

<b>Date of Meeting</b>	<b>9<sup>th</sup> July 2008</b>			
<b>Title of Report</b>	<b>Area 2 Community Area Awards Funding Distribution 2008/2009</b>			
Link to Corporate Priorities	Partnership Working			
Public Report	YES			
<b>Summary of Report</b>				
To ask Members to consider 6 applications with recommendations for funding under the 2008/9 Community Area Award Scheme.				
<b>Officer Recommendations</b>				
<b>To agree funding distribution of the Area 2 Community Area Awards budget based on the agreed criteria for 2008/2009:</b>				
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>1. North Wiltshire Woodturners Association</b> – Award £2,500 from the capital budget towards the purchase of a lathe and visual equipment for the woodturning club, conditional on the award being paid to or invoiced by the recipient before 31<sup>st</sup> March 2009.</li> <li><b>2. Cricklade Jenner Hall</b> – Award £2,485 from the capital budget for the purchase of new furniture for the hall, conditional on the award being paid to or invoiced by the recipient before 31<sup>st</sup> March 2009.</li> <li><b>3. Ashton Keynes Parish Council</b> – Award £780 from the revenue budget towards the printing of a footpaths guide, conditional on the balance of funding being in place and the award being paid to or invoiced by the recipient before 31<sup>st</sup> March 2009.</li> <li><b>4. St Mary's Church, Purton</b> – Award £1,949 from the revenue budget towards a summer activity camp for children and young people in Purton, conditional on the award being paid to or invoiced by the recipient before 31<sup>st</sup> March 2009.</li> <li><b>5. Leisure Centre Gardeners</b> - Award £2,464 from the revenue budget towards improving the grounds and approach to the Cricklade Leisure Centre, conditional on the award being paid to or invoiced by the recipient before 31<sup>st</sup> March 2009.</li> <li><b>6. Latton Parish Council</b> – Award £965 from the revenue budget towards the provision of village notice boards, conditional on the balance of funding being in place and the award being paid to or invoiced by the recipient before 31<sup>st</sup> March 2009.</li> </ol>				
Financial Implications	Legal Implications	Community & Environmental Implications	Human Resources Implications	Equality & Diversity Implications
YES	NONE	YES	NONE	YES
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## 1. Introduction

1.1 This report considers 8 applications for 2008/2009 Community Area Award funding and, where appropriate, links them to issues and priorities identified in the Northern Community Area Plan.

1.2 Following the funding awards granted at the first funding round on 7th May 2008, the Area 2 Committee has a capital balance of **£34,823** and a revenue balance of **£7,900**.

1.3 **Appendix 1** provides details of the distribution of awards so far in 2008/9 to assist Members when distributing grants across the whole community area.

## 2. Options and Options Appraisal

Applicant	Proposal	Award Type	Total Project Cost	Funding Requested
North Wiltshire Woodturners Appendix 2	Purchase of a lathe and visual equipment	Capital	£2,518	£2,500 (approx.99%)

### 2.1 North Wiltshire Woodturners Association – Award £2,500 from the capital budget towards a lathe and visual equipment for the woodturning club, conditional on the award being paid to or invoiced by the recipient before 31<sup>st</sup> March 2009

2.1.2 The application meets the 2008/09 funding criteria and demonstrates direct links to the Northern Community Area Plan at page 11 around the lack of local adult learning skills and at page 23 where it refers to the lack of arts activities throughout the Community Area.

2.1.3 The North Wiltshire Woodturning Association was established in early 2007 and now has a healthy membership with around 540 people (who are mainly aged over 65) attending over the course of the last year. The club meets monthly at Hook Village Hall and has its own newsletter and a website at [www.woodturning.btik.com](http://www.woodturning.btik.com).

2.1.4 The new lathe and photographic equipment will help to improve the training facilities the club can offer especially as this will enable the group to invite nationally recognised woodturners to teach through workshop sessions. This, in turn, will increase interest and club membership.

2.1.5 Further background details are set out in the application at Appendix 2.

Applicant	Proposal	Award Type	Total Project Cost	Funding Requested
Cricklade Jenner Hall Appendix 3	Purchase of furniture for the hall	Capital	£2,485	£2,485 (100%)

### 2.2 Cricklade Jenner Hall – Award £2,485 from the capital budget for the purchase of new furniture for the hall, conditional on the award being paid to or invoiced by the recipient before 31<sup>st</sup> March 2009.

- 2.2.1 This application meets the 2008/9 funding criteria and demonstrates a link to the Community Area Plan at pages 9 around the promotion of historic buildings and at page 22 where it refers to the lack of recreational facilities throughout the Community Area.
- 2.2.2 Jenner Hall is an important community facility in the town. (It is also of significant historical importance). It is used by a wide variety of community groups including Cricklade Band, a number of fitness classes, the Cricklade Community Day Centre and others. It is also available for private hire.
- 2.2.3 Funding is sought for folding chairs and tables to replace old and broken ones which do not fold making storage difficult especially as the hall does not have the space for this. The project also includes benches for the garden at the front of the hall providing an additional recreational area.
- 2.2.4 Jenner Hall was formally under the management of St Sampson's Parochial Church Council and Members will recall that the Area 2 Committee funded remedial works to the hall in 2003, 2004 and 2005. The hall is now under the management of the Cricklade Jenner Hall Trust and this new project will be managed by this Community Trust. Further remedial work is required (complete repair of the floor and a replacement roof) and the Trust is applying to English Heritage and others for grants for this.
- 2.2.5 Further background details are set out in the application at Appendix 3.

