of these projects, and have not already given us your name, please contact us at [melbourn.planning@googlemail.com](mailto:melbourn.planning@googlemail.com) or, Sally Arnott Tel. 07519791256 . **Specific project contact details are overleaf.**

**Turn over for forthcoming volunteering opportunities...**

## Volunteers Required! This is your chance to help!

### We need volunteer helpers to run the Library!

**UNDER FIVES STORYTIME HELPERS** volunteers wanted to join a team who run the under-5s story time in the library every Thursday morning 10-10.45am. The idea is for each volunteer to help run the sessions one week in every three, with a minimum of 2 volunteers at each session. Volunteers do not need any specialist skills - just be friendly, organised, reliable and enjoy the company of the very young.

**LIBRARY VOLUNTEERS** required to commit to one 2 hour session per week to man the Melbourn and District library. You would be trained up to use the computer systems as well as other aspects of library operation, and would always be with one other volunteer during opening hours. We are keen to extend the number of opening hours at the library, but need more volunteers in order to do this.

If either option interests you, please contact Jocelyn Robson at [jocelyn.robson@thecrossbordergroup.com](mailto:jocelyn.robson@thecrossbordergroup.com) or Sally Arnott Tel. 07519791256

### JOIN OUR LITTER PICK DAY!

Would you like to help make Melbourn a nicer place to live by picking up roadside & other litter?

There will be a Litter Pick event in the morning of April 9th meeting in the Black Horse car park at 11.00am, reconvening at the same place at 1.00pm with a pub lunch for those who choose.

If you would like to join this event please call Elizabeth Williams on 01763 263107 or email [elizw\\_elizboot@yahoo.com](mailto:elizw_elizboot@yahoo.com)

Please come wearing stout shoes or boots and bring work gloves.

Litter pick tools and bags will be provided.

Come and join us  
in looking after  
Stockbridge Meadows

Sunday 6th March 2011

10.15am - 1pm

Meet at Entrance to Stockbridge Meadows  
(Car parking at the site is limited)

Tasks for the day will include - log pile creation, mulching, grass raking and other activities. All equipment will be provided. Bring your own strong footwear and work gloves.  
*Children under 16 should be accompanied by an adult.*

If you would like to take part please contact Maureen Brierley 01763 262752 for details.

Event hosted by Melbourn Conservation Volunteers, led by Cambridge Conservation Volunteers, with permission from Melbourn Parish Council.

### Supporting Senior Citizens

Volunteers are needed as drivers, lunch club facilitators and helpers. We also need activities facilitators, shoppers and people to act as buddies. Can you help please?

It really doesn't matter how little time you have - all assistance is greatly appreciated.

### Melbourn in Bloom

Keen to see the village bloom? Interested in gardening and the environment?  
We need volunteers like you to make Melbourn even better!

### Youth

Are you interested in working with a range of youth groups in the village and willing to help develop new initiatives for young people in Melbourn?

For more information on any of the above please contact Sharon Camilletti, Community Co-ordinator on 0774 953 0112 or email [community@villageplan.melbourn.org.uk](mailto:community@villageplan.melbourn.org.uk)

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