

Melksham Station Set for Transformation

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Melksham Station is set to be transformed thanks to a new deal secured by TransWilts, the accredited Wiltshire Community Rail organisation dedicated to improving rail travel and community connectivity in and around Wiltshire.

The TransWilts organisation is already working with train operating company GWR, to improve the frequency and destination choice of services from Melksham station. Now TransWilts has secured a major three-year support package from Knorr-Bremse Rail Systems UK, based in Melksham, which will help realise its ambitious improvement plans for the local station.

Master Plan

Working with GWR and Wiltshire Council, TransWilts has developed an ambitious and detailed Master Plan for the Melksham station site. Phase 1 of the Plan has received planning permission and includes new platform signage, destination indicators, increased parking, electric vehicle charging, cycle storage and even a community café! Phase 2 would see further improvements in the layout at the station including northern pedestrian access.

The driving force behind the initiative and TransWilts Chair, Paul Johnson, commenting on the new Knorr-Bremse support package said: "I'm delighted to have secured this three-year stakeholder partnership with Knorr-Bremse Rail Systems UK. TransWilts and GWR can now work together with a major local employer to transform the Melksham Station facilities. The Knorr-Bremse involvement is a great example of a company

taking an innovative approach in support of its local community. The funding from Knorr-Bremse will underpin the substantial commitment TransWilts is undertaking to deliver to the people of Melksham, and visitors to the growing town, a station they can really enjoy using.”

The Managing Director of Knorr-Bremse Rail Systems UK, Paul Goodhand added: “We are proud to be associated with this local initiative and we believe it adds real value to the community and offers genuine potential for future growth.”

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