Applicant	Proposal	Award Type	Total Project Cost	Funding Requested
Ashton Keynes Parish Council Appendix 4	Printing of a footpaths guide	Revenue	£1,560	£780 (approx.50%)

- 2.3 Ashton Keynes Parish Council – Award £780 from the revenue budget towards the printing of a footpaths guide, conditional on the balance of funding being in place and the award being paid to or invoiced by the recipient before 31<sup>st</sup> March 2009.**
- 2.3.1 This application largely meets the 2008/9 funding criteria. These require that at least 75% of the Community Area Award budget be allocated to applications demonstrating links to the Northern Community Area Plan. The remaining 25% will be available for those schemes that fall outside the Plan but remain important for local communities. The project does not directly link to the Plan but the recommended walks encourage exercise undoubtedly contributing to the health of the village community and its visitors.
- 2.3.2 The first edition of the Footpath Guide was published in the mid 1990s. This is now out of date and out of print. The updated version has involved a Footpath Working Party made up of local residents who updated the information as well as illustrative contributions from local artists. This free guide (printed on paper from sustainable forests) will be delivered to every household in the village and the remaining copies will be for visitors to the area. These will be available at the Post Office and the Cotswold Water Park Visitor Centre.
- 2.3.3 Further background details are set out in the application at Appendix 4.

Applicant	Proposal	Award Type	Total Project Cost	Funding Requested
St Mary's Church, Purton Appendix 5	Summer activity camp for children and young people in Purton	Revenue	£2,109	£1,949 (approx.92%)

**2.4 St Mary's Church, Purton – Award £1,950 from the revenue budget towards a summer activity week for children in Purton, conditional on the award being paid to or invoiced by the recipient before 31<sup>st</sup> March 2009.**

- 2.4.1 The application meets the 2008/09 funding criteria and demonstrates direct links to the Northern Community Area Plan at page 22 where it refers to the lack of recreational facilities throughout the Community Area.
- 2.4.2 Current criteria states that the Council will not consider grant applications from religious groups unless the project can demonstrate a wider community benefit. The summer activity week which takes place in the local primary school, is not a church activity and is open to children between the ages of 7-11 of all faiths and none. There is wide local support for this project which involves real community effort and involvement through local volunteers.
- 2.4.3 The activity week will run from 11<sup>th</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup> August and offer a variety of arts and crafts, cookery and music activities. There will also be a circus skills workshop and a trip to Explore@Bristol. Although a donation of £2 a day is suggested, the activity week is open to all irrespective of means and no formal charge is made. It is advertised through posters and the village magazine.
- 2.4.4 Further background details are set out in the application at Appendix 5.
- 2.4.5 Members may also like to be aware that the need for more play activities during the summer holidays is highlighted in the District Council's Play Strategy 2007-2012.

Applicant	Proposal	Award Type	Total Project Cost	Funding Requested
Leisure Centre Gardeners Appendix 6	Improvements to the grounds and approach to the Leisure Centre	Revenue	£2,464	£2,464 (100%)

**2.5 Leisure Centre Gardeners - Award £2,464 from the revenue budget towards improving the grounds and approach to the Cricklade Leisure Centre, conditional on the award being paid to or invoiced by the recipient before 31<sup>st</sup> March 2009.**

- 2.5.1 The application meets the 2008/09 funding criteria and demonstrates a link to the Northern Community Area Plan at page 22 where it refers to the lack of recreational facilities and leisure provision throughout the Community Area.
- 2.5.2 There has been much work in the last 18 months to improve the Cricklade Leisure Centre under the management of the Cricklade and District Community Association. A group of volunteers – the Leisure Centre Gardeners – have also worked to improve the outside of the Centre. This has involved planting, pruning, painting and general tidying and upkeep of the surrounding area. Volunteers include local families and retired people. The group also works to remove any graffiti from the outside of the Centre. Their work to improve its overall appearance has led to an award from South West in Bloom Neighbourhood Award Scheme.

2.5.3 Funding is now sought to continue with improvements set out in a summer work plan which will include gardening, planting and general maintenance work to the entrance area, walkway, paths and to the top of the road leading up to the Centre.

