

<b>REPORT TO THE CALNE AREA (5) COMMITTEE</b>			Report No.6	
Date of Meeting	13 <sup>th</sup> January 2009			
Title of Report	Area 5 Community Area Awards Funding Distribution 2008/2009			
Link to Corporate Priorities	Partnership Working			
Public Report	Yes			
<b>Summary of Report</b>				
To ask Members to consider 8 applications with recommendations for funding from the 2008/09 Community Area Award Scheme.				
<b><u>Officer Recommendations</u></b>				
<b>Members agree funding distribution of the Area 5 Community Area Awards budget based on the agreed criteria for 2008/2009:</b>				
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. WANHS Archaeology Field Group – Award £1,533 from the Revenue/Project budget for carrying out the Seeking Roman Calne project, conditional upon the award being paid to the recipient before 31<sup>st</sup> March 2009.</li> <li>2. Yatesbury Amenities Fund – Award £1,400 from the Project budget for provision of storage facilities for recreational equipment used by young people in village, conditional upon the award being paid to the recipient before 31<sup>st</sup> March 2009.</li> <li>3. Calne Cricket Club – Award £4,086 from the Capital budget for carrying out the Instalment of artificial cricket wicket project, conditional upon the award being paid to the recipient before 31<sup>st</sup> March 2009.</li> <li>4. Springfield Dragons – Award £1,563 from the Project budget for development of Springfield Dragons Tag Rugby Club, conditional upon the award being paid to the recipient before 31<sup>st</sup> March 2009.</li> <li>5. Heddington Parish Council– Award £15,000 from the Streetscene/ Capital budget for development of amenity land, youth shelter, car parking, fencing, cycle path &amp; recreational area, conditional upon the award being paid to the recipient before 31<sup>st</sup> March 2009.</li> <li>6. Calne Squadron Air Training Corps – Award £2,430 from the Capital budget for purchasing new IT/Training equipment, conditional upon the award being paid to the recipient before 31<sup>st</sup> March 2009.</li> <li>7. Cherhill Scout Group – Award £2,954 from the Project budget for purchasing new canoe equipment, conditional upon the award being paid to the recipient before 31<sup>st</sup> March 2009.</li> <li>8. Cherhill Village Hall – Award £2,500 from the Capital budget for installation of new kitchen, conditional upon the award being paid to 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 Calne Community Area Plan.
- 1.2 Following the funding awards made at the Calne Area (5) Committee on 16<sup>th</sup> September 2008, Calne Area (5) Committee has the following funds available for awards:
- Capital budget £19,000 (returned funds)
  - Revenue budget £759
  - Streetscene budget £5,122
  - Project budget £7,059
- 1.3 The £19,000 capital was returned by Heddington Parish Council after their project involving the development of amenity land - specifically the installation of a modular building for the under 5s Playgroup - did not require the Area 5 award as the Playgroup found full funding from an alternative source.
- 1.4 This will be the last opportunity that Members have to make awards from the 2008/9 budget. This report contains projects for Members' consideration that are capital in nature and are robust in terms of being able to be delivered within the required timescale with **all** match funding in place. Members should be aware that other projects that were not able to robustly demonstrate that they could meet the required timescale and match funding have been withdrawn.
- 1.5 Appendix 9 provides details of the distribution of awards so far in 2008/9 to assist Members when distributing grants across the whole community area.

## 2 Types of Funding

- 2.1 Each Area Committee has an allocation of £10,000 to be spent on projects that improve the physical environment or streetscene. This £10,000 is reflected in Appendix One. There are funding requests included within this report that could be met from the streetscene budget.
- 2.2 On 4 September 2008, the Executive considered a report that recommended that each Area Committee be allocated £10,000 from under-spending in-year budgets. Members resolved to award each Area Committee £10,000. As this is in-year under-spend the additional £10,000 can be spent on either capital or revenue projects at the discretion and priority of this Committee. This budget is referred to as the Project Budget.

