



AREA BOARD PROJECTS AND COUNCILLOR LED INITIATIVES APPLICATION FORM 2015/2016.

Area Board Project
1. What is the Initiative?
<p>Purchase of litter picking equipment, to be made available to all Parish Councils within the Mere, Tisbury and Wilton community areas (South West Wiltshire). Each Parish Council would be able to apply to South West Wiltshire Area Board for up to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- 10 litter pickers.- 10 safety tabards.- 2 handihoops. <p>It is then up to Parish Councils how that equipment is used, with the support of local volunteers. Parish Councils that receive equipment will be asked to provide a brief update on what action has been taken after 12 months.</p>
2. Where is the initiative taking place?
<p>The scheme would be made available to all parishes within the Mere, Tisbury and Wilton community areas (South West Wiltshire).</p>
3. When will the initiative take place?
<p>If funding is agreed then Parishes will be invited to apply in December 2015, with equipment being made available from January 2016.</p> <p>Clean for The Queen is a campaign launched by Country Life magazine in partnership with Keep Britain Tidy to clear up Britain in time for The Queen's 90th birthday in 2016. It will rally an army of volunteers across the country to clean up their local areas and will include a special clean-up weekend on March 4–6. The Area Board will encourage Parishes who take advantage of equipment made available to take part in this event. More information about the campaign is available online (http://www.cleanforthequeen.co.uk/home/2365#home) and will be also provided in due course.</p>
4. What is the Community benefit/evidence of need/links to Community Plan/Community Issue?
<p>Following a review of community projects/priorities on 29.7.15 South West Wiltshire Area Board agreed a new local priority to support local community litter picking in the area.</p> <p>Wiltshire Council also has a corporate priority to support local litter picking, and will be encouraging all communities across Wiltshire to engage in the 'Clean for the Queen' campaign.</p>

5. What is the desired outcome of this initiative?

The aim is to encourage and equip local volunteers to take more responsibility for the upkeep of their local environment. For those parishes that are already pro-active in this area, the equipment should support the work that is being done.

There is also an aim to bring local communities together through volunteering; many parishes have found that litter picking is a good activity to both keep people active and enable them to socialise with other people where they live. It is hoped that local litter picking will also encourage volunteers to take part in other local initiatives.

6. Who will Project Manage this initiative?

The Community Engagement Manager will project manage this initiative, taking direction from South West Wiltshire Area Board members.

7. Costs/quotes/ match funding? (total cost £5k require 1 quote, total cost £5k-25k require 3 quotes)

To provide the following will cost approximately £224 per Parish:

- 10 litter pickers.
- 10 safety tabards.
- 2 handihoops.

In order to make this scheme open to all 38 parishes within the Mere, Tisbury and Wilton community areas the Area Board can ring-fence **up to £8,500** for this project.

It is anticipated that not all Parish Councils will apply for funding and, depending on the uptake, this figure may also reduce due to savings made through bulk-buying. A final supplier will be confirmed when applications from Parish Councils have been received.

8. Additional information