

# CAWS AGM



**24 September 2025**

## Agenda

Welcome and Introduction	Peter Richardson
Chairs Report (including planning update)	Peter Richardson
Broadband Update	Dan Pike
Treasurers Report	Joan Boorer
Speedwatch Report	Kirsty and Mindy
CEG Update	Jonathan Rumens
Age UK, Melksham Area Community Support	Sarah Thompson
Ever Green Meadow	Mike Sarson-Rowe
What should CAWS focus on?	Peter and Dan
Officer Elections	Peter and Dan
Volunteers	Peter and Dan



# About CAWS

- Represents local residents and businesses
- Seeks to achieve changes and improvements to the quality of life and wellbeing of local people
- Promotes community cohesion
- Coordinates community action
- Increases awareness and consults on future developments
- Provides a link between residents and businesses and the local authorities
- Run entirely by volunteers
- No formal authority or power
- No formal funding
- Commitment to recycle any funds raised through local events etc. back into the community





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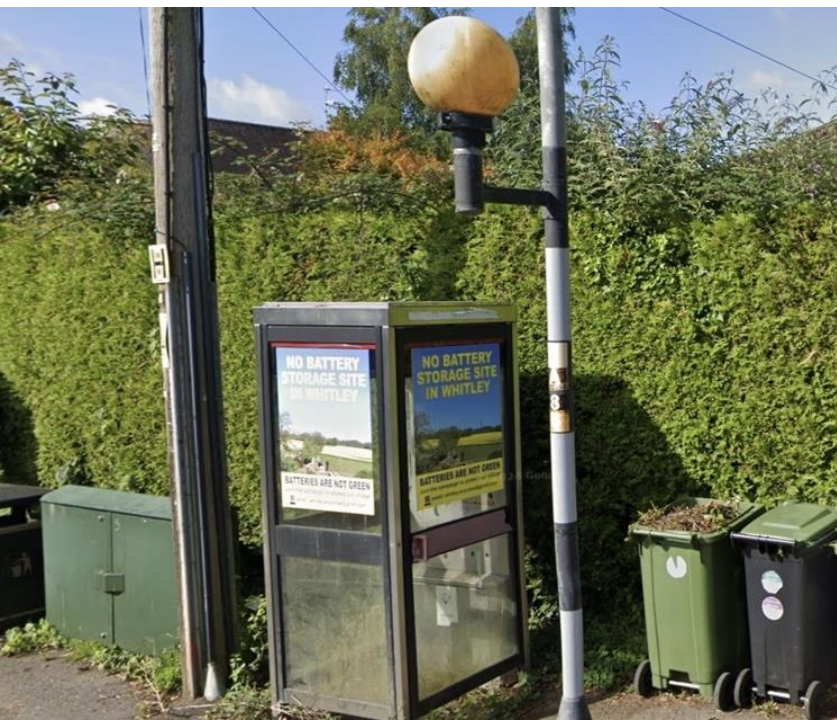
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Chairs Report – Peter Richardson



