## 3 Options and Options Appraisal

Applicant	Proposal	Award Type	Funding Requested
WANHS Archaeology Field Group Appendix 1	Carry out Seeking Roman Calne project	Revenue (Part from Project Budget)	£1,533

**Option 1: WANHS Archaeology Field Group – Award £1,533 from the Revenue/ Project budget for carrying out the Seeking Roman Calne project, conditional upon the award being paid to the recipient before 31<sup>st</sup> March 2009.**

- 3.1.2 This application meets the 2008/09 funding criteria for the Area 5 Committee and demonstrates direct links to the Calne Community Area Plan through Culture including Leisure, Recreation and the Arts and Education and Lifelong Learning.
- 3.1.3 WANHS Archaeology Field Group would like assistances in setting up and carry out their simple but ambitious project called 'Seeking Roman Calne'. This projects strategy is to engage the population focusing initially on schools, particularly involved in Key Stage 1 and 2 (*a Roman case study*).
- 3.1.4 The Roman occupation is a readily identifiable period within Calne but evidence of all other eras will also be welcome and useful in telling Calne's story. Beyond the classroom children will be encouraged to search for material remains of Roman settlement in their gardens, fields and playgrounds.
- 3.1.5 Calne Heritage Centre Trust has kindly agreed to house the project, providing much needed storage area for finds, processing, display and lecture facilities. In addition the Centre will open its doors to receive finds and host expert interpretation days.
- 3.1.6 As the children become more absorbed and interested, so too can parental involvement be expected to grow and spread to the population generally. WANHS intend to encourage adult participation with open days, 'finds sessions', talks and guided town walks as the project develops.
- 3.1.7 WANHS Education Officer has contacted 10 schools within Calne and surrounding areas and has received a positive response with at least 7 of these schools wanting to participate in the 'Seeking Roman Calne' project.
- 3.1.8 A decision to fund this project will result in WANHS Archaeology Field Group being able to purchase archaeological equipment which will then assist them to carry out this educational exploration into Roman Calne.
- 3.1.9 The total cost of this project is £1,533. If Members make an award in line with the Officer Recommendation this will represent a contribution of 100% of the project. Further details are provided in the application at Appendix 2.

Applicant	Proposal	Award Type	Funding Requested
Yatesbury Amenities Funds Appendix 2	<b>Provision of Storage facilities for recreational equipment</b>	Capital (Project budget)	£1,400

**Option 2: Yatesbury Amenities Fund – Award £1,400 from the Project budget for provision of storage facilities for recreational equipment used by young people in village, conditional upon the award being paid to the recipient before 31<sup>st</sup> March 2009.**

- 3.2.1 This application meets the 2008/09 funding criteria for the Area 5 Committee and demonstrates direct links to the Calne Community Area Plan through Crime and Community Safety 'Involving young people and children in activities', Culture including Leisure Recreation and the Arts 'Lack of recreation land and facilities in the town and villages'.
- 3.2.2 Yatesbury is a small rural village with an estimated population of 150 people, 30 of these are young people of school age. With no other public services or facilities the young people of Yatesbury desperately require recreational amenities.

- 3.2.3 Recently the group has been offered a number of large leisure apparatus, including table tennis, pool, football and cricket equipment. To enable the group to accept this kind donation the provision of an adequate storage facility is urgently required.
- 3.2.4 In the first quarter of 2009 the Amenities Fund have arranged for a Youth Club to be set up and held at the Village Hall. Operating on a weekly basis, the Club will provide much needed recreational facilities and a proactive focal point for the young people of Yatesbury.
- 3.2.5 The Village Hall and adjacent playing field will provide the backdrop to this Club and hopes to encourage the young people to participate within the community and to promote healthier lifestyles through physical activities.
- 3.2.6 The storage facility will also provide additional space for equipment already obtained by the Group. These significant items include a small marquee, set of display boards and a planned community barbeque.
- 3.2.7 A decision to fund this project will help provide much needed storage space, which will allow the young people within Yatesbury to participate in sporting and leisure activities in a supervised and constructive environment.
- 3.2.8 The total cost of this project is £1,700. If Members make an award in line with the Officer Recommendation this will represent a contribution of 82% of the project. Further details are provided in the application at Appendix 3.

<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Proposal</b>	<b>Award Type</b>	<b>Funding Requested</b>
<b>Calne Cricket Club</b> Appendix 3	<b>Installation of artificial wicket</b>	Capital	£4,086

**Option 3: Calne Cricket Club – Award £4,086 from the Capital budget for the installation of an artificial cricket wicket, conditional upon the award being paid to the recipient before 31<sup>st</sup> March 2009.**

