

Date of Meeting	8 th July 2008
Title of Report	Corsham Area (4) Community Area Awards Funding Distribution 2008/2009
Link to Corporate Priorities	Partnership Working
Public Report	YES

Summary of Report

To ask Members to consider 12 applications with recommendations for funding from the 2008/09 Community Area Award Scheme.

Officer Recommendations

To agree funding distribution of the Corsham Area (4) Community Area Awards Scheme budget based on the agreed criteria for 2008/09:

1. **Gastard Village Hall Committee** - Award £2,465 from the capital budget towards a replacement shed, staging and curtains for the village hall, conditional upon the award being paid to or invoiced by the recipient before 31st March 2009.
2. **Friends of Corsham Guiding** – Award £1,524 from the capital budget towards the conversion of a chair store to a utility/washroom, conditional upon the award being paid to or invoiced by the recipient before 31st March 2009.
3. **Box Parish Council** – Award £6,471 from the capital budget towards the resurfacing of Valens Terrace Car Park in Box, conditional upon the balance of funding being in place, and upon the award being paid to or invoiced by the recipient before 31st March 2009.
4. **The Green Room Youth Club** –Award £2,500 from the revenue budget towards sportzcoach and dancing sessions, conditional upon the award being paid to or invoiced by the recipient by 31st March 2009.
5. **Mansion House Pre-School Playgroup** – Award 21,150 from the capital budget towards the cost of an extension for use as a staff room, office and private meeting room, conditional upon the balance of funding being in place, and upon the award being paid to or invoiced by the recipient before 31st March 2009.
6. **Mini CASE** – Award £2,450 from the revenue budget towards the cost of a Corsham Alternative Sports Event for under 11 year olds at Springfield recreation ground, conditional upon the award being paid to or invoiced by the recipient before 31st March 2009.
7. **Corsham Running Club** – Award £556 from the revenue budget towards the cost of T-shirts and high visibility bibs, conditional upon the award being paid to or invoiced by the recipient before 31st March 2009.
8. **Relate** – Award £2,350 from the revenue budget towards the cost of a project to support vulnerable parents and children returning to the UK after separating from partners who are based overseas, conditional upon the balance of funding being in place, and upon the award being paid to or invoiced by the recipient before 31st March 2009.

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9. **Corsham Bike Club** – Award £2,500 from the capital budget towards the cost of tarmac corners and a start area for the BMX track, Springfield Recreation Ground, conditional upon the award being paid to or invoiced by the recipient by 31st March 2009.
10. **Lacock Evergreens** – Award £331 from the revenue budget towards the cost of bingo equipment, conditional upon the award being paid to or invoiced by the recipient before 31st March 2009.
11. **Box Cricket Club** – Award £1,351 from the capital budget towards the cost of aluminium Cricket Cage, conditional upon any necessary planning permission being granted, and upon the award being paid to or invoiced by the recipient by 31st March 2009.
12. **Neston Memorial Hall** – Award £2,060 from the capital budget towards the cost of chairs, conditional upon the award being paid to or invoiced by the recipient by 31st March 2009.

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 12 applications for 2008/09 Community Area Award funding; many of which relate to issues and priorities identified in the Corsham Area Community Plan.
- 1.2 There were no funding awards made at the first funding round on 13th May 2008, Corsham Area (4) committee therefore has a **capital balance** of **£64,575**, and a **revenue balance** of **£12,000**, for distribution in the form of Community Area Awards. See Appendix 1

2. Options and Options Appraisal

Ref.	Applicant	Proposal	Award Type	Total Project Cost	Funding Requested
2.1	Gastard Village Hall Committee	Replace shed and purchase staging and curtains	Capital	£ 2,465	£2,465 100%

2.1.1 **Gastard Village Hall Committee - Award £2,465 from the capital budget towards a replacement shed, staging and curtains for the village hall, conditional upon the award being paid to or invoiced by the recipient before 31st March 2009.**

- 2.1.2 This application meets the 2008/09 funding criteria. Although the project does not demonstrate a direct link to the Corsham Area Community Plan, it has clear benefits to the community. Current criteria allows for 25% of the overall budget to be spent on projects which do not appear in the Community Plan.