2.5.4 Further background details are set out in the application at Appendix 6.

Applicant	Proposal	Award Type	Total Project Cost	Funding Requested
Latton Parish Council Appendix 7	Provision of village notice boards	Revenue	£1,929	£965 (approx. 50%)

**2.6 Latton Parish Council – Award £1,065 from the revenue budget towards the provision of village notice boards conditional on the balance of funding being in place and the award being paid to or invoiced by the recipient before 31<sup>st</sup> March 2009.**

2.6.1 This application largely meets the 2008/9 funding criteria. These require that at least 75% of the Community Area Award budget be allocated to applications demonstrating links to the Northern Community Area Plan. The remaining 25% will be available for those schemes that fall outside the Plan but remain important for local communities. The project does not directly link to the Plan but the community will clearly benefit from village notice boards.

2.6.2 Funding is sought to purchase and install 3 oak notice boards which will increase the flow of information around the village and offer an opportunity for local groups to promote events and activities. It will be situated close to the village hall and church.

2.6.3 Further background details are set out in the application at Appendix 7.

**3. Background Information**

3.1.1 The Community Area Award criteria for 2008/9 were reviewed by a Joint Community Area Advisory Body on 28<sup>th</sup> January 2008. The Executive subsequently approved the Community Area Award criteria on 7<sup>th</sup> February 2008. Should Members wish to act in contravention of these amended criteria, the matter must be referred to the Executive.

3.1.2 Key elements and changes to the funding criteria are:

- During 2008/09 funding awards of up to £2,500 may not require match funding and may be made for the total project cost
- For awards over £2,500, Area Committees will not normally award more than 60% of the total project cost
- Applications received after **19th December 2009** will not be considered for funding as there will be insufficient time to process them before the January Area Committee meetings when final awards will be agreed
- Members will need to be satisfied that awards granted in the 2008/09 year are made to projects that can realistically proceed before March 31 2009. All funding must be drawn down by **31st March 2009**.

3.1.3 Member's attention is drawn to the fact that funding applications will be submitted for consideration at each of the Area 2 Committee meetings up to and including **14<sup>th</sup> January 2009** providing three further funding opportunities. Application deadlines and future meetings are:

- 10<sup>th</sup> September 2008** (deadline for receipt of applications – 1<sup>st</sup> August 2008)
- 12<sup>th</sup> November 2008** (deadline for receipt of applications – 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2008)
- 14<sup>th</sup> January 2009** (deadline for receipt of applications -19<sup>th</sup> December 2008)

3.1.4 Applications can be made electronically via the Council's website, [www.northwilts.gov.uk](http://www.northwilts.gov.uk) or via a paper version. Details about the 2008/9 Community Awards Scheme can also be downloaded which includes information relating to criteria and the application process as well as advice about alternative sources of funding. All enquires should be made to [community@northwilts.gov.uk](mailto:community@northwilts.gov.uk) or 01249 706448 (requests for paper versions of the Community Area Awards Funding Pack can be made via this number too).

#### **4 Legal Implications**

Members of the Area Committee will not be able to make an award to an applicant that exceeds the sum requested on the formal application form. Should Members wish to award a greater sum, the item would need to be deferred until the next funding round and the applicant requested to submit a revised application.

#### **5 Financial Implications**

- 5.1 Distribution of awards must fall within the Community Awards budget allocated to Area 2 Committee as set out in Section 1 of this report.
- 5.2 If Members make awards in line with officer recommendations, there will be a capital balance of **£29,838** and a revenue balance of **£1,742**.

#### **6 Community and Environmental Implications**

- 6.1 The majority of the awards can be directly linked to priorities in the Northern Community Area Plan.
- 6.2 Awards made by Area Committee to successful applicants will contribute to the continuance and/or the improvement of cultural, social and community activity and well-being in the Community Area, the extent and specifics of which will be dependent on the individual project.

#### **7 Equality & Diversity Implications**

- 7.1 Community Area Awards give local community and voluntary groups, Town and Parish Councils an opportunity to receive funding towards community based projects and schemes.
- 7.2 An Equality Impact Assessment for the Community Area Awards has been undertaken and copies are available on the Council's website.

#### **8 Risk Analysis**

- 8.1 Failure to make awards would have a moderate impact on applicants and their associated community projects. Since this is considered to be unlikely, the overall risk is considered low.

Appendices:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Appendix 1 – 2008/9 Financial Summary</li> <li>• Appendix 2 Application - North Wilts Woodturners Association</li> <li>• Appendix 3 Application – Cricklade Jenner Hall</li> <li>• Appendix 4 Application – Ashton Keynes Parish Council</li> <li>• Appendix 5 Application – St Mary's Church, Purton</li> <li>• Appendix 6 Application – Leisure Centre Gardeners</li> <li>• Appendix 7 Application – Latton Parish Council</li> </ul>
Background documents used in the preparation of this Report:	Community Area Award Funding Criteria 2008/9, Corporate Plan, Play Strategy 2007-2012, Northern Community Area Plan 2005 - 2015.

Previous Decisions Connected with this Report

Report	Committee & Date	Minute Reference
Area 2 Community Area Awards	Area Committee -7th May 2008	CR54
Community Area Awards Criteria	Executive 7 <sup>th</sup> February 2007	E182
2008/9 Budgets	Council 26 <sup>th</sup> February 2008	C83