- 3.3.1 This application meets the 2008/09 funding criteria for the Area 5 Committee and demonstrates direct links to the Calne Community Area Plan through Culture including Leisure, Recreation and the Arts ‘Lack of recreation land and facilities in the town and village’.
- 3.3.2 Calne Cricket Club has around 200 active members ages ranging from 7 – 65+ years. The Club provides facilities for a wide range of cricketing abilities and has a number of successful youth and adult teams.
- 3.3.3 Calne Cricket Club plays an active role within the local community, providing an encouraging environment for volunteering and participation within sports and leisure. The Club works closely with the local schools and is actively seeking new members of all ages.
- 3.3.4 To enable to Club to successfully grow and maintain its popularity, it wishes to expand and develop its 3<sup>rd</sup> team squad. To achieve this goal they will need to provide year round playing facilities by installing an artificial wicket.
- 3.3.5 With this additional playing space, the Club will be able to provide cricket out of the traditional playing season and even in poor weather conditions. This in turn will increase its sustainability, encourage forthcoming events and provide additional recreational space.

- 3.3.6 A decision to fund this project will result in Calne Cricket Club being able to provide physical sporting activities all year round which will develop and increase the Club's playing facilities.
- 3.3.7 The total cost of this project is £7,086. If Members make an award in line with the Officer Recommendation this will represent a contribution of 57% of the project. Further details are provided in the application at Appendix 3.

Applicant	Proposal	Award Type	Funding Requested
Springfield Dragons Appendix 4	Development of Springfield Dragons Tag Rugby Club	Capital (from Project Budget)	£1,563

**Option 4: Springfield Dragons – Award £1,563 from the Project budget for development of Springfield Dragons Tag Rugby Club, conditional upon the award being paid to the recipient before 31<sup>st</sup> March 2009.**

- 3.4.1 This application meets the 2008/09 funding criteria for the Area 5 Committee and demonstrates direct links to the Calne Community Area Plan through Culture including Leisure, Recreation and the Arts 'Lack of recreation land and facilities in the town and village'.
- 3.4.2 Springfield Dragons Rugby Club is a brand new community group and has been developed to provide young local children aged between 5-7 years old the opportunity to participate in a regular sporting activity.
- 3.4.3 The Club would like to provide tag rugby for around 30 children and aim to involve local people to deliver the sport. To enable this the group would like to train at least 6 local adults and 3 young leaders.
- 3.4.4 This low child to adult ratio will allow the Club to provide high quality coaching and will enable the children to achieve maximum enjoyment. The development of this Club is in response to a lack of sporting activities currently made available to this age group.
- 3.4.5 The Club has already had success whilst running a similar pilot project in September. It is from this project the demand and popularity was identified and the parental enthusiasm has helped steer the desire to create a permanent Club.
- 3.4.6 The Club will create an opportunity for both children and adults to be involved within a community group, provide additional learning and feel part of a sociable, healthy lifestyle.
- 3.4.7 To help start up and develop this new Club, fundamental equipment and clothing will need to be purchased. Coaching education and training will need to be provided to aid the group achieve its set goals of providing high quality rugby.
- 3.4.8 A decision to fund this project will benefit children and adults alike through creating a safe and enjoyable environment whilst provide a platform for additional learning and encouraging physical activity.
- 3.4.9 The total cost of this project is £1,563. If Members make an award in line with the Officer Recommendation this will represent a contribution of 100% of the project. Further details are provided in the application at Appendix 4.

<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Proposal</b>	<b>Award Type</b>	<b>Funding Requested</b>
<b>Heddington Parish Council</b> Appendix 5	<b>Development of amenity land, youth shelter, car parking, fencing, cycle path &amp; recreational area</b>	Capital (Streetscene & Capital budgets)	£15,000

**Option 5: Heddington Parish Council– Award £15,000 from the Streetscene/ Capital budget for development of amenity land, youth shelter, car parking, fencing, cycle path & recreational area, conditional upon the award being paid to the recipient before 31<sup>st</sup> March 2009.**

