

**Report to** Westbury Area Board  
**Date of Meeting** 11 February 2010  
**Title of Report** Community Area Grants

**Purpose of Report**

To ask councillors to consider 14 applications seeking 2009/10 Community Area Grant Funding.

**1. FAIRFIELD FARM COLLEGE to pay for catering and kitchen equipment to be used to provide enhanced work based learning opportunities for young people with learning difficulties. The project would not only help students learn new skills but would also help develop the catering side of the college and may eventually lead to the opening of an on site café staffed by students. Fairfield College is putting two thirds of funding towards this project.**

**It is recommended:** that Fairfield Farm College is awarded a grant of £5,000.

**2. WESTBURY 1<sup>ST</sup> SCOUT GROUP to fund the purchase of specialist cases for the safe transportation of camping equipment and personal kit when camping. Up till now the Scouts have been using a horsebox for this purpose – dedicated transit cases would provide protection and security for the equipment.**

**It is recommended:** that the Westbury 1<sup>st</sup> Scout Group is awarded £930 for the purchase of cases.

**3. WESTBURY TOWN COUNCIL – to match fund a £3,000 heritage plaques project aimed at raising the historic profile of Westbury and increasing visitor numbers. The project will mark buildings of historic interest with a blue explanatory plaque – the heritage trail would be marked and promoted through a leaflet. It is anticipated the project will generate public interest and involvement.**

**It is recommended:** the Westbury Town Council is awarded £1500 towards the heritage plaques project.

**4. BRATTON PARISH COUNCIL – RECREATION GROUND COMMITTEE to fund the fencing of an extension to the village recreation ground. People from around Bratton and the surrounding area will benefit from the increase of facilities on the ground which will eventually include a rural exercise area.**

**It is recommended:** that Bratton Parish Council Recreation Ground Committee is awarded £1000 to pay for fencing materials and labour.

**5. 2<sup>ND</sup> WESTBURY ALL SAINTS GUIDES – to fund the purchase of a storage shed to secure tents and equipment. The project will benefit around 50 girls between 10-18. The current shed is old and leaking.**

**It is recommended:** that 2<sup>nd</sup> Westbury All Saints Guides is awarded £490 to purchase a storage shed.

**6. RELATE MID WILTSHIRE- to fund the Talk Zone service which provides counselling and support to families and young people in Westbury. This specific need for help for up to four families and/or four young people has been identified by the White Horse Children’s Centre, It is proven this intervention can support healthy recovery of relationships and ensure safety and wellbeing of children involved.**

**It is recommended:** that Relate Mid Wilts is awarded £990 for this project. The funding is one off for a time specific project.

**7. WESTBURY AND DISTRICT CRICKET CLUB – to fund the upgrade of two lane cricket nets that have been condemned through health and safety. These facilities will be used by more than 150 young people and adults to enhance their cricket skills. There are also plans to start a women’s cricket team. The nets would also be offered for use to all clubs in the area as well as schools and the Leighton recreation centre. This upgrade forms part of a larger ground improvement project for which the club has secured funding from a variety of sources.**

**It is recommended:** The Westbury and District Cricket Club are awarded £1300 towards the replacement and upgrading of nets.

**8. WESTBURY DETACHMENT, WILTSHIRE ARMY CADET FORCE – to fund training equipment including casualty simulations kits and instructional DVDs. This organisation provides interesting activities for between 30-40 young people from the Westbury community area.**

**It is recommended:** The Westbury Detachment of the Wiltshire Army Cadet Force is awarded £550 towards training equipment.

**9. WESTBURY COMMUNITY FITNESS AND FRIENDSHIP GROUP – to fund the set up and running of a pilot Fitness and Friendship group for people over 60. The project which is part funded by Age Concern and the BA13+ Community Area Partnership, will provide both social opportunities and gentle exercise using qualified instructors. It is expected the project will cater for around 40- 45 people and it is hoped to extend it to the villages.**

**It is recommended:** that Westbury Fitness and Friendship group is awarded £1,700 towards the pilot group. The area board would be unable to fund continuing revenue costs of this project should it extend beyond the year.

