

Report to	South West Wiltshire Area Board
Date of Meeting	5 December 2012
Title of Report	Funding for Young People in the South West Wiltshire Community Area

Purpose of Report

For Councillors to consider 14 applications seeking funding for youth projects from South West Wiltshire Area Board.

Applicant	Brief description of project	Amount
1st Mere Guides	Hooded jackets for all members	£500
Mere & Tisbury Girls Group	Materials and equipment to enable workshops to improve skills	£568
Locality E Autumn NCS Group	Festive fun day event	£400
Mere Community Area Young Peoples' Issues Group	Graffiti project, including workshops and repainting a 'kicking wall.'	£1,000
Zeals Youth Club	Equipment and materials to fund the re-opening of the youth club	£700
Bishopstone Saturday Soccer Club	Soccer skills coaching	£970
Semley Piano Club	Piano lessons in return for volunteering in local community shop	£893
Wilton and Barford Primary School	Street dance/zumba classes for after school	£995
Barts Youth Group	Transport to a four day activity retreat	£1,000
Mere Town Youth Football Club	New outdoor lighting for evening training sessions	£1,000
Mere Development Centre for Young People	Setting up a refreshments car to be run during Mere Town FC home matches	£763
Nadder Hall Film Club	New camera and lighting equipment	£1,000
1 st Mere Brownie Unit	Circus skills workshops, leading to local performances	£307
Kilmington and Stourton Cricket Club	Coaching qualifications for young people, who will then coach local children and young people at the club	£960
TOTAL		£11,056

Background

1.1 South West Wiltshire Area Board has £11,744 from the 2012/13 budget for funding youth projects across the Mere, Tisbury and Wilton Community Areas.

1.2 The criteria for applications is set out below:

- Groups of young people up to the age of 21 are eligible to apply.
- A group must be a minimum of 3 young people.
- Groups can apply for up to £1000 to take part in activities, buy equipment or other project costs; grants for more than £1000 will be considered on a case by case basis.
- The project ideas should come from young people themselves and they should be actively involved in the planning.
- The project should have a 'supporter' to help and hold funds for the project (e.g. youth worker, school, parish councillor).
- The project should show benefits for young people in at least one of the following areas:
 - Leading healthier lifestyles / keeping physically healthy.
 - Learning new skills.
 - Making a positive contribution.
 - Access to transport or other services.
 - Challenging bullying or discrimination.
 - Benefitting the local community.
- Young people should have help to present their ideas to the Area Board.
- Young people should develop ideas for how they will know their project has been successful.
- Young people should be actively involved working out the project costs and benefits.

1.3 Young people, with assistance as required, will present their youth project to the Area Board during the Area Board meeting on 5 December 2012 in the form of a 2 minute presentation.

1.4 All awards will be subject to a suitable 'supporter' being in place to hold funds for the project and confirm that any necessary safeguards are in place. The supporter will ensure that funds are spent as outlined within applications and any unspent funds are returned within 6 months of the project starting. The supporter will confirm the project has run and will provide a simple account summary detailing how funds were used within 6 months of the project starting.

1.5 All awards are subject to quotes / estimates being provided as financial evidence; one quote is required for each element of the project.

1.6 A total of 14 applications are due to be considered, as shown below

a. 1st Mere Guides

- The project is to provide a girl guide hoodie top for each of the club members.
- The group consists of 15 young people.
- The amount applied for is £500.
- The project aims to enable the guides to feel more part of a team, especially when attending official trips and Church services.

b. Mere & Tisbury Girls Group

- The project is provide funding for materials and equipment in order for skills to be developed through workshops such as baking, cake decoration and jewellery making.
- The group consists of approximately 12 young people.
- The amount applied for is £568.
- The project aims to enable the group to learn new skills. The group also aims to sell items made as a way of putting money back into the project.

c. Locality E Autumn NCS Group

- The project is to purchase materials to run a festive fun day, as part of a National Citizen Service social action project.
- The group consists of approximately 13 young people.
- The amount applied for is £400.
- The project aims to attract young people to an event that will enable them to try out a wide range of arts, crafts, cooking and conservation construction activities. Remaining art supplies will be donated to the junior youth clubs in Mere and Tisbury.
- An application to the O₂ Think Big Project has been made, to buy materials for the cookery and construction elements of the day and the hire of the venue.