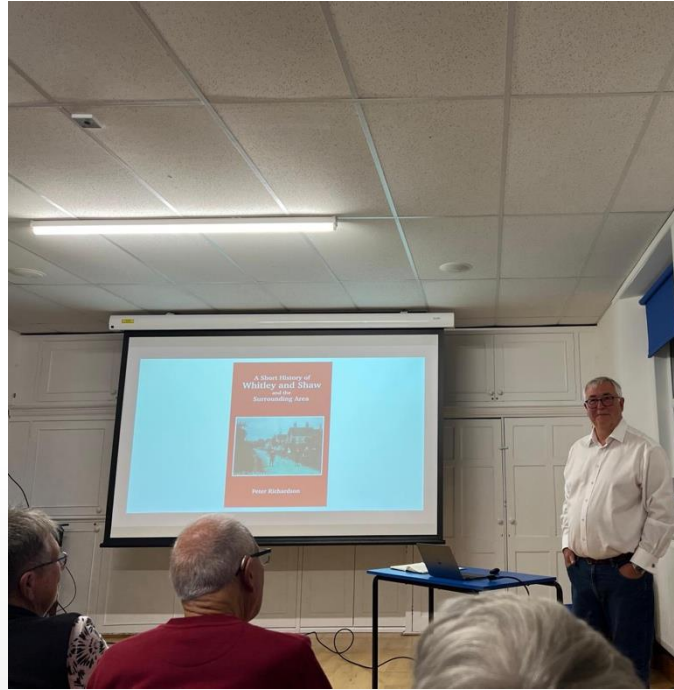


# Highway Engineer Walkabouts

Top Lane	Status
New "First Lane" sign	Red
SLOW markings	Green
Pedestrians in Road Signs	Green
3 Lines on SLOW	Red
Painted refuge Island First Lane/Top Lane Junction	Red
Confirm Top Lane SID/Speedwatch locations	Green
<b>Corsham Road</b>	<b>Status</b>
Village Gate	Red
Repaint Roundels with grey background	Yellow
Repaint centre line	Red
Replace Cats Eyes inner section	Red
White lines inside kerb lines	Red
Scrape back vegetation on pavements to widen (Mosquitto)	Green
Footpath repairs	Green
Refurbish bench opposite school	Green
New bin	Green
Repaint Zebra Crossing	Green
3 lines on SLOW	Red
<b>Brookfield Rise</b>	<b>Status</b>
Pavement repairs (north end)	Red
Junction repairs	Red
<b>Middle Lane</b>	<b>Status</b>
Repaint "Middle Lane" sign	Green
Road repairs	Red
New Manhole Cover	Green
<b>First Lane</b>	<b>Status</b>
Road Repairs	Red
Subsidence at Top Lane Junction	Green
<b>Shaw Hill</b>	<b>Status</b>
Paint internal walls of bus shelter	Red
Roundels with red/grey background by traffic lights	Yellow
Village Gate	Red
Yellow lines on SLOW	Red
Scrape back vegetation on pavements to widen (Mosquitto)	Red
Village Gate & Roundels at end of Folly Lane	Red
New SLOW on the rise up to Beltane Place	Red
Pedestrian crossing sign on the brow of the hill towards Beltane Place	Red
Textured line across road near Bus Shelter	Red
<b>General</b>	<b>Status</b>
Undertake Traffic Surveys to inform possible 20 MPH limit on Top/Middle/First Lanes	Yellow
School Travel Plan (hasten school)	Yellow
Safe walking to school route across Ever Green Meadow/Chicken Alley	Yellow







Development	Activity	Status	Outlook
Lime Down BESS and Cable Run	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Statutory Consultation</li> <li>Targeted Consultation</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Whitley deselected for BESS</b></li> <li>DCO application submitted 19 September 2025</li> <li>Documents not yet available</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Potential disruption during cable works but we don't know the route yet</li> </ul>
Brockleaze BESS and Cable Run	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Public Consultation</li> <li>Planning Application</li> <li>Support to Neston community</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Initial consultation ended 28 August 2025</li> <li>Decision date 08 October 2025 but consultation now extended to 09 October 2025!</li> <li>537 comments so far</li> <li>Called in by Wiltshire Councillor</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Strong technical arguments against the schemes</li> <li>May attract central government political support</li> </ul>
Halfway Farm BESS and Cable Run	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Public Consultation</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Planning application pending</li> </ul>	
Whistle Mead BESS, Solar and Cable Run	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Planning Application</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Consultation ended 08 August 2025</li> <li>483 comments so far</li> <li>Decision date October 2025</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Strong technical arguments against the scheme</li> <li>As scheme is smaller than others it may attract less political interest</li> </ul>
Land North of Top Lane (Residential Development)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Planning Application (PIP)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Consultation ended 08 June 2025</li> <li>37 comments</li> <li>Decision overdue but we are hopeful!</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This is not a site allocated in the Neighbourhood Plan</li> <li>WC precedent re 300 houses at Snarlton Farm should apply!</li> </ul>
National Grid Projects (Various)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Shunt Reactor</li> <li>Powerline upgrades</li> <li>Cable runs</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Typically permitted developments or linked to national projects</li> <li>Site visit with MWPC 08 October 2025</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Little opportunity for community engagement</li> </ul>

