

**Report to** Marlborough Area Board  
**Date of meeting** 22 November 2016  
**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>
The Merchant's House – New brown tourist signs	<b>£875.00</b>
Aldbourn Recreation Centre – Access to Palmer's Field	<b>£5,000.00</b>
Total grant amount requested at this meeting	<b>£5,875.00</b>
Total capital funding allocated to Marlborough Area Board 2016/17	<b>£40,616</b>
Total amount awarded so far, 2015/16	<b>£10,930.00</b>
Amount remaining if all grants are awarded as per report	<b>£23,811.00</b>

**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 2016/2017 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.
- 2.4. The Cabinet Member for Area Boards, Cllr John Thomson, has confirmed that area boards may rollover any unspent funding from financial year 2015/16 to 2016/17.

**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 has been made to cover this expenditure.

**5. Legal Implications**

There are no specific legal implications related to this report.

**6. Human Resources Implication**

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="#">2052</a>	The Merchant’s House, Marlborough	New brown tourist signs for road routes	£875.00
<p><b>Project Description</b></p> <p>The Merchant’s House is a permanently established attraction of recognised quality and importance that attracts people from within and outside the local area offering historical and educational interest. The House is open to the public without prior booking during its normal opening hours. The Merchant’s House Trust currently relies on its own publicity produced in-house via posters, its own website and website listings, social media, leaflets and press coverage to attract interest and visitors. To increase promotion and awareness of The Merchant’s House and Museum situated in Marlborough’s High Street the Trust would like to apply for funding to install Brown Tourist signs.</p> <p>These signs will be located on all major routes into Marlborough letting visitors know what is on offer within this historic town. As a site of historical importance and interest, The Merchant’s House should have adequate signage so that visitors to the Marlborough area know it is there and choose to make a visit.</p>			
<p><b>Proposal</b></p> <p>That the Area Board determines the application from The Merchant’s House Trust for £875.00</p>			

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Application ID	Applicant	Project Proposal	Requested
<a href="#">2163</a>	Aldbourn Recreation Centre	Improved access to Palmer's Field, Aldbourn	£5,000.00

**Project Description**

As part of a much larger project to provide a range of community facilities on the community-owned playing field known as Palmer's Field, to include sports pavilion and changing facilities, a new "Big Hut" for local Scout and Guide groups, practice and storage rooms for Aldbourn Band and other outdoor activity equipment, Aldbourn Recreation Centre group would like to improve access to Palmer's Field by building a new road to the site.

Aldbourn Parish Council has already contributed £1,500 towards detailed plans for the new access and planning permission for the road has been granted by Wiltshire Council. This new road is a prerequisite for the development of the area allowing access for both the construction phase and for users of the finished facilities. Further information about the wider project can be found at [www.palmersfield.org.uk/](http://www.palmersfield.org.uk/)

This application is part of a £20,000 project to create the new access that is made up of different sources of funding including local fundraising, in-kind support through materials and from local volunteers and from other funding bodies. By confirming their financial support for this project, Marlborough Area Board could help applications to these other funders and influence their success.

**Proposal**

That the Area Board determines the application from Aldbourn Recreation Centre for £5,000.00

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

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