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On 20th October the MVRA met with representatives of St Modwen's Development and Quinton and Marston Sicca Parish Councils and welcomed PC Sid Hammond who is with Shipston Policing Team.

He explained that he has two PCSO's assisting him and together they cover and are responsible for policing an area of approx. 150 sq miles, with 15 villages including Meon Vale. We were surprised at such little resource for such a large area. Going forwards we are hoping Sid Hammond can join us every two months for an update, so this may give an opportunity for residents to engage directly and ask questions important to them.

There were 19 recorded incidents in the previous month including 2 traffic collisions and several anti-social behaviour reports, but overall, he summarised that MV was a low-rate crime area. Police patrols would continue around the village and particularly the skate park. We raised neighbourhood watch as an idea, but this has apparently been superseded by community WhatsApp groups, so we are looking into what that might entail for MV, and volunteers to run it.

We will be working with the police to have a community safety day in Meon Vale in early 2022.

(Email for reference is Shipston.snt@warwickshire.police.uk)

On 21st October Meon Vale Residents Association had a general meeting where we welcomed new members, the discussions lasted 2 hours.

Three events took place here for Halloween

The fantastic Meon Vale Woods Trail with thanks to Adam and Ryan who designed the trail features and to everyone who helped on the desk, £233.89 was raised which will help to fund future events and cover costs such as insurance. Also, Pumpkin Carving at the Pavilion Coffee House on Saturday 30th organised by Steph and Jane for the children with more than 30 carvings of all designs. On Sunday, Hot Chocolate Nite with Elf's Reunited, outside Londis.

Village Hall

The MVRA is working to get the Village Hall opened up and held a meeting on 4th November with St Modwens with the aim of forming a committee of residents that will manage the letting of the hall in the future. We are hopeful that the village hall will be available from early 2022.

Accessibility Audit

Following complaints from users of mobility scooters and parents with buggies about the lack of dropped kerbs, we have carried out an accessibility audit around the whole of Meon Vale. This has been sent to St Modwen Development and local councillors for action. We will keep pressing for accessibility issues to be resolved quickly.

Allotments next to the skate park should be ready for use before Christmas.

Speed calming was installed along Wellington Avenue which is already having an impact.

Sports

The MVRA has been awarded a grant of £5700 from Sport England to promote new sports activities to encourage more people to get active and to get to know each other. We are working with Meon Vale Leisure Centre to set up new sports especially for the over 50s and for children and families. The grant is supporting the following activities:

Bat and Chat (table tennis) is proving popular with 15 – 20 people playing on Wednesday mornings from 10-30 -12noon followed by a cuppa and chat at the Pavilion.

No Strings Badminton started on 1 November. It runs on Monday and Friday mornings from 10 -12.

Cricket group is practising on Sunday mornings and hoping to establish a club next season.

Walking Football – a list of interested people is being collated.

Children's Holiday activities – hoping to put on some more in the future.

Lots of other sports have set up this autumn – contact Leisure Centre for details.

Green Shoots Grant

MVRA has been awarded £4900 by Warwickshire County Council from its Green Shoots fund to help us to

tackle climate change. We are looking to purchase water butts and compost bins for residents of Meon Vale as well as wildflower seeds. Interested? Please complete the form on MVRA Facebook.

Christmas Events in Meon Vale

Saturday 27th November 12pm – 4pm

Christmas Craft Fair at The pavilion Coffee Shop, Meon Vale.

Saturday 27th November starts 3pm

Elf event - Decorating the Christmas tree in the village hall - (free event for kids).

Sunday 28th November, 12 – 4pm

Craft Fair Village Hall, Meon.

Thursday 9th December, 8pm

Christmas Prize Bingo – in Meon Vale Village Hall.

Saturday 18th December, time tba

Father Christmas visiting plus carols.

For all the above events watch out for posters and Facebook notices nearer the date giving further details.

A few useful reminders and addresses

The residents' web site has now been launched www.meonvalera.org and is in the process of being developed so keep an eye on this. We are also on Facebook here www.facebook.com/MeonValeRA or just search for Meon Vale Residents Association,.

If you would like to get involved and volunteer on community projects and events as part of a thriving team of people of all ages, email us here on meonvaleresidents@gmail.com.

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