- 3.5.1 This application meets the 2008/09 funding criteria for the Area 5 Committee and demonstrates direct links to the Calne Community Area Plan through Culture including Leisure, Recreation and the Arts 'Lack of recreation land and facilities in the town and village'.
- 3.5.2 Area 5 previously awarded Heddington Parish Council £19,000 on 22 July 2008. This award was for a similar project with the addition of a modular building to accommodate the local Under 5s playgroup. The Under 5s play group successfully sourced the total project cost from an alternative funder, resulting in Heddington Parish Council returning their award of £19,000.
- 3.5.3 Although funds for the modular building are no longer required, Heddington Parish Council would still like to develop the amenity land into a useable recreational area. Many aspects to this project are the same as before with the new addition of a youth shelter.
- 3.5.4 The development of this amenity land will be of considerable benefit to all members of the community. It will create a vital centre for leisure and sport activities in a safe and secure area.
- 3.5.5 The enclosed cycle path will provide an area for children to develop their cycling skills and encourage them to participate in a healthier lifestyle without the hazards of road traffic.
- 3.5.6 The youth shelter will offer a meeting point for young people and will double up as a seating area for parents/guardians whilst supervising their children at play.
- 3.5.7 The car park facilities will provide off road parking for the village school, a new Under 5s centre and, for people using the amenity land, it will increase road safety and prevent potential risk involving children currently playing on the roads.
- 3.5.8 A decision to fund this project will benefit both children and adults alike throughout Heddington and surrounding villages. The development will promote sports within the area and increase road safety. Heddington Parish Council has spent considerable time consulting the community and developing a well planned and sustainable project.
- 3.5.9 The total cost of this project is £40,000. If Members make an award in line with the Officer Recommendation this will represent a contribution of 37% of the project. Further details are provided in the application at Appendix 5.

<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Proposal</b>	<b>Award Type</b>	<b>Funding Requested</b>
<b>Calne Squadron Air Training Corps</b> Appendix 6	<b>Purchase new IT/Teaching equipment</b>	Capital	£2,430

**Option 6: Calne Squadron Air Training Corps – Award £2,430 from the Capital budget for purchasing new IT/Training equipment, conditional upon the award being paid to the recipient before 31<sup>st</sup> March 2009.**

- 3.6.1 This application meets the 2008/09 funding criteria for the Area 5 Committee and demonstrates direct links to the Calne Community Area Plan through Education and Lifelong Learning, Culture including Leisure, Recreation and the Arts.
- 3.6.2 Calne Squadron Air Training Corp caters for young people aged from 13 years and currently has around 25 members. The squadron meets twice weekly as well as occasional weekend activities throughout the year.
- 3.6.3 Open to all members of our society regardless of community background or abilities, the Squadron attempt to instil crucial life skills such as self discipline, respect for themselves, others and their surrounding community and provides a sense of belonging whilst working in a team.
- 3.6.4 The Squadron cadets participate in organized training sessions incorporating training syllabuses from the Air Training Corps, Duke of Edinburgh and other youth programmes. Purchasing new IT/Training equipment will enhance the Squadrons resources and enable more cadets to participate in training programmes.
- 3.6.5 To support this venture, additional remote equipment would also need to be purchased. This would allow the Squadron to visit local schools and events to promote their organisation, whilst highlighting the work they have achieved and to demonstrate the fun young people can have in a disciplined and secure environment.
- 3.6.6 A decision to fund this project will benefit not only the current cadets within the Squadron but will hopefully encourage new members and allow the organisation to promote their services and advance their vital training programme.
- 3.6.7 The total cost of this project is £2,430. If Members make an award in line with the Officer Recommendation this will represent a contribution of 100% of the project. Further details are provided in the application at Appendix 6.

<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Proposal</b>	<b>Award Type</b>	<b>Funding Requested</b>
<b>Cherhill Scout Group</b> Appendix 7	<b>Purchase canoe equipment</b>	Capital (from Project Budget)	£2,954

**Option 7: Cherhill Scout Group – Award £2,954 from the Project budget for purchasing new canoe equipment, conditional upon the award being paid to the recipient before 31<sup>st</sup> March 2009.**

- 3.7.1 This application meets the 2008/09 funding criteria for the Area 5 Committee and demonstrates direct links to the Calne Community Area Plan through Culture including Leisure, Recreation and the Arts.
- 3.7.2 Cherhill Scout Group is a strong combination of 4 groups including the Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Explorer Scouts with ages ranging from 6 – 18 years of age and currently catering for over 60 young people.

- 3.7.3 Meeting two evenings a week, this thriving and ever expanding organisation provides a safe and encouraging environment for young people to participate in a wide range of exciting activities.
- 3.7.4 The Group aims to promote the development of young people in achieving their full physical, intellectual and social potential. It achieves this by supporting the young people whilst participating in community activities and inspiring them to become responsible citizens.
- 3.7.5 To enable the Group to expand and grow, whilst providing new and challenging activities, the Group would like to purchase new canoe equipment. This equipment will also increase the Group's appeal and inspire new members to join.
- 3.7.6 With one Group leader already qualified to conduct canoe activities and others undertaking training, the Group will be able to offer this not readily available sport in a safe and controlled environment.
- 3.7.7 A decision to fund this project will benefit the Scout Group as a whole providing a new and exciting activity, whilst encouraging new members to sustain the longevity of the Group.
- 3.7.8 The total cost of this project is £4,923. If Members make an award in line with the Officer Recommendation this will represent a contribution of 60% of the project. Further details are provided in the application at Appendix 7.

