



**AREA BOARD PROJECTS AND COUNCILLOR LED
INITIATIVES APPLICATION FORM 2016/2017.**

Area Board Project
1. What is the Initiative?
Amesbury Library courtyard restoration
2. Where is the initiative taking place?
Amesbury Community Area
3. When will the initiative take place?
Start late 2016 continue into 2017
4. What are the Community benefits/evidence of need/links to Community Plan/Community Issue?
Like other area boards, Amesbury Area Board has a Joint Strategic Assessment (JSA) in place. This document identifies health and wellbeing as one of the priority areas. Lack of community spaces was also highlighted across the community area. The positive contribution that young people can make in the community is also a priority.
5. What is the desired outcome of this initiative?
We would like to rejuvenate the courtyard at Amesbury Library which has fallen into disrepair due to lack of funding. The existing half barrels are disintegrating and are no longer fit for purpose. We have some local volunteers who have come forward to help with the project and the local Explorers groups are interested – it would be good to have these young people involved. £1000 would enable us to buy some pots/troughs, compost, plants or seeds and some basic tools. By the spring we would hope to make the courtyard into an asset, and may even be able to buy a bench so that people could sit outside to read their books or use Wiltshire Council's wifi in the summer. The Health Trainer is interested in being involved because of the health and well being aspects of the project, both in carrying out the work and creating a pleasant area for the community. We intend to use plants which attract bees and butterflies and the local RSPB would be able to provide and fix bird boxes at cost. A representative of the RSPB and Wiltshire Wildlife is a member of the library and can be called on for advice and help.
6. Who will Project Manage this initiative?
The Community Engagement Manager with Amesbury Community Librarian and community groups.

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

Total cost £1,000 maximum

8. Additional information