**10. WESTBURY AMATEUR SWIMMING CLUB – to fund the purchase of water polo goals and associated equipment. The club, which has existed since 1897, provides around 120 people (from four years upwards) with swimming tuition, training and activities.**

**It is recommended:** that Westbury Amateur Swimming Club is awarded £961 for the purchase of water polo goals and associated equipment.

**11. WESTBURY FIRST RESPONDERS – to fund the purchase of a defibrillator and associated equipment for use in emergency first response. This organisation provides emergency response in the Westbury community, working with the ambulance service.**

**It is recommended:** that Westbury First Responders be awarded £1,000 towards their grant funding request of £1720. Reason: Lack of match funding means the board is only able to grant a maximum of £1,000.

**12. WHITE HORSE DAY CENTRE – to fund the purchase of a laptop, and printer for use by the voluntary staff to promote the centre, maintain records of accounts, purchases etc. Also help with communications and raising the profile of the club. The club at the centre has been running successfully for more than ten years and provides social activity, support and a cooked lunch to older people in the community.**

**It is recommended:** that the White Horse Day Centre is awarded £720 towards the purchase of a laptop and printer.(the organisation is contributing £150 towards this project).

**13. WESTBURY TOWN COUNCIL – to match fund a £10,000 vision and scoping study to update the Vision for Westbury and help plan the future needs of the town and community. The project, which would involve and consult with the community, is backed by the officers and expertise of the Mid Wiltshire Economic Partnership and would be similar to the recent successful Vision for Warminster project. The findings of the study would also help shape and update the community plan.**

**It is recommended:** that Westbury Town Council is awarded £5,000 for a vision and scoping study.

**14. BA13+ COMMUNITY AREA PARTNERSHIP – to help fund the work of the partnership including administration costs and the updating of the community plan.**

**It is recommended that:** the BA13+ Community Area Partnership is awarded £2,124 for running costs.

**NOTE:** The BA13+ CAP has already received a first tranche of funding for 2009/10. The recommendation above would bring its total funding to £4,795 for the 2009/10, representing 15.8% of the overall area board budget.

## **1. Background**

1.1 Area Boards have authority to approve Area Grants under powers delegated to the Area Boards by the Leader of the Council (13<sup>th</sup> May 2009). Under the terms of that delegation Area Boards must operate within the policies set by the Leader and/or the Council. The Council has adopted an Area Grants policy, with funding criteria, to which the Area Boards must adhere.

1.2 In accordance with the Scheme of Delegation, any recommendation of an Area Board that was contrary to the funding criteria would need the approval of the Leader, the appropriate Cabinet Member or the Cabinet.

1.3 In 2009/10 the Westbury Area Board has been allocated a budget of £30,335. After the allocation of funding at the September and December 2009 Area Board meetings together with the first tranche of funding for the BA13+ Community Area Partnership, there is £23,265 available.

## **2. Main Considerations**

2.1 Councillors will need to be satisfied that grants awarded in the 2009/10 year are made to projects that can realistically proceed before 31<sup>st</sup> March 2010.

2.2 Funding applications will be considered at every Area Board meeting until 31<sup>st</sup> March 2010. The February 11 meeting of the Westbury Area Board will be the last in this financial year.

## **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 Westbury Area Board.

4.2 If grants are awarded in line with officer recommendations Westbury Area Board will have used up all its funding allocation for 2009/10

## **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
101	Fairfield Farm College	Improve catering facilities to enhance work based learning opportunities for young people with learning disabilities to prepare them for paid employment	£5000

8.1.1 Officers are of the opinion that this application meets 2009/10 grant criteria.

8.1.2 This application links to several Wiltshire Council priorities such as improving young people's participation in positive activities; improving business productivity through innovation;

8.1.3 Fairfield Farm College has 28 residential students and four day students all with learning disabilities. Students from Wiltshire College also attend one day a week to learn practical work skills.

8.1.4 The funding would be used to improve kitchen equipment to provide better catering training facilities for students. In the longer term the college would aim to open a café staffed by students, to serve the local community

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
102	1 <sup>st</sup> Westbury Scout Group	Purchase of specialist cases for the safe transportation of camping equipment and personal kit when camping.	£930

8.2.1 Officers are of the opinion that this application meets 2009/10 grant criteria.

- 8.2.2 This application links to the Wiltshire Council priority of improving young people's participation in positive activities.
- 8.2.3 This Scout group provides adventurous activities and personal development opportunities to 85 young people of both sexes between the ages of six – 25.

