

Report to	Corsham Area Board
Date of Meeting	1 February 2011
Title of Report	Community Area Grants

Purpose of Report

To ask Councillors to consider 9 applications seeking 2010/11 Community Area Grant Funding

1. Corsham Wind Band Association - Award £1,500 to enable the group to stage a 30th anniversary concert and service.
2. Lacock Positive Camera Club - Award £999 to purchase a laptop and photographic editing software to support the club's activities.
3. KOBRA Trust (Knowledge of Box Roman Archaeology) - Award £5,000 to build a portable scale model and write a book explaining Roman structures in Box.
4. Provision of Allotment Space – BADAS – Award £4,997 to set up a number of allotments as a therapeutic process for people on the road to recovery from drug and/ or alcohol misuse.
5. Corsham Cluster School Festival – Award £900 to stage a Community Dance Festival.
6. Neston & Box Scout Group – Award £1,820 to set up an archery training group.
7. Corsham Rugby Football Club – Award £1,145 to purchase an adult scrum machine.
8. Corsham Knitting and Crochet Club – Award £200 to take a group of members to a Knitting and Craft Show
9. Box Parish Council – Award £674 to purchase and install a ceiling mounted projector and electric screen.

1. Background

- 1.1. Area Boards have authority to approve Area Grants under powers delegated to them by the Deputy Leader and Cabinet member for Community Services (27 February 2010). Under the Scheme of Delegation Area Boards must adhere to the Area Board Grants Guidance for funding.
- 1.2. In accordance with the Scheme of Delegation, any decision of an Area Board that is contrary to the funding criteria and/or the officer's recommendation would need to demonstrate that the application in question has a wider community benefit, and give specific reasons as to why this should justify an exception to the criteria.
- 1.3. In accordance with the Area Board Grants Guidance officers are required to provide recommendations in their report, however, the decision to support applications and to what level is made by Wiltshire Councillors on this Area Board.
- 1.4. Funding applications will be considered at every Area Board meeting.
- 1.5. Corsham Area Board has been allocated a 2010/2011 budget of £43,772 for community grants, community partnership core funding and councillor led initiatives. The carry forward from the 2009/2010 budget is £4332.00. This equates to a total budget of £48,104 for the 2010/2011.
- 1.6. A decision has been made in 2010/2011 that paper copies of funding applications will no longer appear as part of the agenda in an attempt to reduce volume of paper used. However, the application forms will be available on the Wiltshire Council web site and hard copies available upon request.
- 1.7. The 2010/2011 funding criteria and application forms are available on the council's website (www.wiltshire.gov.uk/areaboards) or paper versions are available from the Community Area Manager.

Background documents used in the preparation of this Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Community Area Grant Application Pack 20010/11• Corsham Community Area Plan
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2. Main Considerations

- 2.1. Councillors will need to be satisfied that grants awarded in the 2010/11 year are made to projects that can realistically proceed within a year of the award being made.
- 2.2. There will be 1 further round of funding during 20010/11. This will take place on;
 - 24th March 2011

3. Environmental & Community Implications

Community Area Grants will contribute to the continuance and/or improvement of cultural, social and community activity and wellbeing in the community area, the extent and specifics of which will be dependent upon the individual project.

4. Financial Implications

- 4.1. Awards must fall within the Area Boards budget allocated to the Corsham Area Board.
- 4.2. If grants are awarded in line with officer recommendations, Corsham Area Board will have a balance of £1,868

5. Legal Implications

- 5.1. There are no specific Legal implications related to this report.

6. HR Implications

- 6.1. There are no specific HR implications related to this report.

7. Equality and Inclusion Implications

- 7.1. Community Area Grants give all local community and voluntary groups, Town and Parish Councils an equal opportunity to receive funding towards community based projects and schemes.
- 7.2. Implications relating to individual grant applications are outlined within section 8 – “Officer Recommendations”.

