

Report to	Royal Wootton Bassett & Cricklade
Date of Meeting	18/03/2015
Title of Report	Community Area Grants

## 1. Purpose of the report:

To ask Councillors to consider the following applications seeking funding from the Royal Wootton Bassett & Cricklade Area Board.

Application	Grant Amount	Capital available £27,801.98 Revenue available £8,591.64
<b>Applicant:</b> Tockenham Village Hall <b>Project Title:</b> REFURBISHMENT OF TOCKENHAM VILLAGE HALL	£5000.00	
<b>Applicant:</b> Cricklade Town Hall <b>Project Title:</b> Cricklade Town Hall - Extra Chairs	£994.80	
<b>Applicant:</b> Lyneham Scout & Guide Association <b>Project Title:</b> Lyneham Scout & Guide HQ storage facility	£618.79	
<b>Applicant:</b> Royal Wootton Bassett Branch of Wilts & Berks Canal Trust <b>Project Title:</b> Studley Grange Wildlife Trail Installation of fencing	£2900.00	
<b>Applicant:</b> Wiltshire Portage <b>Project Title:</b> Wiltshire Portage ipad	£365.99	
<b>Applicant:</b> Cricklade & District Community Association <b>Project Title:</b> Walk to fitness, via improved safer walkway.	£1375.00	
<b>Applicant:</b> Royal Wootton Bassett Town Trust <b>Project Title:</b> Repatriation Archiving Project - Digitisation	£4700.00	

<b>Applicant:</b> Clyffe Pypard and Bushton Village Hall Committee <b>Project Title:</b> New heating control	£239.40	
<b>Applicant:</b> Royal Wootton Bassett Rugby Football Club <b>Project Title:</b> New Posts and Playing Pitch Access	£5,000	
<b>Applicant:</b> Marston Meysey Village Hall Association <b>Project Title:</b> Marston Meysey Village Hall New Central Heating System	£5000.00	
<b>Total grant amount requested at this meeting</b>	£21198.98 +£1,000 revenue	
<b>Total amount allocated so far</b>	£19591	

### **Councillor initiative:**

**To award £1,000 revenue for community initiatives to support the Magna Carta celebrations in 2015**

## **2. Main Considerations**

Councillors will need to be satisfied that grants awarded in the 2014/15 year are made to projects that can realistically proceed within a year of the award being made.

Area Boards have authority to approve Area Grants under powers delegated to them by the Cabinet member for Communities, Campuses, Area Boards, Leisure, Libraries and Flooding. Under the Scheme of Delegation Area Boards must adhere to the Area Board Grants Guidance 2014/2015.

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.

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.

## **3. The applications**

<b>Applicant:</b> Tockenham Village Hall <b>Project Title:</b> REFURBISHMENT OF TOCKENHAM VILLAGE HALL	Amount Requested from Area Board: £5000.00	
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This application meets grant criteria 2014/15.

**Project Summary:** To help with costs for re-wiring the village hall and refurbishment.

**Please tell us WHO will benefit and HOW they will benefit from your project and benefit your local community:** We are looking to update our village hall. Tockenham is a rural community. We only have one community building and the committee have identified many areas that now needs updating. This includes re-wiring and refurbishment. This building is the backbone of the community. It allows all of the community to take part in community activities. We have coffee mornings, toddler groups, a social club, art groups, suppers. We are hoping with the refurbishment we can further use the hall for other activities.

<b>Applicant:</b> Cricklade Tennis Club <b>Project Title:</b> Cricklade Town Hall - Extra Chairs	Amount Requested from Area Board: £994.80	
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This application meets grant criteria 2014/15.

**Project Summary:** Cricklade Town Hall need some additional conference style chairs to accommodate the audience at our vibrant Cinema nights. The audience currently exceeds 100 attendees and there is a recognised shortage of comfortable chairs.

**Please tell us WHO will benefit and HOW they will benefit from your project and benefit your local community:** The wider Cricklade Community will benefit from the purchase of the new chairs which will provide more appropriate seating for the cinema screenings that take place regularly at the Town Hall, particularly the elderly who make up a large proportion of the attendees.

<b>Applicant:</b> Lyneham Scout & Guide Association <b>Project Title:</b> Lyneham Scout & Guide HQ storage facility	Amount Requested from Area Board: £618.79	
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This application meets grant criteria 2014/15.

**Project Summary:** We are asking for help to provide a storage facility at our new HQ to replace the tent we are currently using.

**Please tell us WHO will benefit and HOW they will benefit from your project and benefit your local community:** All members of Scouting and Guiding in Lyneham. Our new HQ will be available for members of the local community to use when not in use by our members.

