

Area Board Projects and Councillor Led Initiatives Application Form 2019/2020

To be completed by the Wiltshire Councillor leading on the project

Please ensure that you have read the Funding Criteria before completing this form

PLEASE COMPLETE ALL SECTIONS TO ENSURE THAT YOUR APPLICATION CAN BE CONSIDERED

1. Contact Details

Area Board Name	Melksham		
Your Name	Councillor Phil Alford		
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2. The project

Project Title/Name	Public Open Space Community Network
<p>Please tell us about the project /activity you want to organise/deliver and why?</p> <p><i>Important: This section is limited to 900 characters only (inclusive of spaces).</i></p>	<p>The idea is to ringfence a pot of money to be used by community groups that carry out maintenance of Public Open Spaces. Community groups can bid for money to pay for plants and equipment and use it to enhance the community public open space.</p> <p>To qualify for money the group must;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • be insured – directly or by the town or parish council • be open to membership from the public • be working in the Melksham Community Area. • be doing the work on public open space • be willing to report back to the Area Board on activities • sign up the network which we can then promote via the Area Board and in the local papers, through the parishes and via social media as well as through our local area co-ordinator/ other community workers. • be prepared to meet with other groups to share good practice and update one another on progress as well as to consider sharing resources where suitable. <p>There are already numerous groups about doing this sort of recreational work, so this project will aim to connect them together to promote their work and increase their membership.</p> <p>Existing groups that could apply include, Community Action Whitley and Shaw (CAWS), Bowerhill Residents Action Group (BRAG), Berryfields, the Clackers Brook project team, the Mens Shed, Friends of Shurnhold Fields, Melksham in Bloom, Young Melksham, the Ramblers etc.</p> <p>I would like to see more groups coming forward to work on the town's parks and roundabouts so this sort of project may encourage them to do these areas as well. It might also attract private business contributions to build the fund.</p>

Where is this project taking place?	Across the Melksham community area
When will the project take place?	Starting January 2020
What evidence is there that this project/activity needs to take place/be funded by the area board?	With the pressure on Wiltshire Council budgets and the programme of devolution of assets and services to the parishes, this project recognises the opportunity to harness community self-help in local environmental management. The Area Board is being asked to pump-prime this local action.

How will the local community benefit?	The project will serve several of our community objectives and address the priorities identified through public consultation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enhance public open spaces • Reduce loneliness • Improve physical health • Improve mental health and well being • Help connect different community groups. • Improve inter-generational relationships. 		
Does this project link to a current Community Issue? (if so, please give reference number as well as a brief description)	See above		
Does this project link to the Community Plan or local priorities? (if so, please provide details)	See above		
Is this project supported by the Local Youth Network or Community Area Transport Group? (if it relates to young people or highways and transport)	N/A		
What is the desired outcome/s of this project? Local environmental management of public open spaces through community self help			
Who will be responsible for managing this project? Local councils and community groups			
3. Funding			
What will be the total cost of the project?	£ 20,000		
How much funding are you applying for? Please note that only capital funding is available	£ 10,000		
If you are expecting to receive any other funding for your project, please give details	Source of Funding	Amount Applied For	Amount Received
	Melksham Area Board	£10,000	
	Match Funding Contributions	£ 10,000	
Please give the name of the organisation and bank account name (but not the number) your grant will be paid in to. (N.B. We cannot pay money into an individual's bank account)	Wiltshire Council/ Melksham Area Board		
4. Declaration – I confirm that...			
<input type="checkbox"/> The information on this form is correct and that any grant received will be spent on the activities specified <input type="checkbox"/> Any form of licence, insurance or other approval for this project will be in place before the start of the project outlined in this application			
Name: Phil Alford Position in organisation: Wiltshire Councillor/ Melksham Without Parish Councillor		Date: 16 December 2019	
Please return your completed application to the appropriate Area Board Locality Team (see section 3)			

