

<b>Report to</b>	Calne Area Board
<b>Date of Meeting</b>	13/11/2019
<b>Title of Report</b>	Community Area Grant funding

**Purpose of the report:**

To consider the applications for funding listed below

<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Amount requested</b>
<b>Applicant:</b> Heddington Parish Council <b>Project Title:</b> Bus Shelter - Scotts Close Heddington <a href="#">View full application</a>	£2969.75
<b>Applicant:</b> Kingston House 'Greensleeves Care' <b>Project Title:</b> Kingston House Tovertafel Project <a href="#">View full application</a>	£3000.00
<b>Applicant:</b> Calne Community First Responders <b>Project Title:</b> Fitting out of new vehicle <a href="#">View full application</a>	£950.00
<b>Applicant:</b> Hilmarton Parish Council <b>Project Title:</b> Hilmarton Take a Seat project <a href="#">View full application</a>	£1500.00
<b>Applicant:</b> PCC of Mary's church, Calstone. <b>Project Title:</b> Wheelchair ramp for accessibility to community events. <a href="#">View full application</a>	£300.00
<b>Applicant:</b> St James' Church Cherhill <b>Project Title:</b> New Heating Boiler <a href="#">View full application</a>	£2500.00

## 1. Background

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](#)

[The funding criteria and application forms](#) are available on the council's website.

## 2. Main Considerations

2.1. Councillors will need to be satisfied that funding awarded in the 2015/2016 year is made to projects that can realistically proceed within a year of it being awarded.

2.2. Councillors must ensure that the distribution of funding is in accordance with the Scheme of Delegation to Area Boards.

2.3. Councillors will need to be satisfied that the applications meet the Community Area Board grants criteria.

### 3. Environmental & Community Implications

Grant Funding will contribute to the continuance and/or improvement of cultural, social and community activity and wellbeing in the community area, the extent of which will be dependent upon the individual project.

### 4. Financial Implications

Financial provision had been made to cover this expenditure.

### 5. Legal Implications

There are no specific legal implications related to this report.

### 6. Human Resources Implications

There are no specific human resources implications related to this report.

### 7. Equality and Inclusion Implications

Community Area Boards must fully consider the equality impacts of their decisions in order to meet the Council's Public Sector Equality Duty.

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.

### 8. Safeguarding Implications

The Area Board has ensured that the necessary policies and procedures are in place to safeguard children, young people and vulnerable adults.

### 9. Applications for consideration

Application ID	Applicant	Project Proposal	Requested
<a href="#">3061</a>	Heddington Parish Council	Bus Shelter - Scotts Close Heddington	£2969.75
<b>Project Description:</b> To provide a Bus Shelter at Scotts Close Heddington			
<b>Input from Community Engagement Manager:</b>  Heddington Parish Council plans to erect a bus shelter following a request by local residents. It is suggested this will be of particular benefit to older people, children and young people (who use this stop to get to school) also people with young children. The Parish Council has confirmed that it would take ongoing responsibility for the structure, including maintenance.  Highways officers have reported that Wiltshire Council has a duty to ensure that such new structures positioned within the highway meet required standards, and that access to these facilities meet the requirements set down in the Disability Discrimination Act. Officers are able to assist, without charge, local councils who wish to pursue new shelters to design and manage their installation in a safe and proper manner, through the Community Area Transport Group (CATG). Officers have further reported that the location of the proposed shelter is within the highway boundary, however there are concerns that the suggested position is too			

remote from the kerbside and that access to the bus, from the shelter, may not have been fully explored.

Highways officers have recommended that this is moved forward through the CATG process.

The Community Engagement Manager has provided the applicant with information about requesting funding for this scheme through the CATG, however they have decided they would prefer to apply for funding from the Community Area Grant Scheme.

It should be noted that, if funding is awarded to this project, it would not be released until officers are satisfied that all relevant permissions and standards have been met.

A grant awarded to this project would represent approximately 50% of the total cost.

**Proposal**

That the Area Board determines the application.

Application ID	Applicant	Project Proposal	Requested
<a href="#">2914</a>	Kingston House 'Greensleeves Care'	Kingston House Tovertafel Project	£3000.00

**Project Description:**

Tovertafel provides interactive equipment which can be used to create moments of meaningful activity and stimulation for those progressing in their dementia journey.