- 2.1.3 This application does demonstrate links to the Community Strategy for North Wiltshire on page 22 “Increasing leisure opportunities and facilities “ and “Increasing breadth of provision at local facilities”.
- 2.1.4 Gastard Village Hall Committee is endeavouring to build up village entertainment, but is hampered by the lack of storage facilities, proper staging and curtains.
- 2.1.5 The Committee organises productions and events aimed at all ages from children through to pensioners.
- 2.1.6 This is the first application from Gastard for some years. Further details are set out in the application at Appendix 2.

Ref.	Applicant	Proposal	Award Type	Total Project Cost	Funding Requested
2.2	Friends of Corsham Guiding	Conversion of a chair store to a utility/washroom	Capital	£ 1,524	£1,524 100%

- 2.2.1 Friends of Corsham Guiding - Award £1,524 from the capital budget towards the conversion of a chair store to a utility/washroom, conditional upon the award being paid to or invoiced by the recipient before 31st March 2009.**
- 2.2.2 This application meets the 2008/09 funding criteria, and demonstrates a partial link to the Corsham Area Community Plan on page 21”Lack of places for young people to meet” and “Lack of facilities for young people”.
- 2.2.3 This application also demonstrates links to the Community Strategy for North Wiltshire on page 22 “Increasing leisure opportunities and facilities “and “Increasing breadth of provision at local facilities”.
- 2.2.4 The building is owned by 1st Corsham Scout Group. All users have been consulted about the project, and agree that the conversion of the chair store to a washroom/utility room is the best use of the space. Alternative storage for the chairs is available within the building.
- 2.2.5 Officers are of the opinion that the new facilities will enable groups to offer a wider range of activities based at the building, and hall users will benefit from the conversion. Further details are set out at Appendix 3.

Ref.	Applicant	Proposal	Award Type	Total Project Cost	Funding Requested
2.3	Box Parish Council	Resurfacing of Valens Terrace Car Park in Box	Capital	£12,942	£ 6,471 50%

- 2.3.1 Box Parish Council – Award £6,471 from the capital budget towards the resurfacing of Valens Terrace Car Park in Box, conditional upon the balance of funding being in place, and upon the award being paid to or invoiced by the recipient before 31st March 2009.**
- 2.3.2 This application meets the 2008/09 funding criteria. Although the project does not demonstrate a direct link to the Corsham Area Community Plan, it has clear benefits to the community. Current criteria allows for 25% of the overall budget to be spent on projects which do not appear in the Community Plan.

- 2.3.3 This application does demonstrate a partial link to the Community Strategy for North Wiltshire on page 13 “Securing appropriate infrastructure and facilities in line with development”.
- 2.3.4 The Valens Terrace car park is currently available for users of both the Recreation Ground and Selwyn Hall, and it is anticipated that usage will increase once the new sports/community pavilion is completed nearby. The car park is a rough gravel area which has deteriorated due to the heavy usage, and is no longer fit for purpose.
- 2.3.5 Officers are of the opinion that this project will create a much more sustainable parking area, and in addition it will provide safer and cleaner access for pedestrians, and it will also be far more suitable for pushchairs and wheelchair users. Further details are set out at Appendix 4.

Ref.	Applicant	Proposal	Award Type	Total Project Cost	Funding Requested
2.4	The Green Room Youth Club	To run Sportzcoach and Dancing sessions	Revenue	£ 2,500	£2,500 100%

- 2.1.1 **The Green Room Youth Club – Award £2,500 from the revenue budget towards sportzcoach and dancing sessions, conditional upon the award being paid to or invoiced by the recipient by 31st March 2009.**
- 2.1.2 This application meets the 2008/09 funding criteria, and demonstrates a link to the Corsham Area Community Plan on page 21 “Lack of places for young people to meet” and “Lack of facilities for young people, particularly in the villages”.
- 2.1.3 This application also demonstrates a link to the Community Strategy for North Wiltshire on page 22 “Lack of facilities and activities for young people” and “Increasing leisure opportunities and facilities” and “Increasing breadth of provision at existing facilities”.
- 2.1.4 Young people have been consulted about the range of activities they would like to have access to, and previous sports and dance sessions have proved extremely popular.
- 2.1.5 Box Parish Council has advised that since the opening of the Green Room, anti-social behaviour has reduced. Further details are set out at Appendix 5.