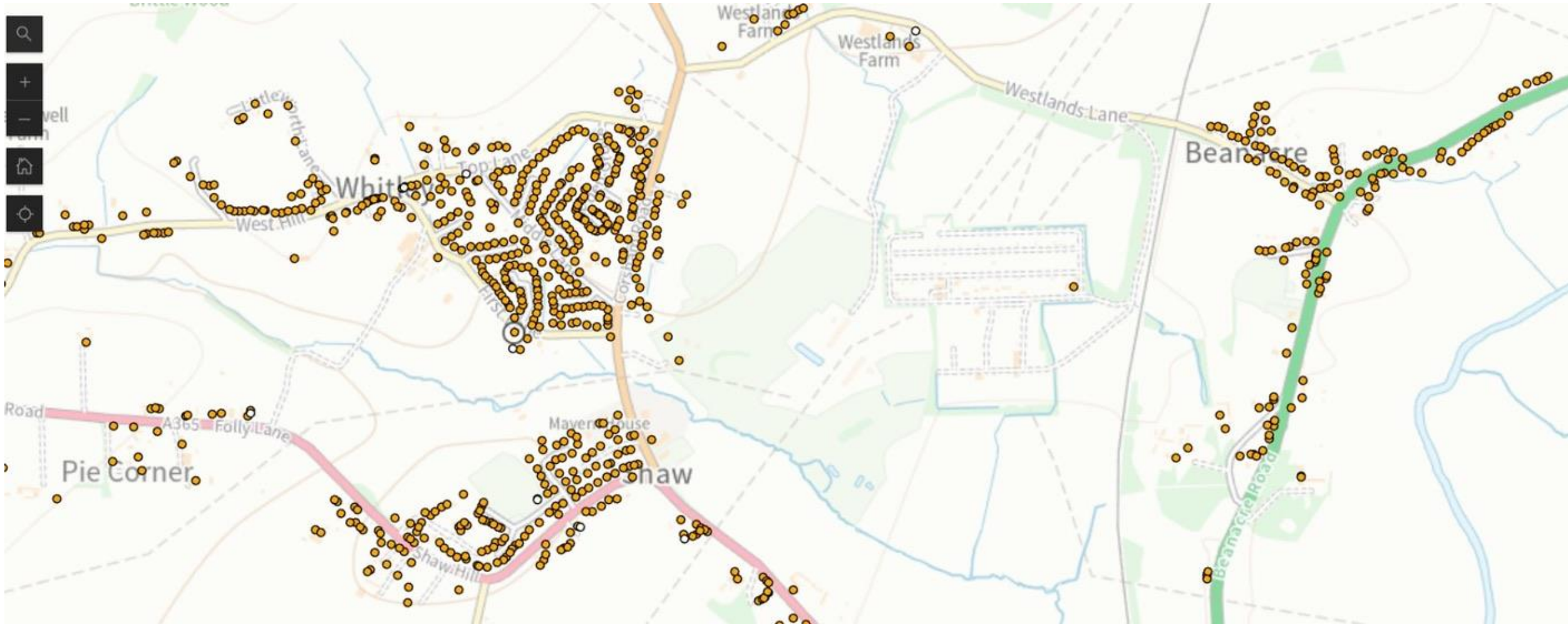


# And finally...

- And my thanks:
  - CAWS Committee
  - CAWS Officers
  - Speedwatch
  - CEG
  - BESS Working Group
  - Our members, residents and local businesses, whose support is essential and appreciated



# Broadband





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Treasurer's Report – Joan Boorer



Update  
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KIRSTY AND MINDY

## Who are we and what do we do?

Aim to be visible, acting as a reminder to monitor your speed.

Carry out Speedwatch sessions of about an hour using camera to record speed.

Currently 3 designated locations

We record:

- \* Number of vehicles passing in both directions
- \* Number of vehicles between 31mph and 35mph
- \* Details of vehicles with their speeds (36mph and above)

We submit the data to Community Speedwatch Team for analysis and possible action

# Updates

## The Traffic

➤ The volume of traffic and the speeds we register in a duty are similar across all 3 sites. –

- Between 350 and 580 vehicles per hour
- Up to 57 per hour between 31mph & 35mph
- Between 3 and 22 vehicles at speeds over 35mph (highest 47mph) in an hour

In recent years we have noticed more commercial vehicles, particularly lorries using our roads and the speed of vehicles appears faster.