d. Mere Community Area Young Peoples' Issues Group

- The project is to run a graffiti project for young people in Mere, which will culminate in painting a design onto the 'kicking wall' on the recreation ground.
- The group consists of 6-10 young people.
- The amount applied for is £1000.
- The project aims to enable young people to work alongside an experienced artist and develop their creative skills. It will also make a positive contribution to the local community through decorating the 'kicking wall.'

e. Zeals Youth Club

- The project is to buy equipment and materials for the re-opening of the youth club.
- The group consists of 15-20 young people.
- The amount applied for is £700.
- The project aims to provide an opportunity for local young people to try new activities and develop their own practical and personal skills.
- The youth club is due to re-open in early 2013, on a Wednesday evening from 6-8.30pm.

f. Bishopstone Saturday Soccer Club

- The project is to meet the cost of an FA qualified coach to carry out a two coaching session on Saturday mornings.
- The group consists of up to 25 young people.
- The amount applied for is £970.
- The project aims to promote physical fitness and an increased level of football skills, as well as bringing together young people from across the village.
- 44 weeks of coaching sessions costs £2,200; the remaining funding will be contributed by parental contributions (£880) and a Parish Council grant (£350).

g. Semley Piano Club

- The project is to meet the cost of piano lessons, books and a grade 1 exam at the end of the year in exchange for young people volunteering in the local community shop.
- The group consists of 3 young people.
- The amount applied for is £893.
- The project aims to enable young people to learn new skills in playing the piano, whilst building better community relationships through volunteering.

h. Wilton & Barford Primary School

- The project is to meet the cost of running street dance/zumba lessons after school.
- The group consists of 132 young people.
- The amount applied for is £995.
- The project aims to promote physical fitness and enable young people to learn new skills. The school will cover any associated costs with the running of the club, including transport and a first aider.

j. Barts Youth Group

- The project is to pay for transport to and from an outdoor activity centre in North Devon.
- The group consists of 25 young people.
- The amount applied for is £1,000.
- The project aims to enable the young people to build friendship and teamwork skills, as well as promoting physical healthy and learning skills such as kayaking and raft building.
- Barts Youth Group heavily subsidises the cost of the holiday from its own accounts in order to enable all young people to attend.

k. Mere Town Youth Football Club

- The project is to pay for additional floodlighting to enable training to continue in the evenings.
- The group consists of approximately 120-130 young people.
- The amount applied for is £1,000.
- The project aims to enable the young people to train together as a team, improving their skills and fitness. There are 8 youth teams that would benefit from this.
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m. Mere Development Centre for Young People

- The project is to meet the cost of basic ingredients and equipment in order to set up a refreshments bar for future Mere Town FC home fixtures.
- The group consists of approximately ??? young people.
- The amount applied for is £763.
- The project aims to teach the young people new skills in customer service, food preparation and hygiene and business management.
- The group aims for this project to be self-funding in the future.

n. Nadder Hall Film Club

- The project is to purchase a new digital camera and set of studio lights for future use by the group.
- The group consists of 15-20 young people.
- The amount applied for is £1,000.
- The project aims to enable young people to learn new skills in writing, acting, filming and editing.
- Over 100 young people have been involved in the group over the last 5 years. The group filmed the Jubilee celebrations this year and aims to produce a DVD.

o. 1st Mere Brownie Unit

- The project is to cover the training and associated costs of circus skills workshops.
- The group consists of 30 young people.
- The amount applied for is £307.
- The project aims to teach young people circus skills; the group is regularly asked to perform at village events and these skills could then be showcased.
- Equipment could also be loaned to other local youth groups.

p. Kilmington & Stourton Cricket Club (Junior Section)

- The project is to pay for two young people to take cricket coaching courses in 2012. Once qualified, these young people will then become more involved in the coaching, development and management of 4 junior cricket teams.
- The group consists of 55 young people.
- The amount applied for is £960.
- The project will benefit the junior members of the club through team sport, as well as providing a qualification for two of the young people.

Recommendation:

- 1) **To consider and approve funding as set out in the table above, up to a total limit of £11,744.**
- 2) **To delegate responsibility to the Community Area Manager, Stephen Harris, to ensure funds are only released once all financial evidence has been received and a suitable 'supporter' is in place for each project, as agreed by the Chairman.**

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