Ref.	Applicant	Proposal	Award Type	Total Project Cost	Funding Requested
2.5	Mansion House Pre-School Playgroup	An extension to the Pre-School Bungalow to provide a staff room/office	Capital	£35,250	£21,150 60%

- 2.5.1 **Mansion House Pre-School - Award 21,150 from the capital budget towards the cost of an extension for use as a staff room, office and private meeting room, conditional upon the balance of funding being in place, and upon the award being paid to or invoiced by the recipient before 31st March 2009.**
- 2.5.2 This application meets the 2008/09 funding criteria, and demonstrates a direct link to the Corsham Area Community Plan on page 28 “Provide sufficient child and after school care for working parents”.

- 2.5.3 This application also demonstrates links to the Community Strategy for North Wiltshire on page 20 “Make wider use of school facilities” and “Seeking how to better utilise assets as opportunities for learning”.
- 2.5.4 Members will recall that the applicant received a previous award of £20,258 from the Corsham Area (4) Committee in January 2008. The award was to begin the conversion of the vacant caretaker’s bungalow on the premises of St Patricks primary school, to a dedicated pre-school facility for Mansion House Pre-School.
- 2.5.5 This project is the next phase of the conversion, an extension to create a room for office space, staff room/private meeting room. The staff firmly believe this extension will greatly enhance the day to day running of the pre-school. Further details are set out at Appendix 6.

Ref.	Applicant	Proposal	Award Type	Total Project Cost	Funding Requested
2.6	Mini CASE Project Group	Corsham Alternative Sports Event for under 11s	Revenue	£ 2,450	£2,450 100%

2.6.1 Mini CASE Project Group - Award £2,450 from the revenue budget towards the cost of a Corsham Alternative Sports Event for under 11 year olds at Springfield recreation ground, conditional upon the award being paid to or invoiced by the recipient before 31st March 2009.

- 2.6.2 This application meets the 2008/09 funding criteria, and demonstrates a partial link to the Corsham Area Community Plan on page 21 “Lack of facilities for young people”.
- 2.6.3 This application also demonstrates links to the Community Strategy for North Wiltshire on page 22 “Lack of facilities and activities for young people” and “Increasing leisure opportunities and facilities”.
- 2.6.4 Mini CASE is Corsham Alternative Sports Event for children under the age of 11.
- 2.6.5 The applicant has specific experience of running this type of event, having delivered the highly successful CASE event in 2007, and with CASE 2008 planned for September this year.
- 2.6.6 The event will provide participants with the opportunity to watch exciting demonstrations by professionals, and also to receive expert coaching and try activities for themselves. Further details are set out at Appendix 7.

Ref.	Applicant	Proposal	Award Type	Total Project Cost	Funding Requested
2.7	Corsham Running Club	T-shirts and High Visibility bibs	Revenue	£ 556	£556 100%

2.7.1 Corsham Running Club - Award £556 from the revenue budget towards the cost of T-shirts and High Visibility bibs, conditional upon the award being paid to or invoiced by the recipient before 31st March 2009.

- 2.7.2 This application meets the 2008/09 funding criteria, and demonstrates a partial link to the Corsham Area Community Plan on page 21 “Lack of facilities for young people”.

2.7.3 This application also demonstrates links to the Community Strategy for North Wiltshire on page 22 “Lack of facilities and activities for young people” and “Increasing leisure opportunities and facilities”.

2.7.4 Officers are of the opinion that this project will encourage runners of all ages to improve their health and fitness, develop personal skills and team work. Further details are set out at Appendix 8.

Ref.	Applicant	Proposal	Award Type	Total Project Cost	Funding requested
2.8	Relate	Support vulnerable parents and children returning to the UK, after separating from partners overseas	Revenue	£2,350	£2,350 54%

2.8.1 Relate – Award £2,350 from the revenue budget towards the cost of a project to support vulnerable parents and children returning to the UK after separating from partners who are based overseas, conditional upon the balance of funding being in place, and upon the award being paid to or invoiced by the recipient before 31st March 2009.