<p><b>Applicant:</b> Royal Wootton Bassett Branch of Wilts &amp; Berks Canal Trust  <b>Project Title:</b> Studley Grange Wildlife Trail Installation of fencing</p>	<p>Amount Requested from Area Board: £2900.00</p>	
<p>This application meets grant criteria 2014/15.</p> <p><b>Project Summary:</b> The Wilts &amp; Berks Canal Trust will work on the canal route alongside the Biffa landfill site during 2015. Tenders are being examined for the excavation of the canal and grants sought. A Peoples Millions lottery grant of £50,000 has been obtained to develop the environment along the route to encourage wildlife, including water voles. This will include an accessible footpath, and vegetation and tree planting. The lease with the owners of the site requires the Trust to bound the leased area with a stock proof fence to provide security to the closing landfill site. Area Board funding is asked towards costs of installing this fence.</p> <p><b>Please tell us WHO will benefit and HOW they will benefit from your project and benefit your local community:</b> Restoration of the Wilts &amp; Berks Canal is in the Wiltshire Core Strategy &amp; Green Infrastructure Plan. Links to LAW P13, health &amp; well being, increase physical activity, P15 Economic Growth - increase in Tourism, P27 Biodiversity - green corridor for wildlife. The path will be open to the public with a wheelchair friendly surface. A local school and youth groups will be involved in planting and making bird-boxes, and will study wildlife arriving. Volunteers already maintain neighbouring sections of canal, and will install the fencing.</p>		
<p><b>Applicant:</b> Wiltshire Portage  <b>Project Title:</b> Wiltshire Portage ipad</p>	<p>Amount Requested from Area Board: £365.99</p>	
<p>This application meets grant criteria 2014/15.</p> <p><b>Project Summary:</b> To provide an ipad for children in the local area to assist with learning while receiving the Portage Service. The iPad can help with fine motor skills and hand eye coordination. The immediate cause and effect reaction of the sensitive screen is very important for these children and promotes continued attempts and activities. iPad activities can be very effective alongside traditional play activities. The numerous apps available enable very personalised planning for all children from those with severe and very complex needs to those on the autistic Spectrum.</p> <p><b>Please tell us WHO will benefit and HOW they will benefit from your project and benefit your local community:</b> Children and their families who receive the Portage Service. Many iPad apps can benefit children with additional needs where a simple touch of the screen has an effect, to</p>		

drawing, puzzles, story books, music making, communication apps, numeracy and literacy. The iPad can help with fine motor skills and hand eye coordination. The immediate cause and effect and reaction of the sensitive screen is very important for these children and promotes continued attempts and activities. iPad activities can be very effective alongside traditional play activities. The numerous apps available enable very personalised planning for all children from those with severe and very complex needs to those on the autistic Spectrum.

<p><b>Applicant:</b> Cricklade &amp; District Community Association  <b>Project Title:</b> Walk to fitness, via improved safer walkway.</p>	<p>Amount Requested from Area Board:          £1375.00</p>	
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This application meets grant criteria 2014/15.

**Project Summary:** To repair a number of serious potholes, improve access for a large part of Cricklade through walking to the centre in stead of driving

**Please tell us WHO will benefit and HOW they will benefit from your project and benefit your local community:** The access from the rear of the building is a full of pot holes, and is dangerous to any customer venturing that way, not only customers but deliveries as well. In addition and more importantly, a number of customers and more importantly prospective customers either drive in, all of 3/4 mile, or do attend. If we could get this area repaired I am certain that we will increase the usage of the centre and there will be less people driving.

<p><b>Applicant:</b> Royal Wootton Bassett Town Trust  <b>Project Title:</b> Repatriation Archiving Project - Digitisation</p>	<p>Amount Requested from Area Board:          £4700.00</p>	
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This application meets grant criteria 2014/15.

**Project Summary:** To create a digitized online archive of a diverse range of material, including documents and images of items gifted to the people of Royal Wootton Bassett during the years when repatriated fallen military personnel came through the town. Guidance is being given by Peter Tyas Arts and Archives, Wiltshire Council and is supported by Jane Scott, whom Peter briefs. The collection is unique and of local and national historical and social importance. As well as a form of preservation, a catalogued and searchable digitized archive would also make the collection easier for use by local schools for study and research.

**Please tell us WHO will benefit and HOW they will benefit from your project and benefit your local community:** This project will benefit those interested in understanding, researching or curious about the social history of this time, by providing a digitised archive of all materials and documents

that make up a unique collection of gifts and messages of appreciation received between 2007 and 2011 for the support and respect shown to fallen military personnel repatriated to RAF Lyneham who came through the town. This includes documents such as letters, cards and e-mails, gifts of appreciation such as paintings, poems and music and a large number of photographs. It represents an historic period in the town's history, which led to the title of Royal bestowed in 2011. It also signifies an important link between the town and the military that has existed for many years.

<b>Applicant:</b> Clyffe Pypard and Bushton Village Hall Comittee <b>Project Title:</b> New heating control	Amount Requested from Area Board: £239.40	
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This application meets grant criteria 2014/15.

**Project Summary:** To install new heater control for the heaters in the village hall.

**Please tell us WHO will benefit and HOW they will benefit from your project and benefit your local community:** The management committee will find it easier to manage the hall and users will see a reduction in hire costs when savings from the solar panels filter through.

<b>Applicant:</b> Royal Wootton Bassett Rugby Football Club <b>Project Title:</b> New Posts and Playing Pitch Access	Amount Requested from Area Board: £5,000	
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This application meets grant criteria 2014/15.

