

<b>Report to</b>	<b>Pewsey Area Board</b>
<b>Date of Meeting</b>	<b>10 March 2014</b>
<b>Title of Report</b>	<b>Area Board Funding</b>

## Purpose of Report

To ask councillors to consider eight applications seeking 2013/14 Community Area Grant funding.

1. Great Bedwyn Parish Council is requesting £500 towards tree planting at The Wharf. Officer recommendation is for members to consider this for approval with the condition that permission is given from the landowner (Canals and Rivers Trust) before funding is given or works carried out.
2. North Newton Parish Council is requesting £500 towards the purchase of an AED Defibrillator system. Officer Recommendation is for members to consider this for approval with the condition that all match funding is in place before funds are released.
3. Great Bedwyn Village Hall & Great Bedwyn Playgroup are requesting £500 towards the purchase of new tables. Officer Recommendation is for members to consider this for approval.
4. Woodborough Parish Council is requesting £500 towards the purchase of an AED Defibrillator system. Officer Recommendation is for members to consider this for approval with the condition that all match funding is in place before funds are released.
5. Shalbourne Village Hall is requesting £450 towards the refurbishment (redcoration) of the Village Hall. Officer Recommendation is for members to consider this for approval.
6. Burbage Pre School is requesting £2000 towards replacing the grass in the outdoor play area with astro turf. Officer Recommendation is for members to consider this for approval with the condition that all match funding is in place before funds are released.
7. Pewsey Extended Services/Pewsey Primary School is requesting £1,500 towards transport including drivers to enable young people aged 10-16 to access activities in neighbouring towns. Officer Recommendation is for members to consider this for approval with the condition that the funding from Extended Services budget is confirmed before funds are released.
8. Milton Lilbourne Parish Council is requesting £500 towards the purchase of a digital projector for the Village Hall to enable people to make better use of IT and internet access in the hall. Officer Recommendation is for members to consider this for approval.

It should be noted that numerous organisations approach the community area manager for advice; those that don't meet the criteria are not recommended to submit a full application. Only those that do meet the criteria are put forward for decision. It is for members to decide whether to approve or not, based on the information provided in this report.

Further information about each application and the Officer's comments can be found later in this report

## 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 Adult Care, Communities and Housing (5 April 2013). Under the Scheme of Delegation Area Boards must adhere to the [Area Board Grants Guidance 2013/2014](#).
- 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 for why this should justify an exception to the criteria.
- 1.3. The Localism agenda supports the ethos of volunteering and community involvement and the nurturing of resilient communities. With this in mind Community Area Grants (CAGs) should be encouraged from and awarded to community and voluntary groups.
- 1.4. The area board may want to link funding to local priorities, including those identified in their Community Plan, Local Area Joint Strategic Assessment and any other community based consultative work.
- 1.5. Pewsey Area Board has been allocated a 2013/2014 budget of **£49,132** for community area grants, digital literacy grants, community partnership core funding, area board operational funding and area board/councillor led initiatives.
- 1.6. In addition to CAGs and digital literacy grants councillors can submit an Area Board/Councillor Led Initiative. This enables area boards to tackle sticky community issues and/or community identified priorities. Cabinet have emphasised that they do not wish these to be used to avoid complying with Community Area Grant criteria or for filling gaps where there are council service shortfalls.
- 1.7. In support of the Olympic and Paralympic legacy, in 2013/14 the Pewsey area board invites applications that encourage young people and people with disabilities to become more actively involved in sports, outdoor activities, recreation, arts and volunteering
- 1.8. Applications of up to and including £500 can be made for a Community Area Grant, which will not require matched funding. Amounts of £501 - £5,000 will be required to find matched funding. The area board will rarely award more than £5,000. Grants of up to £500 are available for Digital Literacy projects.
- 1.9. New for 2013/14 is a single on-line application process for Community Area Grants (CAG) and Digital Literacy grants, introduced to provide an easy step by step application process. The application process and funding criteria can be found [here](#).

- 1.10. Area boards will not consider CAG applications from town and parish councils for purposes that relate to their statutory duties or powers that should be funded from the local town/parish precept. However this does not preclude bids from town/parish councils, encouraging community projects that provide new opportunities for local people or those functions that are not the sole responsibility of the town/parish council.
- 1.11. Officers are required to provide recommendations in their funding reports (except in the case of Area Board/Councillor led initiatives), although the decision to support applications is made by Wiltshire councillors on the area board.
- 1.12. Funding applications will be considered at every Area Board meeting whilst there is money available.
- 1.13. All recipients of area board funding are expected to complete an evaluation form as soon as the project has been completed and provide receipts if requested. Groups are encouraged to up-load information and photographs about their project on to their area board [blogsite \(pewsey.ourcommunitymatters.org.uk\)](http://pewsey.ourcommunitymatters.org.uk). Failure to evaluate projects will preclude applicants/organisations being considered for future funding.