8. Officer recommendations

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.1	Corsham Wind Band Association.	To enable the group to stage a 30 th anniversary concert and service.	£1,500

- 8.1.1. Corsham Wind Band Association – Award £1,500 to enable the group to stage a 30th anniversary concert and service.
- 8.1.2. This application meets the grant criteria for 2010/11.
- 8.1.3. This application demonstrates a link to the Corsham Area Community Plan “Activities for young people”

- 8.1.4. Corsham Wind Band is a not for profit organisation and contributes to the desired outcomes of providing leisure time activities for young people in Corsham Community Area and has for 30 years engaged with a large proportion of the Corsham Community Area.
- 8.1.5. This project relates to Wiltshire Council priorities of encouraging positive lifestyle changes; create stronger and more inclusive communities and the promotion of ideas about safe, cohesive and resilient communities.
- 8.1.6. This group is well respected by Corsham Town Council and has represented Corsham locally, nationally and internationally.
- 8.1.7. A decision not to fund this project will probably result in it not happening owing to limited funding opportunities.

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8.2.	Lacock Positive Camera Club	To purchase a laptop and photographic editing software to support the club's activities.	£999

- 8.2.1. Lacock Positive Camera Club – Award £999 to purchase a laptop and photographic editing equipment to support the club's activities.
- 8.2.2. This application meets the grant criteria for 2010/11.
- 8.2.3. This application demonstrates a link to the Corsham Area Community Plan "Education and Lifelong Learning" and "Places to meet"
- 8.2.4. This group is a newly formed and is a not for profit organisation.
- 8.2.5. Membership of this group is currently 20. They envisage that the purchase of new up to date equipment will encourage more people to join.
- 8.2.6. If the Area Board makes a decision not to fund this project then it will be delayed until other funds are identified.

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8.3.	KOBRA Trust (Knowledge of Box Roman Archaeology)	To build a portable scale model and write a book explaining Roman structures in Box	£5,000

- 8.3.1. KOBRA Trust (Knowledge of Box Roman Archaeology) – Award £5,000 to build a portable scale model and book explaining Roman structures in Box
- 8.3.2. This application meets the grant criteria for 2010/11.
- 8.3.3 This application demonstrates a link to the Corsham Area Community Plan “Culture, Recreation, Heritage and Arts”.
- 8.3.4 This group is a not for profit organisation set up specifically to carry out this project.
- 8.3.6 This bid is supported by Wiltshire Archaeological and Natural History Society, Wiltshire Council Archaeologist and Box Parish Council.
- 8.3.5 If the Area Board decides not to fund this project then it would be delayed until other funding streams are identified.

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.4	BADAS	Provision of Allotment Space	£4,997

- 8.4.1 BADAS now known as New Highways – Award £4997 to set up a number of allotments as a therapeutic process for people on the road to recovery from drug and /or alcohol misuse.
- 8.4.2 This application meets the grant criteria for 2010/11.
- 8.4.3 This application demonstrates a link to the Corsham Area Community Plan “Improving facilities which will enhance the community as a whole”.
“Offering facilities and activities for young people” “Promoting local food and produce”.
- 8.4.4 This project is fully supported by Wiltshire Probation Services who have already become involved in the project.
- 8.4.5 This group is a registered charity and acts to relieve poverty, sickness and distress amongst persons suffering from drug and/or alcohol misuse and their families and to educate the public in all matters relating to drug and alcohol misuse.
- 8.4.6 This project relates to Wiltshire Council priorities of encouraging positive lifestyle changes; create stronger and more inclusive communities and the promotion of ideas about safe, cohesive and resilient communities.
- 8.4.7 If the Area Board decides not to fund this project then it would significantly affect the viability of the project.

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.5	Corsham Schools Cluster	To stage a Community Dance Festival.	£900

- 8.5.1 Corsham Schools Cluster – Award £900 to enable the group to stage a Community Dance Festival in the Corsham Community Area.
- 8.5.2 This application meets the grant criteria for 2010/11.
- 8.5.3 This application demonstrates a link to the Corsham Area Community Plan “Improving facilities which will enhance the community as a whole”.
“Offering facilities and activities for young people” “Building a sustainable and resilient community”.
- 8.5.4 This group is a not for profit organisation which has been formed specifically to stage a dance festival and ensure the sustainability for future years.
- 8.5.5 This project will attract young people and adults from across the whole community area to the showcase event.
- 8.5.6 This project relates to Wiltshire Council priorities of encouraging positive lifestyle changes; create stronger and more inclusive communities and the promotion of ideas about safe, cohesive and resilient communities.
- 8.5.7 If the Area Board decides not to fund this project then it would significantly affect the viability of the project.

