

<b>Report to</b>	<b>Southern Wiltshire Area Board</b>
<b>Date of Meeting</b>	<b>16 December 2010</b>
<b>Title of Report</b>	<b>Community Area Grants</b>

## **Purpose of Report**

To ask Councillors to consider 9 applications seeking 20010/11 Community Area Grant Funding (total £23,935):

1. Coombe Bissett & Homington Village Hall Management Committee, Insulation and Glazing of Village Hall, £4,471
2. Farley Coronation Playing Fields – Redevelopment of playing area - £5,000
3. Memorial Ground Trust, Whiteparish – Soft surfacing for play ground - £2,909
4. Shine in the Community – Vehicle – £3,500
5. River Bourne Community Farm – Increasing community access to farm – £2,455
6. Alderbury Youth Club – Equipment – £750
7. Old Sarum Youth Club – Equipment – £167
8. Pitton and Farley Parish Council – Bus shelter in Farley – £1,500
9. Alderbury & Whaddon Local History Research Group – New publication – £3,000

## 1. Background

- 1.1. Area Boards have authority to approve Area Grants under powers delegated to them by the Deputy Leader and Cabinet member for Community Services (27 February 2010). Under the Scheme of Delegation Area Boards must adhere to the Area Board Grants Guidance for funding.
- 1.2. In accordance with the Area Board Grants Guidance officers are required to provide recommendations in their report, however, the decision to support applications and to what level is made by Wiltshire Councillors on this Area Board.
- 1.3. We can signpost groups to the Charities Information Bureau (CIB) for support to seek funding from elsewhere. CIB work on behalf of Wiltshire Council to support community and voluntary groups, town and parish councils to seek funding for community projects and schemes both from the Area Board and other local and national funding sources.
- 1.4. Funding applications will be considered at every Area Board meeting.
- 1.5. Southern Wiltshire Area Board has been allocated a 2010/2011 budget of £41,087 for community grants, community partnership core funding and councillor led initiatives. The carry forward from the 2009/2010 budget is £628. This leaves a total budget of £41,715 for the 2010/2011 budget. The amount spent so far this year is £22,326 leaving £18,761 up to March 2011.
- 1.6. A decision has been made that in 2010/2011 and thereafter paper copies of funding applications will no longer appear as part of the agenda in an attempt to reduce volume of paper used. However, the application forms will be available on the Wiltshire Council web site and hard copies available upon request.
- 1.7. The 2010/2011 funding criteria and application forms are available on the council's website ([www.wiltshire.gov.uk/areaboards](http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/areaboards)) or paper versions are available from the Community Area Manager.

<b>Background documents used in the preparation of this Report</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Community Area Grant Application Pack 20010/11</li><li>• Southern Area Community Plan 2004 – 09</li><li>• Southern Wiltshire Community Plan 2010 - 2015</li></ul>
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## **2. Main Considerations**

- 2.1. Councillors will need to be satisfied that grants awarded in the 2010/11 year are made to projects that can realistically proceed within a year of the award being made.
- 2.2. There will be at least 4 more rounds of funding during 2010/11, including this meeting. If there are funds left after this meeting then the remaining funding will be allocated;

- 3 February 2011

The deadline for submitting applications to the Community Area Manager is about 4 weeks prior to the meeting. For the actual date see:

[www.wiltshire.gov.uk/southernwiltshireareaboard](http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/southernwiltshireareaboard)

## **3. Environmental & Community Implications**

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

## **4. Financial Implications**

- 4.1. Awards must fall within the Area Boards budget allocated to the Southern Wiltshire Area Board. Grant applications totalling **£23,751** have been received for this meeting.

## **5. Legal Implications**

- 5.1. There are no specific legal implications related to this report.

## **6. HR Implications**

- 6.1. There are no specific HR implications related to this report.

## **7. Equality and Inclusion Implications**

- 7.1. Community Area Grants give all local community and voluntary groups, Town and Parish Councils an equal opportunity to receive funding towards community based projects and schemes.

## 8. Grants

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
SW025/10	Coombe Bissett & Homington Village Hall Management Committee	Insulation and Glazing of Village Hall	£4,471

### 8.1.1. Officer recommendation: Part Approval (£2,236)

8.1.2. Application meets grant criteria 2010/11

8.1.3. Application does not demonstrate a direct link to the Community Plan 2004 – 09 or 2010 - 15, although it does improve the service available at the village hall.

8.1.4. This project is to insulate the village hall roof and complete the double glazing. It will improve the village hall making it more insulated and therefore reduce heating bills for its users and also benefit the environment.

#### Matters to consider:

- That the Board has already awarded funding to Coombe Bissett Parish Council at its August meeting (£4,711) for the resurfacing of Shutts Lane which was to benefit those accessing the village hall.
- How much community benefit will this project deliver?

8.1.5. If the Board does not fund this project the Parish Council will continue to fundraise.

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
SW025/10	Farley Coronation Playing Fields	Redevelopment of play area	£5,000

### 8.1.6. Officer recommendation: Part Approval (£2,500)

8.1.7. Application meets grant criteria 2010/11

8.1.8. Application demonstrates a link to the Community Plan 2004 – 09 and 2010 – 15.

8.1.9. This project is to complete an extensive redevelopment of the play area in Farley. The final phase is to install equipment for adults. This project was identified and included through the parish plan process which shows its community support. Als the fact that so much fund raising has taken place shows the village's commitment to the project.

#### Matters to consider:

- That considering the large number of grants being applied for in this tranche members could reduce the amount of funding awarded.

8.1.10. If the Board does not fund this project the committee will continue to fundraise.

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
SW025/10	Memorial Ground Trust, Whiteparish	Soft surfacing for play area	£2,909

8.1.11. **Officer recommendation: Approval**

8.1.12. Application meets grant criteria 2010/11

8.1.13. Application demonstrates a direct link to the Community Plan 2004 – 09 and 2010 – 15 as it improves facilities for children and young people.