2.8.2 This application meets the 2008/09 funding criteria, and demonstrates a direct link to the Corsham Area community Plan on page 29 “The community wants modern, effective health and social care available as locally as possible.”

2.8.3 This application also demonstrates partial links to the Community Strategy for North Wiltshire on page 8 “Support for vulnerable people” and “Better access to services such as advice and counselling for young people”

2.8.4 Following a consultation meeting in May of this year, the applicant has identified a clear need for counselling support for parents and children during the emotional transition stage when returning to the UK following a family breakdown. Further details are set out at Appendix 9.

Ref.	Applicant	Proposal	Award Type	Total Project Cost	Funding requested
2.9	Corsham Bike Club	Tarmac corners and start area	Capital	£2,500	£2,500 100%

2.9.1 Corsham Bike Club – Award £2,500 from the capital budget towards the cost of tarmac corners and a start area for the BMX track, Springfield Recreation Ground, conditional upon the award being paid to or invoiced by the recipient by 31st March 2009.

2.9.2 This application meets the 2008/09 funding criteria, and demonstrates a direct link to the Corsham Area Community Plan on page 21 “Survey showed that facilities for young people were a priority”.

2.9.3 This application also demonstrates several links to the Community Strategy for North Wiltshire page 9 “Increasing opportunities for physical activity”, “Promoting healthy lifestyles”, “Increasing leisure opportunities and facilities”, “Improving access to existing facilities” and “Increasing breadth of provision at existing facilities”.

- 2.9.4 Members will recall that this applicant received a previous award of £4,500 from the Corsham Area (4) Committee in January 2008. The award was to begin the improvements to the existing BMX facility at Springfield Recreation Ground. This work has now been completed, and the BMX track has undergone a significant upgrade and improvement. Officers understand the facility is a extremely popular with young bike riders across the community area.
- 2.9.5 This project is the next phase of the improvements, to tarmac the corners and start area of the track. The enormous increase in usage, the desire to host competitions and hold regular coaching sessions will require the most used areas of the track to be as robust as possible to prevent erosion.
- 2.9.6 Officers are of the opinion that this project will enhance an already popular facility, and raise it to the standard of some of the best BMX tracks in the area. Further details are set out at Appendix 10.

Ref.	Applicant	Proposal	Award Type	Total Project Cost	Funding requested
2.10	Lacock Evergreens	Purchase bingo equipment	Revenue	£331	£331 100%

2.10.1 Lacock Evergreens – Award £331 from the revenue budget towards the cost of bingo equipment, conditional upon the award being paid to or invoiced by the recipient before 31st March 2009.

- 2.8.5 This application meets the 2008/09 funding criteria and demonstrates a partial link to the Corsham Area Community Plan on page 29 “The community wants modern, effective health and social care available as locally as possible.”
- 2.8.6 This application also demonstrates a partial link to the Community Strategy for North Wiltshire on page 8 “Improving people’s health and encouraging them to have more healthy and active lifestyles.”
- 2.8.7 The applicant has identified that bingo is an activity which members enjoy and find mentally stimulating. There are very few opportunities to play bingo in the rural area, and it is anticipated that offering the activity will appeal, to both existing members and also attract new ones. Further details are set out at Appendix 11.

Ref.	Applicant	Proposal	Award Type	Total Project Cost	Funding requested
2.11	Box Cricket Club	Purchase an Aluminium Cricket Cage	Capital	£1,351	£1,351 100%

2.11.1 Box Cricket Club – Award £1,351 from the capital budget towards the cost of an aluminium Cricket Cage, conditional upon any necessary planning permission being granted, and upon the award being paid to or invoiced by the recipient by 31st March 2009.

- 2.9.7 This application meets the 2008/09 funding criteria, and demonstrates a direct link to the Corsham Area Community Plan on page 21 “Survey showed that facilities for young people were a priority”.
- 2.9.8 This application also demonstrates a link to the Community Strategy for North Wiltshire on page 22 “Lack of facilities and activities for young people” and

“Increasing leisure opportunities and facilities” and “Increasing breadth of provision at existing facilities”.

- 2.9.9 Officers are of the opinion that this project will provide improved and safer practise facilities, and the applicant anticipates that the improvements will encourage more young people to get involved with the club. Further details are set out at Appendix 12.

