

Report to	Calne Area Board
Date of Meeting	8 April 2014
Title of Report	Area Board Funding

Purpose of Report

To ask councillors to consider the following officer recommendations:

1. Calne Archery Group – award £1,000 towards the creation of a footpath to the Archery range at Beversbrook Sports facility.
2. To note the outcome of the Calne Area Board World War 1 funding initiative delegated to the Community Area Manager (4th February 2014).

1. Background

- 1.1. Area Boards have authority to approve Area Grants under powers delegated to them. Under the Scheme of Delegation Area Boards must adhere to the Area Board Grants Guidance.
- 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 wish to link funding to local priorities, including those identified in their Community Plan, Community Area Joint Strategic Assessment and any other community based consultative work.
- 1.5. For the 2014/15 financial year Calne Area Board has been allocated a budget of **£58,112** 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. Applications of up to and including £1,000 can be made for a Community Area Grant, which do not require matched funding. Amounts of £1,001 - £5,000 will be required to find matched funding. The area board will rarely award more than £5,000.
- 1.8. A ring-fenced budget of £1,500 has been provided specifically for Digital Literacy Grants, although the area board may spend more. Up to £500 per project is available for capital projects.
- 1.9. There 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 provide recommendations, however the decision to support applications is made by Calne area board councillors.
- 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 the [calne.ourcommunitymatters blogsite](#) . Failure to evaluate projects will preclude applicants/organisations being considered for future funding.

<p>Background documents used in the preparation of this report</p>	<p>Area Board Grant Criteria and Guidance 2013/14 as approved by delegated decision</p> <p>Calne Area Board minutes 4th February 2014</p> <p>Calne Community Area Plan 1999 - 2014</p> <p>Community Area Joint Strategic Assessment 2014</p>
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2. Main Considerations

- 2.1. Councillors must ensure that the distribution of funding is in accordance with the Scheme of Delegation outlined in Section 1 of this report.
- 2.2. Councillors will need to be satisfied that grants awarded in 2014/2015 are made to projects that can realistically proceed within a year of the award being made.
- 2.3. This is the first funding round of the 2014/15 financial year.

Future rounds will take place as follows:

- 22 April 2014 for consideration on 3 June 2014
- 24 June 2014 for consideration on 5 August 2014
- 26 August 2014 for consideration on 7 October 2014
- 28 October 2014 for consideration on 9 December 2014

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 Calne Area Board.
- 4.2. If grants are awarded and retained in accordance with officer recommendations Calne area board will have a balance **£57,112**.

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 and Small 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.	Calne Archers	Footpath to Archery Range	£1,000

8.1.1. Officers recommend that The Calne Archers group is awarded a community area grant of £1000 towards the provision of a footpath to the Archery Range at Beversbrook Sports Facility.

8.1.2. At the Calne 'What Matters to You' event held on 18th March 2014 local people considered its top leisure priority was: 'to support accessible healthy lifestyles and social leisure activities across the community area.'

8.1.3. Calne Archers appeals to a wide range of people of different ages and abilities from across the community area. It also appeals to people who experience mobility issues.

8.1.4. The current archery range is located in a position that at certain times becomes inaccessible to people with mobility problems as a result of wet/uneven ground.

8.1.5. The applicant believes that this project will help to alleviate this problem

8.2.	Area Board WW1 project initiative	Notice of Community Area Manager delegated decisions.
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8.2.1. Officers request that the Calne Area Board notes details of delegated decisions made by the Community Area Manager in liaison with the Chairman and Vice Chairman regarding an Area Board initiative to provide funding towards specific community area projects that will engage local people in the commemoration of the centenary of World War One.

8.2.2. At its meeting on 4th February 2014, the Calne Area Board agreed to the allocation of £10,000 from the Area Board budget for local groups to apply for funding to encourage projects to commemorate the World War (WW1) centenary.

8.2.3. Decision for awarding grants to individual projects was delegated to the Community Area Manager (CAM) – in liaison with the Chairman of the Area Board.

8.2.4. The CAM received 4 applications from across the Community Area:

- Friends of Abberd Brook – reflection seat. This project will involve installing a commemorative bench along the Abberd Brook, in the vicinity of the pond and involving children from the local primary school to plant poppies in the same area to promote ideas about quiet reflection. (£1,000).
- Calne Town Council/ British Legion - ‘palest ink stronger than the best memory’. This project will run in conjunction with a bigger project that will see the renovation of the Towns war memorial. Local school children will work with a local stone mason to re-paint the names on the memorial – and will also link to discovering more information about experiences of local people in WW1. (£1,000)
- Calne Heritage Centre - 1914-18 War Commemoration Project. Residents of Calne will be invited over the period August 2014 to November 2018 to complete A4 posters telling the story of a relative who experienced the years of WWI, adding a photograph if possible. They will be asked to bring or email their posters to the Centre on a day they have chosen as significant to the story and it will be displayed in the Centre. At the end of the project all the posters will be put into display books and kept as an archive capturing these important memories. (£500)
- Derry Hill Bells project – Derry Hill has never before had church bells and in the past has used a recording to mark occasions such as Remembrance Day. The community is embarking on a major project to fundraise the purchase and installation of a set of bells and to engage local people in volunteering to learn how to ring them. This WW1 project will mark the launch of the bigger scheme and will be focussed solely upon acquiring one bell, the remembrance bell. This will form a focal point of the community commemorations over the coming years and the local primary school will be invited to engage the children in creative activities (writing/drawing/music etc) that link to the bell and the

commemoration. The bell will be hung in the church in time for Remembrance Day 2018 when it will then be rung to commemorate the centenary of the end of the war and a continuing reminder to children who have been involved in the project whenever they hear it rung in future. (In addition an explanatory plaque will be hung in the church bearing the names of those from the area who served and as a reminder of the project). (£2,500)

- 8.2.5. This funding represents a geographical spread that reaches the town and the rural parts of the community area equally.
- 8.2.6. The Community Area Manager has liaised extensively with applicants, town and parish Councils and the Area Board Chairman and believes that all projects meet the intended outcomes of the scheme. Particularly in engaging local people with reflecting upon the whole duration of the war and not as a celebration of the centenary.
- 8.2.7. All applications have been awarded accordingly.
- 8.2.8. This initiative was funded through the Area Board budget for 2013/14. Money allocated to the scheme and not spent will now be returned to the central budget.
- 8.2.9. Applications for further projects that link to the commemoration of the centenary of WW1 are welcome to be made to the 2014/15 community area grant scheme.

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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