8.1.14. This project is to install soft surfacing at the play area at the Memorial Ground. This project has been initiated due the Health and Safety appraisal recommending that the surface be upgraded.

**Matters to consider:**

- That the Memorial Ground Trust received £1000 community grant funding last year. Awarding to the same organisation in consecutive years or even in the same year is not against our policy.

8.1.15. If the Board does not fund this project the Trust would have to continue to fundraise. The applicant states that the play area could be closed until the funding is found.

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
SW025/10	Shine in the Community	Vehicle to transport equipment	£3,500

8.1.16. **Officer recommendation: Approval**

8.1.17. Application meets grant criteria 2010/11

8.1.18. Application demonstrates a direct link to the Community Plan 2004 – 09 and 2010 – 15 (in particular issues 28 and 69).

8.1.19. 'Shine Out' provides a range of 'after school' and holiday play activities for children in disadvantaged areas of South Wiltshire (Lode Hill, Partridge Way, Odstock and Friary). Activities include outdoor games, imaginative play, board games, building, art +crafts, food activities, a library (to take books home) and computers for homework. The board worked with 'Shine', looking at the viability of a "community bus" for Southern Wiltshire. This proved to be extremely expensive and this project looks to overcome that by using existing community facilities but transporting all the equipment in a smaller van. Shine's community bus is expensive to run and due to

high maintenance costs it will no longer be used.

**Matters to consider:**

- Although Shine's operations predominantly take place in the Southern Wiltshire Community Area some activities take place in the Salisbury area. However, the benefit to the disadvantaged communities in Southern Wiltshire is the important factor.

8.1.20. If the Board does not fund this project the organisation will continue to fundraise.

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
SW025/10	River Bourne Community Farm	Increasing community access to farm	£2,455

8.1.21. **Officer recommendation: Approval**

8.1.22. Application meets grant criteria 2010/11

8.1.23. Application demonstrates a direct link to the Community Plan 2010 – 15 as it improves community facilities, opportunities for volunteering and the community farm was supported in the new plan.

8.1.24. This project includes the enhancement of the farmyard - improving the security and aspect of the farm, increasing community access to the farm, particularly in respect to the disabled via walkways and car-parking. This improved access will help disabled people to use the facilities and improve the place as a community venue.

**Matters to consider:**

- That the Board has funded the fencing at the Community farm last year. This amount was £2,300. Awarding to the same organisation in consecutive years or even in the same year is not against our policy.

8.1.25. If the Board does not fund this project the organisation will continue to fundraise.

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
SW025/10	Alderbury Youth Club	Equipment for youth club	£750

8.1.26. **Officer recommendation: Approval subject to venue confirmation.**

8.1.27. Application meets grant criteria 2010/11

8.1.28. Application demonstrates a direct link to the Community Plan 2004 – 09 and 2010 - 15, through improved facilities for young people.

8.1.29. This project is for the Alderbury Youth Group which runs on Monday evenings. They have been using the Urbie but now have too many members for it to be used during the winter so we are currently looking for premises to use. This bid is for equipment to use once a premises has been secured. The benefit of this project is that the equipment will be held by the youth development coordinator to be used at all youth nights across the community area, not just benefiting one parish.

**Matters to consider:**

- That the premises has yet to be secured for the Alderbury youth club however this was also the case of other youth clubs which applied previously.

8.1.30. If the Board does not fund this project there will be less equipment available.

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
SW025/10	Old Sarum Youth Club	Table tennis table for youth club and residents	£166.63

8.1.31. **Officer recommendation: Approval**

8.1.32. Application meets grant criteria 2010/11

8.1.33. Application demonstrates a direct link to the Community Plan 2004 – 09 and 2010 - 15, through improved facilities for young people.

8.1.34. This project is to provide a table tennis table at Old Sarum Community Room for the residents to use. This was identified by the young people at the youth club at Old Sarum. It has wider appeal to the residents in general. It will also help the charity who runs the room to raise some revenue for private hire.

8.1.35. If the Board does not fund this project the community room charity will look to fundraise to provide this facility.

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
SW025/10	Pitton and Farley Parish Council	New Bus Shelter in Farley	£1,500

8.1.36. **Officer recommendation: Approve in principle but allocate from 2011/12 budget**

8.1.37. Application meets grant criteria 2010/11

8.1.38. Application does not demonstrate a direct link to the Community Plan 2004 – 09, although it does improve the service available in the village.

8.1.39. This project is to provide a bus shelter in Farley. This has been something the community has wanted for some time and would serve the bus users in the village.

**Matters to consider:**

- That as the matched funding of the parish council is going to be drawn down from the 2011 precept the board can wait until April 2011 to release the money.

8.1.40. If the Board does not fund this project the Parish Council will continue to fundraise.

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
SW025/10	Alderbury and Whaddon Local History Research Group	New publication of local history book	£3,000

8.1.41. **Officer recommendation: Approval**

8.1.42. Application meets grant criteria 2010/11

8.1.43. Application demonstrates a link to the Community Plan 2004 – 09 and 2010 -15 in that the plan encourages and promotes initiatives which improve the understanding of local history.

8.1.44. This project is to edit and update the Village History Book. As a voluntary group their main objective is to provide the local community with information on the history & heritage of their area in a comprehensive and logical way. Every section of the community is involved in the fact & information gathering process & will benefit from the detailed knowledge provided. They organised a local history event that attracted 300-400 people.

**Matters to consider:**

- That the project generates income through book sales but at a relatively slow rate. This therefore means they can invest in new projects in the future.

8.1.45. If the Board does not fund this project they will continue to fundraise.

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