Ref.	Applicant	Proposal	Award Type	Total Project Cost	Funding requested
2.12	Neston Memorial Hall	Purchase new chairs	Capital	£2,060	£2,060 100%

2.12.1 Neston Memorial Hall –Award £2,060 from the capital budget towards the cost of chairs, conditional upon the award being paid to or invoiced by the recipient by 31st March 2009.

2.12.2 This application meets the 2008/09 funding criteria. Although the project does not demonstrate a direct link to the Corsham Area Community Plan, it has clear benefits to the community. Current criteria allows for 25% of the overall budget to be spent on projects which do not appear in the Community Plan.

2.12.3 The applicant informs us that the existing chairs in the Neston Memorial Hall are broken or damaged, resulting in discomfort and on occasion damage to clothing. The provision of new chairs will be of benefit to all current hall users, and may also encourage more people to hire the hall in future.

2.12.4 The committee responsible for running the hall has also identified that the provision of some chairs with arms would greatly assist the elderly and infirm hall users, some of whom have difficulty rising from a seated position. Further details are set out at Appendix 13.

3. Background Information

3.1 The Community Area Award criteria for 2008/9 were reviewed by a Joint Community Area Funding Advisory Body on 28th January 2008. The Executive subsequently approved the Community Area Award criteria on 7th February 2008. Members will recall a Member training session about the Scheme on 10th March 2008. Should Members wish to act in contravention of these amended criteria, the matter must be referred to the Executive.

3.2 A copy of the 2008/9 Community Area Awards Funding Pack can be found on the Council's website www.northwiltshire.gov.uk or a paper version is available by contacting community@northwiltshire.gov.uk or 01249 706 448. This contains information relating to funding criteria, sources of advice and funding available other than from the District Council, an application form and a chart outlining the application process.

3.3 Applications can be made electronically via the Council's website, www.northwiltshire.gov.uk or via a paper version. All enquires should be made to community@northwiltshire.gov.uk or 01249 706 448.

3.4 Applications received after **19th December 2009** will not be considered for funding as there will be insufficient time to process them before the final award give at the Committee Meeting on 20th January 2009.

3.5 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**.

3.6 Member's attention is drawn to the fact that funding applications will be submitted for consideration at each of the Corsham Area (4) Committee meetings up to and including **20th January 2009**. The first took place on 13th May 2008, the second is contained in this report, and the remaining dates are as follows:

23rd September 2008	deadline for receipt of applications 8 th August 2008
18th November 2008	deadline for receipt of applications 3 rd October 2008
20th January 2009	deadline for receipt of applications 19 th December 2008

3.7 Budget

Appendix 1 provides details of the Corsham Area (4) capital and revenue balance for 2008/9, to assist Members when distributing funding across the whole of the Community Area.

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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 Corsham Area (4) Committee as set out in Section 2 of this report.

5.2 If Members make awards in line with Officer recommendations, there will be a **capital balance of £27,054** and a **revenue balance of £3,813**.

6. **Community and Environmental Implications**

6.1 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">• Appendix 1 - 2008/9 Financial Summary• Appendix 2 - Funding application Gastard Village Hall Committee• Appendix 3 - Funding application Friends of Corsham Guiding• Appendix 4 – Funding application Box Parish Council
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Appendix 5 – Funding application The Green Room Youth Club • Appendix 6 – Funding application Mansion House Pre-School • Appendix 7 – Funding application Mini CASE • Appendix 8 – Funding application Corsham Running Club • Appendix 9 – Funding application Relate • Appendix 10 – Funding application Corsham Bike Club • Appendix 11 – Funding application Lacock Evergreens • Appendix 12 – Funding application Box Cricket Club • Appendix 13 – Funding application Neston Memorial Hall
Background Documents Used in the Preparation of this Report:	Community Area Award Funding Criteria 2008/9

Previous Decisions Connected with this Report

Report	Committee & Date	Minute Reference
Corsham Area (4) Community Area Awards	Corsham Area (4) Committee - 15th Jan 2008	CO53
Community Area Awards Criteria 2008/9	Executive 7 th February 2008	E182
Budgets	Council 26 th February 2008	C83