

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	Resurfacing the Riverside Millennium Walk
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Please tell us about the project /activity you want to organise/deliver and why?

Important: This section is limited to 900 characters only (inclusive of spaces).

The footpath between Murray Walk and the Adventure Centre, which runs beside the River Avon, was constructed as a Millennium project by West Wiltshire District Council and is a well-used route which is popular with the community and a key part of the parkrun circuit. See photograph below.

Its condition has deteriorated over the years and the path has become eroded to the point that the surface is now below the surrounding area, therefore after rain large puddles form making it hard to keep feet dry. People then take to the grass turning it into a mess, so footwear becomes wet and muddy. The surface is also very uneven making it difficult for pushchairs and mobility scooters, and it is also painful on the feet.

The path requires resurfacing before we get into another winter. However until recently its ownership has been unclear and so there has been no planned maintenance programme. The path is classed as an “unfunded asset” and as such there is no budget for its maintenance within the Rights of Way budget at WC.

Paul Millard, Countryside Access Officer, has provided advice and costings for the remedial work on the path. His contractor recommends the 170 m length path be rolled with Mendip Grit Sand. The existing surface has lasted quite well up until recent years although will need topping up from time to time in the future.

Quotation to clean all dirt, grass turf and weeds etc. Overlay path with Mendip Grit Sand and compact with Twin Roller. Leave Site Clean and Tidy. Total cost to carry out works: £5,429

Hoggin – a mix of gravel, sand and clay - has been considered but because of potential flooding would become muddy in places. As some of the hoggin material could be up to 40mm, the path would need more depth so that the bigger pieces of stone can be covered with clay and smaller gravel to bind it together. The cost of this solution would be around £8,000

To lay with Tarmac would be a more expensive solution at £13,971 and because of the location would risk being washed away in any future flood event.

At this stage no other “match funding” has been sought pending approval in principle to proceed with the project. If the project is not to be fully funded, contributions could be sought from local commercial sponsors or from the Town Council.

Where is this project taking place?	Riverside Millennium Walk, between the Adventure Centre and Murray Walk
When will the project take place?	Summer 2021
What evidence is there that this project/activity needs to take place/be funded by the area board?	The path is badly pock-marked and dangerous to users which include the whole community, from parkrunners to walkers and those using pushchairs or mobility scooters. The land is maintained by Wiltshire Council under a legal agreement made with the landowner, the Cooper Tire and Rubber Company.

How will the local community benefit?	Improvements to this popular and well used route will benefit the whole community by providing a safer and more accessible path between the Forest estate and the King George V Playing Field, where the Town Council has invested in new and improved recreational facilities. The organisers of parkrun are very supportive of these improvements as this stretch of path is an integral section of the parkrun circuit.		
Does this project link to a current Community Issue? (if so, please give reference number as well as a brief description)	Members of the public have reported the poor state of the path.		
Does this project link to the Community Plan or local priorities? (if so, please provide details)	It promotes physical exercise and mental wellbeing.		
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? A safer, more accessible path for all users			
Who will be responsible for managing this project? Paul Millard, Countryside Access Officer			
3. Funding			
What will be the total cost of the project?	£5, 429 for a Mendip Grit Sand surface		
How much funding are you applying for? Please note that only capital funding is available	Full or part contribution to costs		
If you are expecting to receive any other funding for your project, please give details	Source of Funding	Amount Applied For	Amount Received
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, Rights of Way		
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		Date: 23 June	
Position in organisation: Wiltshire Councillor			
Please return your completed application to the appropriate Area Board Locality Team (see section 3)			