<b>Background documents used in the preparation of this report</b>	<p><u><a href="#">Area Board Grant Criteria and Guidance 2013/14 as approved by delegated decision</a></u></p> <p>Pewsey Community Area Plan <u><a href="http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/adopted-pewsey-ca-plan-2011-new-intro.pdf">http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/adopted-pewsey-ca-plan-2011-new-intro.pdf</a></u></p> <p>Outcome of 2012 Pewsey JSA event <u><a href="http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/notes-from-discussion-groups-pewsey-forward.pdf">http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/notes-from-discussion-groups-pewsey-forward.pdf</a></u></p>
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## 2. Main Considerations

- 2.1. Pewsey Area Board has been allocated a 2013/2014 budget of **£49,132** that may be allocated through Community Area Grants, Digital Literacy Grants, Area Board/Councillor Led Initiatives and core funding for the CAP.
- 2.2. Councillors will need to ensure that the distribution of funding is in accordance with the Scheme of Delegation outlined in Section 1 of this report.
- 2.3. Councillors will need to be satisfied that grants awarded in 2013/2014 are made to projects that can realistically proceed within a year of the award being made.
- 2.4. There are no funding rounds remaining in 2013/14.

2.5. On 9 May 2011 it was agreed that in respect of urgent matters and exceptional circumstances that may arise from time to time between meetings that the Pewsey Community Area Manager, in consultation with the Councillors of the Pewsey Area Board, be granted delegated authority to approve expenditure not exceeding £500 from the Pewsey Area Board budget. A report explaining any such decision and the reasons why it was considered to be urgent shall be reported to the next ordinary meeting of the Pewsey Area Board.

### **3. Environmental & Community Implications**

3.1. Area Board Grants 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 Pewsey Area Board.
- 4.2. If all grants are awarded Pewsey area board will have a revenue overspend of -110, and a capital under spend of £428. The budget is made up of Capital, Revenue and Digital Literacy 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 Inclusion Implications**

7.1. Community Area Grants will give local community and voluntary groups, town and parish council's equal opportunity to receive funding towards community based projects and schemes, where they meet the funding criteria.

7.2. Implications relating to individual grant applications will be outlined in section 8, "Officer Recommendations" of the funding report.

### **8. Officer Recommendations**

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.1.	Great Bedwyn	To replace trees that	£500

	Parish Council	had to be felled by the Canals and Rivers Trust	(capital)
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8.1.1. It is the Officers recommendation that an award of £500 towards the project be considered for approval on condition that the Canals and Rivers Trust, as landowner, give permission for this works. Community Area Manager to be sent this before funds are released.

8.1.2. This application meets the grant criteria 2013/14. The applicant is the Great Bedwyn Parish Council. Parish Councils are not normally funded unless for projects that are outside of their normal remit, which Officers believe this to be.

8.1.3. The total project costs are £500 for the purchase of trees. Planting will be done by volunteers.

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.2.	North Newnton Parish Council	The installation of one defibrillator (AED) at Hilcott Village Hall	£500 (capital)

8.2.1. It is the Officers recommendation that an award of £500 towards this project be considered for approval. Match funding needs to be in place before funds are released. £800 is confirmed but £350 still unconfirmed (at the time of writing)

8.2.2. This application meets grant criteria 2013/14.

8.2.3. The total project costs are £1,650.

8.2.4. The Pewsey Area Board has agreed to fund up to £500 for village defibrillators (one per parish) subject to available funds.

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.3.	Great Bedwyn Village Hall and Playgroup	To replace 5 old heavy tables with lighter modern and easy to put up ones	£500 (capital)

8.3.1 It is the Officer's recommendation that an award of £500 towards this project be considered for approval. No match funding is required.

8.3.2 This application meets grant criteria 2013/14.

- 8.3.3 The total project costs are £500.
- 8.3.4 The replacement table project will benefit all users of Great Bedwyn Village hall. This includes villagers who hire the building for social uses - weddings, parties, jumble sales etc but mainly the many villagers who participate in the various clubs and activities that happen daily at the hall.
- 8.3.5 Great Bedwyn Village hall is now the only venue with large hall space in the village (pop. 1200) due to the closure of the British Legion building in May.