## Speed Enforcement Officers also carry out speeding checks in our villages

➤ The data can result in:

- Speed awareness course
- £100 fine plus 3 points
- Summons to court





**Our team is too small to undertake as many speed watch sessions as we would like.**

**Can you spare an hour once a week or once every two weeks?**

- A short online training session is provided by Community Speedwatch
- On the ground training and support is provided by Speedwatch volunteers
- Volunteers are never on their own- we always work in pairs or threes.
- Volunteers get positive feedback from villagers.
- It's a vital strategy to tackle the danger of speeding vehicles in our villages.

Please contact CAWS if you think you can help or just to find out more.

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# Shaw & Whitley Community Emergency Group



- Happy Birthday to us! -

CAWS AGM Sept 2025











Shaw School entrance to car park 20:48 4 Jan 2024





First Lane, 20:20 4 Jan 2024





Shaw Vicarage SN12 8EH - 6 Dec 2024  
The blocked inspection chamber 3,  
looking towards chamber 2















RUCK  
SACKS

DRIVE  
SLOWLY  
THROUGH  
FLOOD  
WATER

Bailey's cleaning  
for industrial & domestic cleaning







A black and white photograph of a man leaning out of a window of a stone building. The building is partially submerged in floodwater. The man is looking down at the water. The water is dark and turbulent. The building has a stone wall and a white window frame. There are signs on the building, including one that says 'LOWTHER' and another that says 'RESTAURANT'.

# Would you know what to do in a flood?

**PREPARE ACT SURVIVE**



Environment  
Agency

[flood-warning-information.service.gov.uk/what-to-do-in-a-flood](https://flood-warning-information.service.gov.uk/what-to-do-in-a-flood)

# **Melksham Community Support Service**



## Melksham COVID-19 Community Support



 **445**  
Volunteers

We have had 445 amazing people volunteer to support others during lockdown

**1919**  
Phone Calls Received 

Our support team have answered the phone to people asking for help 1919 times since #lockdown

 **646**  
Service Users

We have supported 646 people to manage during this difficult challenging time

 **713**  
Friendly Phone Calls

Our wonderful volunteers have made 713 friendly calls to people to help keep them company and check they are coping

**We have supported someone every 9 minutes during the working day since #lockdown started**



 **919**  
Prescriptions Delivered

During #lockdown we have delivered 919 prescriptions to people who have been stuck in their homes

 **200**  
Dog Walks

Dogs who would have been trapped in the house have had 200 walks thanks to our team

 **649**  
Shopping Trips Completed

Our wonderful volunteer team have undertaken 649 shopping trips for people who would otherwise have struggled to get their shopping

 **131**  
Food Parcels

We have delivered 131 food parcels to people who are struggling to cope during the crisis

All numbers accurate as of 16<sup>th</sup> June 2020



*“ I honestly never realised what an issue we have in society. What is so very apparent is that people were socially distanced, lonely and vulnerable before Covid 19 landed on these shores and we, as a community, must make a collective effort to keep this support in place as it will be needed ongoing. ”*



## By April 2023



Older people were still using the MCS line to request support with shopping / prescriptions / electric key top-up, with volunteer requests made using a WhatsApp group



Friendships and support had developed outside the MCS service and continue to this day

Age UK Wiltshire had been asked to develop a new service for older people of Melksham, with Melksham Town Council and Melksham Without Parish Council

## Aims of MCS service



1. Improve the **wellbeing of older people** living in Melksham Town and Melksham Without, by offering support, access to information and practical help.
2. Ensure that support is available to **those who need it most**, particularly those who don't have a support network.
3. Promote the take-up of welfare benefits and access to other sources of **financial support**.
4. Promote and provide **holistic support** tailored to the individual's need.

