

<b>Report to</b>	<b>Trowbridge Area Board</b>
<b>Date of Meeting</b>	<b>17 March 2011</b>
<b>Title of Report</b>	<b>Community Area Grants</b>

## **Purpose of Report**

To ask Councillors to consider 8 applications seeking 2010/11 Community Area Grant Funding

1. Wiltshire British Armed Forces and Veterans Celebrations – Re-enactors march/parade on 24 June - £819 requested
2. Gloucester Road Allotments – to create accessible allotments for Disabled people - £5,000 requested
3. Trowbridge Town Council – to provide a free National Play Day in Trowbridge Park – £2,964 requested
4. Trowbridge Neighbourhoods Partnership – to purchase printing equipment for regular newsletters - £771 requested
5. Trowbridge Westbourne Sports Club, Tennis Section – to provide tennis coaching and summer camps for school children - £793 requested
6. The Trowbridge County Town Initiative – promotion of the Initiative to attract new members - £939 requested
7. North Bradley Youth Club – to purchase equipment for a local youth club – requested £449
8. Trowbridge Wanderers Youth Football Club – to refurbish shower facilities - £5,000 requested

**Total Amount requested = £16,735**

## 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. 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.
- 1.3. Trowbridge Area Board has been allocated a 2010/2011 budget of £77,592 for community area grants, community partnership core funding and councillor led initiatives. Plus £1,863.96 has been returned to the Area Board. To date £65,552.93 has been allocated from this budget.

Community area grants allocated so far this year:

- Southwick Playing Field – £5,000 for the construction of a tarmac path around the playing field
- Newtown School – £2,300 to upgrade changing facilities and provide temporary cover over the outdoor swimming pool
- Newtown Area Residents Association – £930 to provide security lighting at Bond Street Buildings to increase community safety.
- North Bradley Peace Memorial Hall – £993 for energy saving and security equipment
- Friends of Trowbridge in Bloom – £5,000 for a participatory programme of events
- Hilperton Village Hall – £3,253 to upgrade toilets to include fitting of disabled toilet.
- West Ashton Village Hall - £5,000 for the creation of a small meeting room attached to the village hall to provide additional useable space.
- Larkrise Community Farm - £4,000 for the construction of a barn to store animal feed.
- Trowbridge Town Council - £4,980 for Trowbridge Christmas Lights Extravaganza event.
- Trowbridge Westbourne Sports Club -Tennis Section - £734 to purchase equipment to increase junior membership & offer competitive opportunities for children in the local community.
- Trowbridge Town Football Club - £2,446 for the purchase of training and match equipment for the youth, girls and adult football club teams.
- Trowbridge Phoenix Badminton Club - £851 to buy new nets and posts
- North Bradley Peace Memorial Hall – £765 to carry out a project development study for renewable energy
- Hilperton Village Hall – £2,775 for improvements to men's toilet facilities

- Lavender Fields Residents Association – £212 to set up an interactive website
- Trowbridge Town Football Club –£1,687 to fund coaching courses

**This gives a current remaining total of £13,903.03 available to allocate.**

- 1.4. 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.
- 1.5 The 2010/2011 funding criteria and application forms are available on the council's website ([www.wiltshire.gov.uk/areaboards](http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/areaboards)) or paper versions are available from the Community Area Manager.

<p><b>Background documents used in the preparation of this Report</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Community Area Grant Application Pack 20010/11</li> <li>• Trowbridge Community Area Plan</li> <li>• Local Agreement for Wiltshire</li> <li>• Technical officers reports</li> </ul>
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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.

## **3. Environmental Impact of the Proposals**

- 3.1. 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 Trowbridge Area Board. It should be noted that there are grant requests totalling more than the funding available.
- 4.2. If grants are awarded in line with officer recommendations the Area Board will have an overspend of £2,368.97 which will need to be found from this tranche of funding

## **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 Diversity 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” where appropriate.

## 8. Officer Recommendations

The full applications are available at [www.wiltshire.gov.uk/areaboards](http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/areaboards)

Applicant 8.1	Project summary	Funding requested
Wiltshire British Armed Forces and Veterans Celebrations	To hold a re-enactors march/parade through Trowbridge past homes for elderly people prior to the weekend event	£819

8.1.1. The applicant meets the grant criteria 2010/11.

8.1.2. The application demonstrates links to the Trowbridge Community Area Plan Theme 3 Culture including leisure, recreation, heritage & the arts.

8.1.3. The application demonstrates links to the Local Agreement for Wiltshire ambition “Building Resilient Communities.”

8.1.4. It should be noted that the weekend event was previously funded with a condition that that event would not be eligible for future community area grants

8.1.5. The applicant is contributing in kind funding towards the project.

8.1.6. The applicant states that if the project is not awarded the full amount the stewards would not be able to include as many establishments for the elderly

8.1.7. **It is recommended that a grant of £851 is approved.**

Applicant 8.2	Project summary	Funding requested
Gloucester Road Allotment Association	Provision of allotment facilities for disabled people including a composting toilet	£5,000

8.2.1. The applicant meets the grant criteria 2010/11

8.2.2. The application demonstrates a link to the Trowbridge Community Area Plan Theme 4 Environment inc countryside and land

8.2.3. The application demonstrates links to the Local Agreement for Wiltshire ambitions “Building Resilient Communities” & “Protecting the Environment”

8.2.4. The applicant is contributing over £10,000 other funding towards the project

8.2.5. The applicant states if they do not receive the funding it will affect the completion of the overall project

8.2.6. The Amenities and Leisure department of the Council rate this application as a high priority

8.2.7 **It is recommended that a grant of £5,000 is approved on condition that the Awards for All funding and Town Council funding are awarded. This application could be deferred to the May Area Board meeting.**

Applicant 8.3	Project summary	Funding requested
Trowbridge Town Council	To provide a free National Play Day in Trowbridge Park on 6 <sup>th</sup> August	£2,964

8.3.1 The applicant meets the grant criteria 2010/11

8.3.2 The applicant demonstrates links to the Trowbridge Community Area Plan Theme 3 Culture including leisure, recreation, heritage & the arts.

