

Report to	Chippenham
Date of Meeting	07/09/2015
Title of Report	Community Area Grants

### 1. Purpose of the report:

To ask Councillors to consider the following applications seeking funding from the Chippenham Area Board.

Application	Grant Amount
<b>Applicant:</b> On behalf of Hullavington Village Hall Management Committee <b>Project Title:</b> Hullavington Village Hall - Stage extension and safety rails	£1687
<b>Applicant:</b> Chippenham Parkrun Organising Committee <b>Project Title:</b> Chippenham Junior Parkrun	£3000
<b>Applicant:</b> Sutton Benger Village Hall <b>Project Title:</b> Sutton Benger Playground Refurbishment	£5000
<b>Applicant:</b> GreenSquare <b>Project Title:</b> Ivy Partnership Notice Board	£1000
<b>Applicant:</b> Stanton St Quintin Primary School (PTFA) <b>Project Title:</b> Stanton St Quintin playground - resurfacing and enhancing the quality of play.	£3581
<b>Total grant amount requested at this meeting</b>	£14,268
<b>Total amount allocated so far</b>	£83,720

### 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

<p><b>Applicant:</b> On behalf of Hullavington Village Hall Management Committee  <b>Project Title:</b> Hullavington Village Hall - Stage extension and safety rails</p>	<p>Amount Requested from Area Board: <b>£1687</b></p>	<p><b>Grant Reference:1426</b></p>
<p>This application meets grant criteria 2014/15.</p> <p><b>Project Summary:</b> Extension staging units safety rails and stair handrails to ensure safety of those groups using the stage.</p> <p><b>Please tell us WHO will benefit and HOW they will benefit from your project and benefit your local community:</b> The groups using the hall range from the very young to the elderly so all sections of the community will benefit. Hullavington village hall has one of the highest usage rates in Wiltshire circa 70. It is used on a daily basis with 3 booking sessions for each of the two available rooms with several groups using the hall at the same time. Estimated footfall is approximately 6000 per annum. The extra staging and safety rails will ensure the safety of those using the stage for various Rural Arts Wiltshire presentations and concerts by music groups, singers etc.</p> <p>This project is supported by Hullavington Parish Council. The Parish Council has made a financial contribution to the project.</p> <p>This project is supported by the Village Hall &amp; Community Buildings Advisor at Community First.</p>		
<p><b>Applicant:</b> Chippenham Parkrun Organising Committee  <b>Project Title:</b> Chippenham Junior Parkrun</p>	<p>Amount Requested from Area Board: <b>£3000</b></p>	<p><b>Grant Reference: 1429</b></p>
<p>This application meets grant criteria 2014/15.</p> <p><b>Project Summary:</b> Following the massive success of Chippenham parkrun this would follow a similar template but for juniors. The project is a free weekly timed 2km event held at 9am every Sunday morning in Monkton Park. It would be aimed at children between the ages of 4 and 14 and be held in a safe environment. Parents can accompany their children spectate or assist with the marshalling or other volunteer duties. With waiting lists for youth clubs particularly running related we are confident this event would be as successful as its parent event.</p> <p><b>Please tell us WHO will benefit and HOW they will benefit from your</b></p>		

**project and benefit your local community:** Children increased physical benefits development of friendships increased confidence self-esteem increased opportunity to contribute to the local community by volunteering. Schools Reduced pressure on schools and teachers to provide extra-curricular activities for children Government NHS Reduced cost to the state related to physical inactivity Parents Families Increased participation in physical activity by parents/guardians.

This project was not able to secure financial support from Chippenham Town Council on this occasion as the next funding round is not until 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2015.

This application is supported by the Wiltshire Council Sports Development Team. The Sports Development Officer provided the following comments:

- The project will offer more young people in the Chippenham area the opportunity to be physically active and will help improve the health of those that participate. The success of the adult version of this programme in Chippenham indicates that there is demand for activities of this nature in the local area.
- The project help to deliver Wiltshire Council Business Plan aims & objectives Outcome 5: People in Wiltshire have healthy, active, high quality lives (healthy choices, positive activities) Outcome 4: Wiltshire has inclusive communities where everyone can achieve their potential (reducing disadvantage and poverty, health inequalities)
- The success of the adult Parkrun programme clearly indicates the group's ability to deliver this project successfully. So far the adult programme has had approximately 1,800 unique participants attend with over 6,000 visits in total.
- I support this application and would welcome new regular running opportunities for young people in the Chippenham area.