# What we do



- Project worker, Sarah (part-time) supports older people in Melksham & Melksham without Parish
- Started July 23, with regular MCS users
- Home visit – guided conversation
  - Finance – helping to put more money into people's pockets
  - Socialisation – helping people to get out and about more
  - Independence - helping people to be sustainably independent and to be connected with their community
  - Volunteer support – exploring how volunteers can support people to improve their wellbeing
  - Wellbeing – helping people to feel better
  - Falls prevention – supporting people to take action to reduce their risk of falling
  - Pharmacies – arranging delivery
  - Referrals – ASC, OT, H&V, Alzheimer's Support, CTW



# In the first two quarters of this calendar year 2025



<p>40 new clients</p> <p>32% of these clients were MWO P</p> <p>406 contacts with clients</p> <p>Helped with 227 issues</p>	<p>72 home visits</p> <p>The average visit is 1hour 30 minutes.</p>	<p>We've supported older people in Melksham to increase their income by claiming Pension Credit or Attendance Allowance.</p> <p>In the first three months of this year (Jan – Mar) AUKW helped increased clients income by £134,836.</p>
<p>Very few requests for prescription / shopping collection (although some regular shopping support continues and has been in place since lockdown)</p>	<p>Widely promoted the service, in a range of ways. Melksham News article, social media, leafleting, visiting groups, sheltered housing, etc.</p>	<p>Attending local events, e.g. Veterans Breakfast, MF&amp;RF – Sharing information and support to people and arranging home visits</p>
<p>Most people self-refer to the service, having picked up a leaflet or met Sarah at an event.</p> <p>Professional referrals received from Surgeries &amp; ASC</p>	<p>We are very grateful to our wonderful team of volunteers!</p>	<p>Volunteer support ranges from collecting shopping, helping to sort someone's garden, small repairs and being alongside people as they become more engaged with the community.</p>



# Betty



Would like to walk into town for a cuppa, but lacks confidence to do so

- Brian! Wellbeing volunteer

Struggles to cook and doesn't like delivered meals as too bland for her tastes

- Local restaurant / takeaway to deliver

Needs some help with caring for herself

- Adult Social Care referral

Wheeled walker broken so difficult to get out and about

- Replaced that day (via surgery)

Bins hadn't been emptied for a month (assisted collection)

- Contacted Wiltshire Council – bins emptied



Really keen to buy Christmas presents for her family

- One to one support – Betty was delighted to have food and presents for her family when they arrived for Christmas

Betty would love to have a break away

- Sarah is supporting Betty with this

Ongoing support with building confidence and independence

“I feel happy again and confident about the future.”



# Feedback



"Thank you for all the time and effort you have put in to helping me. Getting in touch with the charity and writing to them on my behalf - I appreciate it."

"I thank you very much for your kindness. You are the only person who continues to help me. I will never forget it. You have my love and gratitude."

"Thank you for talking me through the form. I found it a bit confusing but now it all makes sense. I appreciate your time and helping me."

"I have received my Blue Badge. I am really happy about this. It is going to make a huge difference to me. Many thanks for helping me with the application. I am thrilled."

"I didn't even know I was able to claim Attendance Allowance. What a difference this money will make to me! It is such a weight off my mind. I cannot thank you enough."

"Knowing I can call on you if I get stuck is such a relief to me - thank you so much!"

"Thank you very much for the information you sent me. I am going to attend the club. I am very much looking forward to it. It is just what I need - to get out and meet people."



# More information



- MCS leaflets (please help us to spread the word!)
- Information booklets
- Range of resources
- Talk to Sarah



# Any questions?



# Ever Green Meadow



# What would you like CAWS to do?

## Continue Core Activities?

- Litter Picks
- Road safety/improvements
- Planning consultations
- Community Gallery
- Community Library
- Parish Steward liaison
- Speedwatch

## What Else?

- Summer Fete/Music?
- Pub Quiz?
- Village Ball?
- Fireworks?
- History Talk?



# Call for Volunteers



- Speedwatch
- Community Gallery Lead
- Litter Picks
- And help needed if events to be organised

# Officer Elections

- Chair
- Treasurer
- Secretary
- Minute Secretary



Questions?

# Contact Us

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