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
108	Westbury Town Council	To match fund a £3,000 heritage plaques project aimed at raising the historic profile of Westbury and increasing visitor numbers. The project will mark buildings of historic interest with a blue explanatory plaque – the heritage trail would be marked and promoted through a leaflet. It is anticipated the project will generate public interest and involvement.	£1500

- 8.3.1 Officers are of the opinion that this application meets 2009/10 grant criteria.
- 8.3.2 This project aims to raise the profile of the town, encourage visitors and enhance the town's economic viability. It links to Wiltshire Council priorities of improving young people's participation in positive activities and improving business productivity through innovation.

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
090	Bratton Parish Council (Recreation Ground Committee)	Fencing of an extension to the village recreation ground. People from around Bratton and the surrounding area will benefit from the increase of facilities on the ground which will eventually include a rural exercise area.	£1000

- 8.4.1 Officers are of the opinion that this application meets 2009/10 grant criteria.
- 8.4.2 The project will extend the usable recreation ground and provide extra facilities for youths including Westbury FC team. It will also create a rural exercise area to benefit the whole village.
- 8.4.3 This project links to Wiltshire Council priorities including engaging with local people; increasing numbers involved in volunteering; encouraging people to make healthy lifestyle choices; improving adult participation in sport and improving young people's participation in positive activities.

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
098	2 <sup>nd</sup> Westbury All Saints Guides	Purchase of a storage shed to secure tents and equipment.	£490

- 8.5.1 Officers are of the opinion that this application meets 2009/10 grant criteria.
- 8.5.2 The 2<sup>nd</sup> Westbury All Saints Guides provide activities for around 50 girls aged between 10 – 18. This secure storage will be used for tents and equipment.
- 8.5.3 This application links to the Wiltshire Council priority of improving young people's participation in positive activities.

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
089	Relate Mid Wiltshire	Talk Zone service which provides counselling and support to families and young people in Westbury.	£990

- 8.6.1 Officers are of the opinion that this application meets 2009/10 grant criteria.
- 8.6.2 This project will provide individual counselling support for up to four families and/or young people through Talk Zone. This need has been highlighted by the White Horse Children's Centre
- 8.6.3 This application links into Wiltshire Council priorities of engaging with local people; encouraging people to make healthy lifestyle changes; improving young people's participation in positive activities and increasing the number of people who feel safe in their community.
- 8.6.4 The Children's and Young People's Plan highlights the importance of promoting resilience and improving mental health as two of its top ten priorities for Wiltshire.

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
100	Westbury and District Cricket Club	Upgrade of two lane cricket nets	£1,300

- 8.7.1 Officers are of the opinion that this application meets 2009/10 grant criteria.
- 8.7.2 This funding would help pay for the upgrading of two lane artificial cricket nets that could be used by more than 150 young people and adults to improve their cricket skills. The nets will also be available for use by all clubs in the community, schools and the leisure centre.
- 8.7.3 This application links into a range of Wiltshire Council priorities including improving adult participation in sport and improving young people's participation in positive activities

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104	Westbury Army Cadet Force	Training equipment including casualty simulations kits and instructional DVDs.	£500
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- 8.8.1 Officers are of the opinion that this application meets 2009/10 grant criteria.
- 8.8.2 This project will provide training facilities for first aid including accident simulation. The Army Cadet force in Westbury has 30-40 members from around the community area. It offers a range of activities including first aid training.
- 8.8.3 This application links into a range of Wiltshire Council priorities including increasing the number of people involved in volunteering and improving young people's participation in positive activities

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
092	Westbury Community Fitness and Friendship Group	Set up and running of a pilot Fitness and Friendship group for people over 60. The project which is part funded by Age Concern and the BA13+ Community Area Partnership, will provide both social opportunities and gentle exercise	£1,700

- 8.9.1 Officers are of the opinion that this application meets 2009/10 grant criteria.
- 8.9.2 This pilot project would provide social and fitness opportunities to local people over 60. It is supported by Age Concern and the BA13+ Community Area Partnership.
- 8.9.3 This application links into a range of Wiltshire Council priorities including encouraging health lifestyle changes; increasing the numbers who feel safe in their community; improving adult participation in sport and increasing numbers involved in volunteering.

