

<b>Report to</b>	<b>Tidworth Area Board</b>
<b>Date of Meeting</b>	<b>17 January 2011</b>
<b>Title of Report</b>	<b>Community Area Grants</b>

## **Purpose of Report**

To ask Councillors to consider 8 applications seeking 2010/11 Community Area Grant Funding

1. T2A – seeking a grant of £772 for Wall Climbing Equipment.  
**Officer Recommendation – Approval**
2. Friends of the Ridgway– seeking a grant of £5,000 to develop a 17 mile section of The Great Stones Way over Salisbury Plain and through the Tidworth Community Area along the Avon Valley.  
**Officer Recommendation – Approval**
3. Kennet Young Musicians – seeking £3,000 towards the cost of setting up 2 woodwind bands involving children across the Tidworth Community Area.  
**Officer Recommendation - Approval**
4. Phoenix Hall Management Committee, Netheravon – seeking £3,275 towards the cost of landscaping the area at the rear of the Phoenix Hall to provide a pleasant, safe outdoor area for all parishioners.  
**Officers Recommendation - Approval**
5. Tidworth Royals Football Club – seeking £2,652 towards the cost of purchasing matching kit for the Tidworth Royal Teams (adults and children).  
**Officer Recommendation - Approval**
6. Tidworth Community Area Awards – seeking £860 towards the cost of organising and running the annual community awards ceremony for the area.  
**Officer Recommendation – Approval**

## 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 Scheme of Delegation, any recommendation of an Area Board that is contrary to the funding criteria would need the approval of the Leader, the appropriate Cabinet Member or the Cabinet.
- 1.3. 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.
- 1.4. During 2010/2011 all applicants are being encouraged to contact the Charities Information Bureau which is working 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 other national funding sources.
- 1.5. Funding applications will be considered at every Area Board meeting.
- 1.6. A decision has been made in 2010/2011 that 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 2010/11</li><li>• Tidworth Community Area Plan</li></ul>
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## **2. Main Considerations**

- 2.1. Tidworth Area Board has been allocated a 2010/2011 budget of £50,237 for community grants, community partnership core funding and councillor led initiatives. The carry forward from the 2009/2010 budget is £213. This sum plus a further £487 from the 2010/2011 allocation was approved at the Area Board meeting on 15 March 2010 for Grant No. TID: 016/09 "Eco Bikes", leaving a total of £49750 for the remainder of 2010/11. Following Community Area Grants from the May meeting (£1,000), the July meeting (£924), the September meeting (£1,873), the November meeting (£10,090) and the first tranche of the annual funding to Tidworth Community Area Partnership (£5,000), this leaves a total budget of £30,863 for the remainder of 2010/2011.
- 2.2. Councillors will need to be satisfied that grants awarded in the 2010/11 year are made to projects that can proceed realistically within a year of the award being made.
- 2.3. There will be 6 rounds of funding during 2010/11. The fifth round is contained in this report, the remaining rounds will take place on:-
- Monday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2011

## **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 Tidworth Area Board.
- 4.2. If grants are awarded in line with officer recommendations, Tidworth Area Board will have a balance of £15,304. The remaining tranche of funding for the Tidworth Community Area Partnership (£5,047) will reduce this to £10,275.

## **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.
- 7.2. Implications relating to individual grant applications are outlined within section 8 – “Officer Recommendations”.

## 8. Officer recommendations

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.1. TID: 014/10	T2A	Provision of equipment for wall climbing activity for 7 – 11 year olds	£772

- 8.1.1 Officers recommend that T2A is awarded £772 being the cost of equipment for wall climbing for 7 – 11 year olds, subject to the standard conditions of the grant scheme.
- 8.1.2 Officers are of the opinion that this application meets the 2010/11 grant criteria.
- 8.1.3 The application demonstrates a link to the Tidworth Community Area Plan 2003 – 2013 under the Culture and Leisure and Health and Social Care themes in that it:-
- encourages and extends the work of an existing group in the rural area.
  - promotes healthy lifestyles for young people, extending the age groups offered the facilities.
  - provides alternative sports for 7-11 year olds.
- 8.1.5 T2A is a successful scheme run for 13-19 year olds, which enables them to take part in alternative sports both at the Tidworth Leisure Centre and at other venues. This project is a new venture that will enable a younger age group (7 – 11 year olds) to take part in some of the activities, particularly wall climbing and does not duplicate any of the existing activities run by T2A.
- 8.1.6 The money will be used to purchase helmets and harnesses for this younger age group in the appropriate sizes.
- 8.1.7 The grant is for purchase of capital equipment and weekly subscriptions will support this new venture in the future.
- 8.1.8 This is a new piece of work for a younger age group and as such is not within the remit of T2a. As T2a already supports this older age group, it seemed appropriate to bid for the money under T2a. The reserves stated for T2a therefore are for other work and do not apply to this project.