<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Proposal</b>	<b>Award Type</b>	<b>Funding Requested</b>
<b>Cherhill Village Hall</b> Appendix 8	<b>Installation of new kitchen</b>	Capital	£2,500

**Option 8: Cherhill Village Hall – Award £2,500 from the Capital budget for installation of new kitchen, conditional upon the award being paid to the recipient before 31<sup>st</sup> March 2009.**

- 3.8.1 This application meets the 2008/09 funding criteria for the Area 4 Committee. Although, these require that at least 75% of the Community Area Award budget be allocated to applications that demonstrate links to the Plan, the remaining 25% will be available for those projects that fall outside of this but remain important for local people.
- 3.8.2 Cherhill Village Hall was built in the 1970s and is a popular facility used by a variety of local clubs and organisation catering for not only the villagers of Cherhill but also the surrounding areas.
- 3.8.3 This vibrant and lively village actively encourages community involvement through accommodating a wide range of sport, leisure and recreational activities for all ages.
- 3.8.4 The village hall is currently used by toddler groups, scouts, senior citizens' lunch club, upholstery classes, yoga, keep fit, the WI, gardening club, drama group as well as other community based social events, parties and meetings.
- 3.8.5 Since the hall was originally built, over 30 years ago, the kitchen area has never been updated. Although it has been carefully maintained, the inevitable daily use, wear and tear has finally taken its toll and is in desperate need of replacing.



- 3.8.6 After a recent environmental health advice inspection the present kitchen facilities were deemed to be 'outdated and tired' and do not fully comply with current health and safety regulations.
- 3.8.7 To enable the village hall to improve and update its kitchen facilities, new base and wall units must be installed. This will then provide a fit for purpose amenity which shall increase the appeal of the village hall and potentially encourage additional/new users.
- 3.8.8 A decision to fund this project would benefit all users of the village hall as it will provide a clean, safe environment for food and beverage preparation.
- 3.8.9 The total cost of this project is £10,000. If Members make an award in line with the Officer Recommendation this will represent a contribution of 25% of the project. Further details are provided in the application at Appendix 8.

#### **4 Timescales**

- 4.1 This is the last of the 2008/09 funding rounds.
- 4.2 Funding can be drawn down by successful applicants when all award criteria have been met and on confirmation that the project which funding has been awarded to will proceed in the next 3 months. **All funding awards must be paid to or invoiced by the recipient prior to 31st March 2009 - it is the recipient's responsibility to ensure this condition is met. Failure to do so will result in the award being withdrawn.** Clear instructions are sent to each successful applicant and the guide to drawing down funding must be followed.

#### **5 Financial Implications**

- 5.1 Distribution of awards must fall within the Community Award's budget allocated to Area 5 Committee as set out in Section 2 of this report.
- 5.2 If Members make awards in line with the recommendations in this report the budget balances will be as follows;

Capital £106  
Revenue £0  
Streetscene £0  
Project Budget £368

- 5.3 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. This Council will not be in a position to guarantee the availability of funding after that time.

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

- 6.1 All of the awards can be directly linked to priorities identified in the Calne 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.

<b>Appendices:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Appendix 1 Application – WANHS Archaeology Field Group</li><li>• Appendix 2 Application – Yatesbury Amenities Fund</li><li>• Appendix 3 Application – Calne Cricket Club</li><li>• Appendix 4 Application – Springfield Dragons</li><li>• Appendix 5 Application – Heddington Parish Council</li><li>• Appendix 6 Application – Calne Squadron Air Training Corps</li><li>• Appendix 7 Application – Cherhill Scout Group</li><li>• Appendix 8 Application – Cherhill Village Hall</li><li>• Appendix 9 distribution of Calne Area 5 awards 2008/9</li></ul>
<b>Background Documents Used in the Preparation of this Report:</b>	Community Area Award Funding Criteria 2008/9 Calne Community Area Plan 2004 – 2014 Calne Community Area Plan Update 2006

### Previous Decisions Connected with this Report

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

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