It works by projecting light images onto a surface enabling individuals to play interactive games with minimal effort. This equipment helps to stimulate both physical and cognitive activity and creates treasured moments. It can be moved around and used in different areas so that it is inclusive of all and would be a brilliant addition to our dementia care unit especially for those who are further along their dementia journey and find it harder to go out of the home on external outings.

In time, it is hoped links with the local school and preschool will grow so that intergenerational activities can be developed with residents and children enjoying it together. Kingston House currently has a mother and toddler group running within the home and plan to use it within this group so that generations can interact together. Kingston House are regular members at the Calne Memory club and would be happy to try and include them in using the Tovertafel somehow by possibly offering one of the sessions to be at Kingston House. A demonstration morning was held recently, this was well attended and enjoyed by all. Some residents, who can be more reluctant to join in, became very animated and enthused when playing the games, it sparked conversations between individuals both during and after they had finished using it.

**Input from Community Engagement Manager:**

Kingston House appears to be an organisation that is passionate about the concept that residents should have a role within the wider community and opportunities to live well within it. An active member of the Calne Dementia Action Alliance, they support all elements of the work of the DAA.

Studies into the neuropathology of dementia and the science of play have shown that people living with mid to late stages of dementia can experience positive outcomes through play:

*“ Play is not used to infantilize and trivialize people living with dementia, but as a way to explore potential for expression, meaning making, and relationship-building later in life.” Play is described as a voluntary activity that functions as a source of joy and amusement, which consists of five domains: humor, physical spontaneity, cognitive spontaneity, social spontaneity, and manifestations of joy.’ – ‘Benefits of Introducing Play to People with Dementia’ – Nicholson, Institute on Aging, Jan 2017*

The Tovertafel, or ‘Magic Table’ is an interactive game maker that has been developed specifically with this in mind – it was developed in the Netherlands in 2015 and is used with good reviews in several hospital locations and care homes in the UK.

As the Kingston House demonstration morning showed it can help people who are withdrawn to become more animated and responsive. It is also able to help calm those who are anxious or aggressive.

This application can be seen to link to the Calne Joint Strategic Assessment priorities for Healthy active lifestyles and older people’s priorities of dementia, social isolation and loneliness and support for carers).

The application also relates to the Calne Dementia Action Alliance action plan: To Encourage & promote relevant and accessible activities for people living with dementia and their carers

A grant awarded to this project would represent 50% of the total cost.

**Proposal**

That the Area Board determines the application.

Application ID	Applicant	Project Proposal	Requested
<a href="#">3031</a>	Calne Community First Responders	Calne Community First Responders	£950.00

**Project Description:**

To support the equipping and fitting out of a new Calne Community First Responder Vehicle

**Input from Community Engagement Manager:**

The South-Western Ambulance Service Trust covers one of the most rural areas of the UK and work with volunteers from the community to provide local people with a high standard of out-of-hospital care. Community First Responders attend emergencies within their local communities. Sometimes the difference is providing reassurance prior to the arrival of an ambulance; sometimes it is saving someone's life.

Calne First Responders assist South Western Ambulance Service Trust by responding to critical life-threatening health emergency calls (cardiac arrest, heart

attack, breathing difficulties, strokes, fitting, falls etc.) and can provide timely basic life support before Paramedics doctors arrive.

The group has been donated a new responder car by a local family run garage. They have also secured funding for insurance, vehicle tax and servicing; these funding organisations have pledged ongoing support.

The group now wishes to fit out the rear of the vehicle for the safe transportation of first aid/medical equipment and to purchase and fit hands-free phone equipment and other electrical items.

This application can be seen to link to Wiltshire Council's corporate priority to create strong communities; encouraging local people to take responsibility for their well-being, build positive relationships and to get involved, influence and take action on what's best for their own communities - we want residents to succeed to the best of their abilities and feel safe where they live and work.

The applicant has confirmed that regular safety checks of the vehicle will be carried out by South West Ambulance Service.

A grant awarded to this project would represent 100% of the total cost, however Members may wish to note that previous phases of this project have raised significant amounts of additional funding.

#### **Proposal**

That the Area Board determines the application.