**Project Summary:**RWB RFC will be installing 2 new sets of rugby posts to create 2 new pitches at Ballards Ash to cater for the increase in participation the club has seen since the move from Stoneover Lane. After the installation of both the disabled access footpath and spectator fencing a bottle neck was created which will be block paved and Astroturf-ed to make a safer and more user friendly access to the pitches.

**Please tell us WHO will benefit and HOW they will benefit from your project and benefit your local community:** The town of Royal Wootton Bassett has a population of around 12,000 inhabitants plus there are a number of local villages also serviced by RWB RFC. The baseline figure for people using the facility in 2013 for sport only (not including spectators or social visitors) was 20,227. In 2014 we estimate the number of users to be c24,000 with further increases expected in 2015 due to an increase in sports teams using the site. A significant percentage of the total number of users of the facilities at Ballards Ash come from outside the rugby club, and with the new clubhouse now open the number of uses for the facility has increased greatly. Alongside the two floodlit rugby pitches, 3 football pitches and a cricket square, Ballards Ash can now host events & other social gatherings,

conferences and weddings. The usage of the facility has grown significantly since the completion of the new facilities, and currently the club have on average 400-500 players using the facility for games of rugby or football and 600+ using the facility for training per week this does not include supporters or parents. RWBRFC is an RFU Accredited Club and enjoys the support of its 751 active members. We field three senior teams, a successful colts section and teams from under 6â€™s through to under 16â€™s and the club is continuing to grow at a steady rate. The facility also hosts Brinkworth Cats FC who have 100 members plus supporters and Wootton Bassett FC who have 345 male & female playing members plus supporters. The cricket pitch which is fully maintained by RWB RFC is utilised by both Wootton Bassett CC & Swindon CC and on average hosts 2 weekend games and 1 midweek game per week. The number of bookings for the facility is also steadily increasing. Due to the closure of the Civic Centre (Sept 2014) a number of local community groups are being displaced from their normal meeting rooms. The design of our club allows us to accommodate several of these organisations. This increase footfall to the site and increased event bookings. The project will contribute to both the Swindon Sports Strategy and the County Sports Partnership, however there are many more which will benefit from the improved facilities, the most significant of which is the Joint Strategic Assessment of Wiltshire (JSA). One of the aims of the JSA is to improve the health and well-being of residents through increased sports participation. The 2012/13 edition of the JSA of Wiltshire showed that 25.2% of adults in Wiltshire are obese, which is higher than the national average. The JSA also showed that Royal Wootton Bassett & Cricklade Community Area has the third highest number of military family accommodation properties of all Wiltshire's community areas. The proportion of homes in the Royal Wootton Bassett & Cricklade Community Area classified as of decent quality and the number of households experiencing some form of fuel poverty is both around the average for Wiltshire. Three Lower Super Output Areas (LSOAs) in Royal Wootton Bassett & Cricklade Community Area are in the most deprived 20% in Wiltshire. And 7.5% of families from RWB & Cricklade Community Area surveyed can be classified as vulnerable. We are also regularly used by other community groups and individuals for sporting and social activities, including Royal Wootton Bassett Town Council, RWB Community Foundation, local darts, pool and crib teams, the Royal Wootton Bassett Otters swimming club, scouts, sea cadets and a number of birthday parties and charity evenings. Greater use of the facility is also expected from MOD families following the major redevelopment, which is currently being undertaken at the nearby RAF Lyneham. The Royal Electrical & Mechanical Engineers (REME) who are relocating to the old RAF Lyneham site have already visited the site and will be using the facility as a base for regimental rugby. The marketing and publicity of the new facilities has already been very successful in the short period since moving in, and the club have secured regular usage by Ballards Ash Care Home who use the facility as an activities location, by Persimmon Homes for marketing events, and by the Royal Wootton Bassett & Cricklade Area Board as a location for their public meetings. Sponsorship has also been sourced from Browns Venues & Events Management, which has seen a number of businesses' using the facility to host seminars and staff meetings

through their direct marketing of RWBRFC. Because of this effective and efficient management of the new facilities, RWBRFC has already significantly increased turnover and usage of Ballards Ash since taking ownership. We are very committed to becoming a key facility within the local community for both social and sporting activity and will continue to strive to become a place that can be enjoyed by the whole community whilst still delivering our core purpose of community rugby. An improvement to RWBRFCs facilities will help encourage sporting participation, which in turn will help support a healthy lifestyle and help in the effort to reduce obesity levels amongst adults in Wiltshire.

Councillor Allison Bucknell	Amount Requested from Area Board: £1,000	
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This application meets grant criteria 2014/15.

During 2015 there will be a number of Legacy Projects promoted by Wiltshire Council in which our Area Board may wish to participate, particularly the Magna Carta event in Salisbury in June. The money requested will enable interested groups to prepare the materials for the pageant and displays and to organise transport to get them to Salisbury. As the groups are representing our Community Area, it seems right that we should offer financial assistance. This grant will support members of the Community Area who attend the event on our behalf will spend time together creating materials, which promotes joint working and creativity, also being part of the pageant promotes our Community Area as a whole.

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