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.6	Neston & Box Scout Group	To set up an archery training group.	£1,820

- 8.6.1 Neston & Box Scout Group – Award £1,820 to set up an archery training group.
- 8.6.2 This application meets the grant criteria for 2010/11.
- 8.6.3 This application demonstrates a link to the Corsham Area Community Plan “Offering facilities and activities for young people”

- 8.6.4 This group is a not for profit organisation which supports the development of young people and enhancing social responsibility.
- 8.6.5 This project relates to Wiltshire Council priorities of encouraging positive lifestyle changes; create stronger and more inclusive communities and the promotion of ideas about safe, cohesive and resilient communities.
- 8.6.6 If the Area Board decides not to fund this project then it would significantly affect the viability of the project.

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.7	Corsham Rugby Football Club	To purchase an adult scrum machine	£1,145

- 8.7.1 Corsham Rugby Football Club – Award £1,145 to purchase an adult scrum machine.
- 8.7.2 This application meets the grant criteria for 2010/11.
- 8.7.3 This application demonstrates a link to the Corsham Area Community Plan “Offering facilities and activities for people”
- 8.7.4 This group is a not for profit organisation which supports the development of young people enhancing social responsibility.
- 8.7.5 This project relates to Wiltshire Council priorities of encouraging positive lifestyle changes; create stronger and more inclusive communities and the promotion of ideas about safe, cohesive and resilient communities.
- 8.7.6 This group have previously been awarded a grant from Corsham Area Board for a youth scrum machine but it is not advisable for adults to use this machine.
- 8.7.7 If the Area Board decides not to fund this project then purchase of this equipment would be delayed until other funding opportunities are identified.

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.8	Corsham Knitting and Crochet Club	To take a group of members to a Knitting and Craft Show	£200

- 8.8.1 Corsham Knitting and Crochet Club – Award £200 to take a group of members to a knitting and craft show.
- 8.8.2 This application meets the grant criteria for 2010/11.
- 8.8.3 This group is a not for profit organisation.
- 8.8.4 This application demonstrates a link to the Corsham Area Community Plan “Offering facilities and activities for people in recreation and arts”
- 8.8.4 This project relates to Wiltshire Council priorities of encouraging positive lifestyle changes; create stronger and more inclusive communities.
- 8.8.6 This group is well respected in the community area and each monthly meeting sees four tables in the hall covered with ‘comfort goods’, brilliant colours, brilliant designs and beautifully finished items to be distributed to those less fortunate. So this year among other items the group have produced:-
 277 Blankets 1524 Hats 164 Scarves 431 pairs Mitts/gloves
 977 Sweaters and Cardigans 667 Puppets 118 Bed socks
 Miscellaneous baby clothes and 83 tiny blankets split between the Neonatal units at the Royal United Hospital and Swindon Hospital.
- 8.8.7 If the Area Board decides not to fund this project then purchase of this equipment would be delayed until other funding opportunities are identified.

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.9	Box Parish Council	To purchase and install a ceiling mounted projector and electric screen.	£674

- 8.9.1 Box Parish Council – Award £674 to purchase and install a ceiling mounted projector and electric screen.
- 8.9.2 This application meets the grant criteria for 2010/11.
- 8.9.3 This group is a Parish Council.
- 8.9.4 This application demonstrates a link to the Corsham Area Community Plan “Offering facilities and activities for people ”
- 8.9.5 This project relates to Wiltshire Council priorities of encouraging positive lifestyle changes; create stronger and more inclusive communities.
- 8.9.6 If the Area Board decides not to fund this project then purchase of this equipment would be delayed until other funding opportunities are identified.

Appendices:

Appendix 1 Grant application – Corsham Wind band
Appendix 2 Grant application - Lacock Positive Camera Club
Appendix 3 Grant application – KOBRA Trust
Appendix 4 Grant application - BADAS
Appendix 5 Grant application – Corsham Cluster School Dance festival
Appendix 6 Grant application – Neston & Box Scout Group
Appendix 7 Grant application – Corsham Rugby Club
Appendix 8 Grant application – Box Parish Council
Appendix 9 Grant application – Corsham Knitting and Crochet Club

No unpublished documents have been relied upon in the preparation of this report.

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