<b>Application ID</b>	<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Project Proposal</b>	<b>Requested</b>
<a href="#">3032</a>	Hilmarton Parish Council	Hilmarton Take a Seat	£1500.00

#### **Project Description:**

Hilmarton Village has a number of elderly residents some of whom are living with dementia but still like to be active and involved in the community.

A circular walk in the village has been planned and we wish to place benches at a number of locations so residents can rest when needed whilst on their travels.

The benches will not only serve the elderly community but also young families with toddlers as well as young people wishing to sit and chat with friends.

The applicant also wishes to introduce wild flowers in tubs and also a designated area for a wild flower meadow. This will not only be for visual impact but to support insect and bee populations. Thus, acting as an educational tool for our preschool and school when talking about the importance of caring for the environment.

#### **Input from Community Engagement Manager:**

This project has been identified, planned and is being run by local people who are involved with the Area Board Older People/Carers Voices group. The walks will be designed to be appropriate for people living with dementia and may also link to the WW1 commemoration project as a place for reflection.

The application has been submitted by Hilmarton Parish Council, who are wishing to support the group by facilitating the project and will also donate the benches and contribute towards the project from the parish precept.

The applicant is also working with Calne Men's Shed, who will assist in creating some of the features for the project.

The project has been discussed by the Older People/Carers Voices group, who are in favour of such projects which can be seen to address Calne Joint Strategic Assessment priorities for Healthy active lifestyles and older people's priorities of dementia, social isolation and loneliness and support for carers. It can also be seen to link to the Calne Dementia Action Alliance action plan – to encourage & promote relevant and accessible activities for people living with dementia and their carers.

A grant awarded to this project would represent approximately 48% of the total cost.

**Proposal**

That the Area Board determines the application.

Application ID	Applicant	Project Proposal	Requested
<a href="#">3042</a>	PCC of St Mary's church, Calstone,	Calstone St Marys church wheelchair ramp	£300.00

**Project Description:**

Provision of a wheelchair ramp to allow more accessibility to people wishing to visit and attend community events and activities at St Marys Church.

**Input from Community Engagement Manager:**

St Marys church is in the care of Calstone PCC. It is the only freely accessible building in Calstone village - it is open daily during day light. The church is not used for services and community events.

The applicant has confirmed that this application is not purely connected with religious or spiritual matters:

Walkers and other tourists visit the church for its picturesque setting and to view the carved ancient graffiti, in addition it is used as a venue for community events and activities – in the recent past this has included concerts, talks, art exhibitions and musical performances.

The church was largely built in the 15<sup>th</sup> century and has an uphill path and a step up into the porch which can be accessed by pushed wheelchairs if a ramp is provided or less dignified by a gang lifting the chair manually. The current home-made heavy wooden ramp is too steep for electric wheelchairs and mobility scooters and does not meet DDA requirements (Disability Discrimination Act).

The project can be linked to Calne Joint Strategic Assessment priorities for Healthy active lifestyles, Participation in arts, craft and culture, addressing social isolation and loneliness and diversity and social inclusion.

A grant awarded to this project would represent 50% of the total cost.

**Proposal**

That the Area Board determines the application.

Application ID	Applicant	Project Proposal	Requested
<a href="#">3076</a>	St James' Church Cherhill	St James Cherhill New Heating Boiler	£2500.00

**Project Description:**

This project is to replace the central heating boiler of the village church. Including replacement pipes and electrical work.

**Input from Community Engagement Manager:**

The applicant has confirmed that this application is not purely connected with religious or spiritual matters:

They state that the church encourages wellbeing, community spirit and particularly encourages family life.

It provides a venue for community events, concerts, coffee mornings, village school regular end of term events, visiting speakers and other music and arts projects.

Activities and events are open to all members of the Cherhill community including children, older people, families wanting a night out, marginalised people and the church reaches out to by providing lifts etc if needed.

It is hoped that the replacement of the heating boiler will result in the increased use of the building by the whole community in a variety of ways to suit all age groups especially those most in need.

The project can be linked to Calne Joint Strategic Assessment priorities for Healthy active lifestyles, Participation in arts, craft and culture, addressing social isolation and loneliness and diversity and social inclusion.

The sum requested from Calne Area Board is a relatively modest sum compared to the overall project cost, a grant awarded to this project would represent approximately 14% of the total cost.

**Proposal**

That the Area Board determines the application.

No unpublished documents have been relied upon in the preparation of this report

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