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
084	Westbury Amateur Swimming Club	Purchase of water polo goals and associated equipment.	£961

- 8.10.1 Officers are of the opinion that this application meets 2009/10 grant criteria.
- 8.10.2 This project will enable the purchase of water polo goals and associated equipment. The Westbury Amateur Swimming Club, which has been in existence since 1897, has recently raised its membership by almost 50% and provides a range of activities for all ages from swimming lessons to training.
- 8.10.3 This application links into a range of Wiltshire Council priorities including encouraging health lifestyle changes; improving adult



participation in sport; improving young people's participation in positive activities and increasing numbers involved in volunteering.

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
091	Westbury First Responders	Purchase of a defibrillator and associated equipment for use in emergency first response.	£1,720

8.11.1 Officers are of the opinion that this application does not meet the 2009/10 criteria as the application of £1,720 does not offer any match funding. Therefore it is recommended that the grant should not exceed £1,000.

8.11.2 This project will purchase potentially life saving equipment for use by trained First Responders. This group works with the Great Western Ambulance Service to provide emergency first response for first aid. increasing numbers involved in volunteering.

8.11.3 This application links into a range of Wiltshire Council priorities including increasing numbers involved in volunteering; encouraging healthy lifestyle changes; ; increasing the numbers who feel safe in their community; and reducing death through accidents.

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
099	White Horse Day Centre	Purchase of a laptop, and printer for use by the voluntary staff to promote the centre, maintain records of accounts, purchases etc.	£720

8.12.1 Officers are of the opinion that this application meets 2009/10 grant criteria.

8.12.2 This project, which is supported by the BA13+ Community Area Partnership, will fund the purchase of laptop and printer to enable the group to keep in touch with members, produce posters and flyers about events, keep electronic records for administration and finance. The club has 45 members and is run by volunteers. It provides cooked lunches and social activities, advice and assistance to people over 60.

8.12.3 This application links into a range of Wiltshire Council priorities including increasing numbers involved in volunteering; encouraging healthy lifestyle changes; increasing the numbers who feel safe in their community.

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
093	Westbury Town Council	A £10,000 vision and scoping study to update the Vision for Westbury	£5,000

		and help plan the future needs of the town and community.	
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8.13.1 Officers are of the opinion that this application meets 2009/10 grant criteria.

8.13.2 This project will fund a vision and scoping study which will help plan the future needs of the town and community. It is supported by the Mid Wiltshire Economic Partnership.

8.13.3 This application links into the Wiltshire Council priority of engaging with local people to find out their priorities and working with them to deliver solutions. In the longer term its outcome and resultant actions are expected to link into a range of priorities.

	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
	BA13+ Community Area Partnership	Final tranche of agreed funding for the work of the partnership including administration costs and the updating of the community plan.	£2,124

8.14.1 Officers are of the opinion that this application meets 2009/10 grant criteria.

<b>Appendices:</b>	<p><b>Appendix 1 Community Area Grant Criteria</b>  <b>Appendix 2 Grant Application Fairfield Farm College</b>  <b>Appendix 3 Grant Application 1<sup>st</sup> Westbury Scout Group</b>  <b>Appendix 4 Grant Application Westbury Town Council</b>  <b>Appendix 5 Grant Application Bratton Parish Council</b>  <b>Appendix 6 Grant Application 2<sup>nd</sup> Westbury All Saints Guides</b>  <b>Appendix 7 Relate Mid Wiltshire</b>  <b>Appendix 8 Grant Application Westbury and District Cricket Club</b>  <b>Appendix 9 Grant Application Westbury Army Cadet Force</b>  <b>Appendix 10 Grant Application Westbury Community Fitness and Friendship Group</b>  <b>Appendix 11 Grant Application Westbury Amateur Swimming Club</b>  <b>Appendix 12 Grant Application Westbury First Responders</b>  <b>Appendix 13 Grant Application White Horse Day Centre</b>  <b>Appendix 14 Grant Application Westbury Town Council</b></p>
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No unpublished documents have been relied upon in the preparation of this report.

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