

<b>Report to</b>	<b>Trowbridge Area Board</b>	<b>Agenda Item 06</b>
<b>Date of Meeting</b>	<b>22<sup>nd</sup> April 2010</b>	
<b>Title of Report</b>	<b>Community Area Grants</b>	

## **Purpose of Report**

To ask Councillors to consider 3 applications seeking 2010/11 Community Area Grant Funding:

1. North Bradley Peace Memorial Hall – Energy saving and security equipment - requested £993
2. Friends of Trowbridge in Bloom – Participatory programme of events – requested £5,000
3. Hilperton Village Hall - To upgrade toilets to include fitting of disabled toilet - requested £3,253.

**Total requested = £9,246**

## 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 recommendation of an Area Board that is contrary to the funding criteria would need the approval of the Leader, the appropriate Cabinet Member or the Cabinet.
- 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. Trowbridge Area Board has been allocated a 2010/2011 budget of £77,592 for community grants, community partnership core funding and councillor led initiatives.
- 1.5. 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.
- 1.6. 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.

<b>Background documents used in the preparation of this Report</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Community Area Grant Application Pack 2009/10 &amp; 2010/11</li><li>• Trowbridge Community Area Plan</li><li>• Local Agreement for Wiltshire</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.
- 2.2. There will be 7 rounds of funding during 2010/11. The first is contained in this report the remaining will take place on:
  - 13<sup>th</sup> May 2010
  - 1<sup>st</sup> July 2010
  - 9<sup>th</sup> September 2010

- 18<sup>th</sup> November 2010
- 20<sup>th</sup> January 2011
- 17<sup>th</sup> March 2011

### 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.
- 4.2. If grants are awarded in line with officer recommendations, Trowbridge Area Board will have a balance of £68,346 in its budget.

### 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”.

### 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
North Bradley Peace Memorial Hall	Energy saving loft insulation and installation of alarmed door closures	£993

- 8.1.1. The applicant meets the grant criteria 2009/10 (which is when it was submitted).

- 8.1.2. The application demonstrates links to the Trowbridge Community Area Plan

2004 – 14 theme 4 Environment including countryside and land based issues.

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

8.1.4. The applicant has not sought any other funding towards this application.

**8.1.5. It is recommended that a grant of £993 is approved.**

Applicant 8.2	Project summary	Funding requested
Friends of Trowbridge in Bloom	Participatory programme of events to encourage local residents to participate in a programme of planting. Will include the provision of baskets and seeds, delivery of workshops and information on how to grow things and encourage environmentally friendly methods of caring for plants. Programme will be aimed at all ages	£5,000

8.2.1. The applicant meets the grant criteria 2009/10 (which is when it was submitted).

8.2.2. The application does not demonstrate any direct links to the Trowbridge Community Area Plan 2004 – 14 indirectly it links to theme 6 Education and Lifelong Learning.

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

8.2.4. Wiltshire Council’s Parks Service is supportive of the application and would rate it as a high priority.

8.2.5. The applicant has applied for £9,000 from other funders.

**8.2.6. It is recommended that a grant of £5,000 is approved.**

Applicant 8.3	Project summary	Funding requested
Hilperton Village Hall	To upgrade the village hall toilets to include fitting a disabled toilet	£3,253

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

8.3.2. The application does not demonstrate any direct links to the Trowbridge Community

Area Plan 2004 – 14 indirectly it links to theme 6 Culture – including leisure, recreation, heritage & the arts.

8.3.3. The application demonstrates links to the Local Agreement for Wiltshire’s ambitions “Building resilient communities”.

8.3.4. The applicant is contributing £3,300 towards the application.

8.3.5. **It is recommended that a grant of £3,253 is approved.**

<b>Appendices:</b>	<b>Appendix 1 Grant application – North Bradley Peace Memorial Hall</b> <b>Appendix 2 Grant application – Friends of Trowbridge in Bloom</b> <b>Appendix 3 Grant application – Hilperton Village Hall</b>
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The following unpublished documents have been relied upon in the preparation of this report: Technical Officers Report.

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