8.3.3 The application demonstrates links to the Local Agreement for Wiltshire ambition "Lives not Services"

8.3.4 The applicant is contributing over 50% funding towards the project

8.3.5 The applicant states if they do not receive the funding requested the project would not be able to go ahead.

8.3.6 **It is recommended that a grant of £2,964 is approved with the condition that the applicant does not apply to the Area Board for further funds towards this event as it would then constitute core funding.**

Applicant 8.4	Project summary	Funding requested
Trowbridge Neighbourhoods Partnership	To purchase printing equipment for regular newsletters	£771

8.4.1 The applicant meets the grant criteria 2010/11

8.4.2 The applicant demonstrates links to the Trowbridge Community Area Plan Theme 2 Housing & Built Environment

8.4.3 The application demonstrates links to the Local Agreement for Wiltshire ambition "Building Resilient Communities."

8.4.4 The applicant has provided some of its own funds towards the project

8.4.5 The applicant states that if the funding is not awarded the project will not happen

8.4.6 **It is recommended that a grant of £771 is approved.**

Applicant 8.5	Project summary	Funding requested
Trowbridge Westbourne Sports Club - Tennis Section	To provide tennis coaching and summer camps for school children	£793

8.5.1 The applicant meets the grant criteria

8.5.2. The applicant demonstrates a link to the Trowbridge Community Area Plan Theme 3 Culture including leisure, recreation, heritage & the arts

8.5.3. The applicant demonstrates links to the Local Agreement for Wiltshire ambitions "Building Resilient Communities"

8.5.4. The applicant is providing some of its own funds and some in kind funding towards the project

8.5.5. The applicant states if funding is not awarded the project would have to cut back the number of children included.

- 8.5.6. The Sports Development section of the Council rates this application as a high priority
- 8.5.7. **It is recommended that a grant of £793 is approved on condition that it is a one off application for this and any other coaching schemes otherwise it would become core funding.**

Applicant 8.6	Project summary	Funding requested
The Trowbridge County Town Initiative	Support for marketing literature and promotional evening to attract new members	£939

- 8.6.1 The applicant meets the grant criteria 2010/11 although it should be noted that individually the organisations involved are profit making organisations.
- 8.6.2 The applicant demonstrates links to the Trowbridge Community Area Plan Theme 1 Economy, including Tourism & Employment
- 8.6.3 The application demonstrates links to the Local Agreement for Wiltshire ambition "Supporting Economic Growth."
- 8.6.4 The applicant has provided no match funding towards the project
- 8.6.5 The applicant states that if the funding is not awarded the project will not be able to attract membership and the group would be abandoned.
- 8.6.6 The quotes for the use of the Conference room at the Shires and reception costs from Red or White are from retail businesses in the town that would benefit from this initiative so it would seem inappropriate to fund these
- 8.6.7 The Economic Development section of the Council rates this application as a high priority due to the number of vacant shops in the town centre
- 8.6.8 **It is recommended that a grant of £444 towards the advertising only is approved.**

Applicant 8.7	Project summary	Funding requested
North Bradley Youth Club	To purchase equipment for a local youth club	£449

- 8.7.1 The applicant meets the grant criteria 2010/11
- 8.7.2 The applicant demonstrates links to the Trowbridge Community Area Plan Theme 6 Education & Lifelong Learning
- 8.7.3 The application demonstrates links to the Local Agreement for Wiltshire ambition "Building Resilient Communities."
- 8.7.4 The applicant has not provided any other funds towards the project
- 8.7.5 The applicant states that if the funding is not awarded the project will have to wait until other funding could be obtained
- 8.7.6 **It is recommended that a grant of £449 is approved.**

Applicant 8.8	Project summary	Funding requested
Trowbridge Wanderers Youth Football Club	To refurbish shower facilities	£5,000

- 8.8.1 The applicant meets the grant criteria 2010/11
- 8.8.2 The applicant demonstrates links to the Trowbridge Community Area Plan Theme 3 Culture including leisure, recreation, heritage & the arts

- 8.8.3 The application demonstrates links to the Local Agreement for Wiltshire ambition “Building Resilient Communities.”
- 8.8.4 The applicant has provided over 50% funds towards the project from the Town Council
- 8.8.5 The applicant states that if the funding is not awarded the project will not proceed
- 8.8.6 The Sports Development section of the Council rates this application as a high priority
- 8.8.7 **It is recommended that a grant of £5,000 is approved. This application could be deferred to the May Area Board meeting.**

<b>Appendices:</b>	<b>Appendix 1 Grant applications</b>
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