<b>Applicant:</b> Sutton Benger Village Hall <b>Project Title:</b> Sutton Benger Playground refurbishment	Amount Requested from Area Board: <b>£5000</b>	<b>Grant Reference:</b> <b>1327</b>
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This application meets grant criteria 2014/15.

**Project Summary:** The present playground equipment is old and unsafe and not suitable for children with specific physical and mental needs. Funding would give us the much-needed opportunity to have a playground area that would be designed with DDA approved equipment.

**Please tell us WHO will benefit and HOW they will benefit from your project and benefit your local community:** Initial funds have been used to refurbish the current facilities and this we will do ourselves as volunteers but our goal is to develop a playground where all children, including those with

disabilities, can play together and learn from one another. With new funding of £5,000 we would remove the present unsafe round a bout with a new DDA approved one. This is the only play are in the village and we are unaware of any such children’s playground in the immediate vicinity which can offer facilities so that children with special needs can play and interact with all children.

This project is supported by Sutton Benger Parish Council. The Parish Council has made a financial contribution to the project.

This application is supported by the Wiltshire Council Leisure & Play Officer who provided the following comments:

- The community identified and prioritised the need to refurbish the Play Area, with the Group being formed to plan and carry out the work.
- The application is medium priority for the service as it is not directly a Wiltshire Council asset however popularity of the play area and the increasing number of residents in the area make it an important local asset.
- The project help to deliver Wiltshire Council Business Plan aims & objectives: Creating Stronger and more resilient communities, Getting more People more Active more Often.

<b>Applicant:</b> GreenSquare <b>Project Title:</b> Ivy Partnership Notice Board	Amount Requested from Area Board: <b>£1000</b>	<b>Grant Reference:</b> <b>1179</b>
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This application meets grant criteria 2014/15.

**Project Summary:** The Ivy Community Partnership is a new group of local residents in Field View, Charter Road and Royal Close, supported by GreenSquare, Sovereign Housing and the Station Hill Baptist Church to work with other partners to improve issues in the estate and deliver community initiatives such as a community hub, community events and neighbourhood initiatives. The partnership wants to install a community notice board to help promote community activities and local community news. The board needs to be free standing, robust, lockable and located in a high profile place close to the entrance of the estate where all local residents can see it. The corner of Field View and Charter Road on GreenSquare land has been identified as a suitable location. The board will include an external header plate with the words

**Please tell us WHO will benefit and HOW they will benefit from your project and benefit your local community:** Local residents made up of private homeowners / renters, sheltered housing residents and social housing tenants will be able to see the notice board on entering the Ivy estate. The notice board will help to raise residents awareness of activities in their neighbourhood including: community events, Community Hub news, Ivy Wildlife Garden updates, Ivy partnership meetings/minutes, Ivy website

and Facebook pages, training, workshop and volunteering opportunities in the estate. We hope the notice board will also help to promote with visitors the very positive community spirit and activities happening in the estate and support changing the negative perceptions held by some about the area.

This project was not able to secure financial support from Chippenham Town Council on this occasion as the next funding round is not until 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2015.

<b>Applicant:</b> Stanton St Quintin Primary School (PTFA) <b>Project Title:</b> Stanton St Quintin playground - resurfacing and enhancing the quality of play.	Amount Requested from Area Board: <b>£3581</b>	<b>Grant Reference:</b> <b>1191</b>
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This application meets grant criteria 2014/15.

**Project Summary:** The project is seeking to replace the surfacing for the trim trail on the school site. The existing surfacing is wearing away and the Parent Teacher Friends Association PTFA is seeking funds to enable the surface to be more weather resistant and hard wearing than the original surface. The School is seeking to become more central to the life of all the community through the facilities that they are able to offer for hire and open access during evenings and weekends as well as holidays. The project will include the removal of the old carpet type surfacing and the laying of a wet pour type surface. The preference is for bonded bark in a natural colour as the school site seeks to sustain a sympathetic look and blend in with its surroundings. This will enhance the nature setting next the pond wooded area and increase seasonal use as the area is often water logged and out of bounds.

**Please tell us WHO will benefit and HOW they will benefit from your project and benefit your local community:** The toddler's primary school children young adults and adults in the community will benefit from an enhanced community space. The school is looking to support educational development through an improved natural environment outgoing physical activity and community cohesion. The enhanced will increase the health and wellbeing of young people by the maintenance of habitual physical exercise reducing the likelihood of obesity and improving the mental health of the community. There is a lack of appropriate community space in the village so toddler groups and groups in the holidays hire the school facilities.

This project is supported by Stanton St Quintin Parish Council. The Parish Council has made a financial contribution to the project.

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