

**Report to** Malmesbury Area Board  
**Date of meeting** 08/01/2019  
**Title of report** Community Area Grant funding

**Purpose of the Report:**

To consider the applications for funding listed below.

<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Amount requested</b>
Woodbridge Church Group	£5000.00
Ashton Keynes Village Hall	£2500.00
Sherston Shooters	£5000.00

**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 available here: <http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/community-area-grants-criteria-2015-16-april.pdf>

The funding criteria and application forms are available on the council's website: <http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/council/areaboards/areaboardscommunitygrantsscheme.htm>

**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="#">ID 3117 (hyper link)</a>	Woodbridge Church Group	Gt Somerford Church Community Space	£5000.00
<b>Project description</b> Installation of an accessible toilet and basic refreshment facilities in Great Somerford Church. The church currently has no such facilities and this limits the way in which the building can be used. Installing these will enable us to offer essential human comfort and will extend the type and duration of events that we can host. This is part of a larger scheme to increase the flexibility of the building by removing some of the fixed furniture to create a multi-purpose space and refurbishing the heating electrics and lighting making it suitable for use by community groups.			
<b>Input from Community Engagement Manager:</b> Great Somerford does not have a village hall so the conversion, renovations to the church will enable the space to be used for community events and activities outside of the religious services. This will then become a hub for community gatherings and a centre for village life. As a rural location, these spaces are vital for community cohesion. Malmesbury Area Board will award 25% of the total up to £2.500			
<b>Proposal</b> That the Area Board determines the application from Woodbridge Church Group for £2500.00			

Application ID	Applicant	Project Proposal	Requested
<a href="#">ID 3123 (hyper link)</a>	Ashton Keynes Village Hall	Hall Floor Repairs	£2500.00
<b>Project description:</b> Replacing the floor in the Main Hall of Ashton Keynes Village Hall. At least two joists beneath the main hall floor have failed and we have been informed that the floor will be unsafe to use after summer 2019. Therefore, the whole floor needs to be lifted the affected joists replaced and new flooring installed.			
<b>Input from Community Engagement Manager:</b> Village Halls are the heart of the village, and are vital to ensuring there is space for the community to come together in these rural locations. Renovating these venues ensure their longevity for future generations.			
<b>Proposal</b> That the Area Board determines the application from Ashton Keynes Village Hall £2500.00			

Application ID	Applicant	Project Proposal	Requested
<a href="#">ID 3129 (hyper link)</a>	Sherston Shooters	Sherston Pre-School	£5000.00
<p><b>Project description:</b>  We are seeking funding to build a purpose built Pre-school building in Sherston. Currently there is no pre-school provision in the village after the closure of Noahs Ark Nursery in 2018. The Pre-school will be within very close proximity to the Sherston Primary School enabling an easy transition to the school it will also provide wrap around care for Primary school children before and after school with is not currently provided by the school. The parish council has allocated 140000 to the Preschool and it is not able to provide the remaining of the funds.</p> <p><b>Input from Community Engagement Manager:</b>  Since the closure of the pre-school in Sherston this has left a gap for more pre-school provision which is desperately needed. Furthermore, other groups have now engaged in the new build for a pre-school so it will be a new and modern facility for the whole community to use.</p>			
<p><b>Proposal</b>  That the Area Board determines the application from Sherston Shooter for £2500.00</p>			

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

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