Ref	Applicant	Project Proposal	Funding Requested
8.4	Woodborough Parish Council	The installation of one defibrillator (AED) at the Woodborough Social Club	£500

- 8.4.1 It is the Officers recommendation that an award of £500 for this project be considered for approval.
- 8.4.2 This application meets grant criteria 2013/14.
- 8.4.3 The total project costs are £1,650
- 8.4.4 The Pewsey Area Board has agreed to fund up to £500 for village defibrillators (one per parish) subject to available funds.

Ref	Applicant	Project Proposal	Funding Requested
8.5	Shalbourne Village Hall	Decorating, replacement of door, replacement of rear gate	£450

- 8.5.1 It is the Officers recommendation that an award of £450 for this project be considered for approval, with a condition that the match funding is in place before funding is released.
- 8.5.2 This application meets grant criteria 2013/14.
- 8.5.3 The total project costs are £950
- 8.5.4 The building was refurbished some five years ago. It has been in constant use ever since and is displaying signs of wear and tear. The very old ornate front door was not restored with the original refurbishment but now requires urgent attention as does the external paintwork. The rear entrance gate is inadequate giving concern about security for the oil tank located just inside it.
- 8.5.5 Shalbourne residents will benefit as this building used by all village organisations including the Parish Council. It is the only non-licenced

meeting place in the village.

Ref	Applicant	Project Proposal	Funding Requested
8.6	Burbage Pre School	To replace the grass in the outdoor play area with astro turf to enable the children to make the most of the outdoors whatever the weather all year round	£2,000

- 8.6.1 It is the Officers recommendation that an award of £2,000 for this project be considered for approval, with a condition that the match funding is in place before funding is released (match funding is being sought through local fundraising).
- 8.6.2 This application meets grant criteria 2013/14.
- 8.6.3 The total project costs are £4,616
- 8.6.4 The children that attend Burbage Pre School will greatly benefit from this project. This is not just limited to Burbage children – there are children from many local areas including as far as Marlborough and Pewsey.
- 8.6.5 The project will enable the children to have unlimited access to the whole of the outside area all year round. Currently they are limited to the non grass area in the winter months when the grass is far too muddy and slippery to use. Astro Turfing this area would mean the children would have less limits on their explorations of the outside world and would enable them to access the Willow tunnel and Pirate ship which are located on the grass. Due to the additional freedom and choice they would have, children would spend more time outside getting exercise and fresh air.

Ref	Applicant	Project Proposal	Funding Requested
8.7	Extended Services/Pewsey Primary School	Transport including drivers to enable young people aged 10-16 to access activities in neighbouring towns	£1,500

- 8.7.1 It is the Officers recommendation that an award of £1,500 for this project be considered for approval, with a condition that funding from the extended schools budget is confirmed before funding is released.
- 8.7.2 The young people of Pewsey aged 10 - 16 will benefit from having equal access to opportunities that their peers who live in towns have access to. They will be able access the wider community and enjoy sporting activities and socialise with their peers in safe environments. The young

people will be engaged in purposeful activities, raising their self esteem, meeting new friends and enjoying themselves - learning new skills and trying out new sports.

- 8.7.3 The applicant would work very closely with the SHAK and also all the local schools in the community area to ensure that all young people of the relevant age had equal access to the transport.
- 8.7.4 The project will be monitored through evaluation ongoing termly (6xyear) by looking at the attendance figures and involving the young people and ensuring the activities and timings meet the demand/needs of the users.
- 8.7.5 The project costs are £3,000 – match funding will come from charges for use (£1 return) and money which is left in the Extended Schools Budget

Ref	Applicant	Project Proposal	Funding Requested
8.8	Milton Lilbourne Parish Council	To provide IT interface to the community (village Hall) to establish ability to make presentations to audience via projector & screen	£500

- 8.8.1 It is the Officers recommendation that an award of £500 for this project be considered for approval.
- 8.8.2 This application meets grant criteria 2013/14.
- 8.8.3 The total project costs are £1,500.84
- 8.8.4 The Parish Council are installing internet access to the hall and the projector will enable the hall to be used by groups wishing to use IT in the hall for their meetings, and also for training people to use IT and access the internet.

<b>Appendices</b>	Appendix 1 Grant Application –  <a href="#">Grant applications</a>
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No unpublished documents have been relied upon in the preparation of this report other than those requested in the funding criteria e.g. estimates.

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