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8.2. TID: 015/10	Friends of The Ridgeway	To develop a 17 mile section of The Great Stones Way over Salisbury Plain and through the Tidworth Community Area along the Avon Valley.	£5,000

8.2.1 Officers recommend that The Friends of the Ridgeway are awarded £5,000, to develop a 17 mile section of the Great Stones Way over Salisbury Plain and through the Tidworth Community Area along the Avon Valley, subject to the standard conditions of the grant scheme.

8.2.2 Councillors would need to be satisfied that the project will make a difference to the community and an additional condition could be added to ask for reports on the number of new tourist and service enterprises launched or saved along the route, and the number of local people using the path.

8.2.3 Officers are of the opinion that this application meets the 2010/11 grant criteria.

8.2.4 The application demonstrates a link to the Tidworth Community Area Plan 2003 – 2013 under the Culture and Leisure theme in that it:-

- encourages tourism and increases jobs, benefiting the economy of the area.
- Gives better disabled access to the countryside and provides better outdoor leisure activities.
- supports local bus services, etc.

8.2.5 This is part of a much larger project for a pathway linking Avebury in the north with Stonehenge via Salisbury Plain and the Avon Valley and including access to a number of ancient monuments on the way. A Business Plan has been prepared and a full feasibility study carried out by North Wessex AONB and Wiltshire Council.

8.2.6 The capital costs include signposts, pedestrian gates of various types and field work including surface repair, drainage, bridge repair, etc. Other costs are for project management and public information including a website and leaflets. The costs given in the application are applicable to the portion of the pathway through the Tidworth Community Area with a small amount of pathway falling outside. The majority of the work is within the Tidworth Community Area. The applicants are working closely with the parishes in the Community Area

8.2.7 Applications will be sought for funding from other area Boards (Marlborough and Pewsey) for parts of the Great Stones Way as it passes through those areas.

8.2.8 A decision not to fund this project will mean that the project would have to be delayed until sufficient funding can be obtained from other private and public sources.

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.3. TID: 016/10	Kennet Young Musicians	To set up 2 woodwind bands involving young people across the Tidworth Community Area.	£3,000

8.3.1 Officers recommend that Kennet Young Musicians is awarded £3,000 towards the cost of setting up 2 woodwind bands involving young people from across the Tidworth community Area, subject to the standard conditions of the grant scheme.

8.3.2 The total project cost is ££7,500. Salisbury Plain Action Group have been approached for £4,500. The costs include the capital for purchase of instruments and funding for 33 hours of teaching.

8.3.3 Officers are of the opinion that this application meets the 2010/11 grant criteria.

8.3.4 The application demonstrates a link to the Tidworth Community Area Plan 2003 – 2013 under the Culture and Leisure and countryside & Land-based themes in that it:-

- encourages new activities for young people by providing outlets for music-making.
- improves participation by young people in community life, creating opportunities for them to learn to play instruments and play as part of a band.
- will improve the social life of the young people by providing an educational club for 8 – 18 year olds and bring the various communities together.

8.3.5 The project links in with other work being carried out with young people in the rest of the county and is an opportunity to extend this into the Tidworth community Area. It is hoped to involve other groups in the Kennet Area and the Lucknow Band and choirs from the local schools in concerts. The project is open to young people from both civilian and military communities and it is hoped it will encourage a stronger sense of community by bringing them together through the band rehearsals and concerts.

8.3.6 39 instruments have been provided by the Wiltshire Music Service and these will be used to provide year 5 students to have them an opportunity to learn to play an instrument initially each year. This is not enough to equip the 2 bands and enable young people to continue with their music. The grant will provide the type and number of instruments needed to set up the bands.

8.3.7 Wellington Academy is providing the premises for rehearsals and transport for the young people free of charge.

8.3.8 No subscriptions are being requested during this pilot stage as the intention is to encourage as many young people as possible to become involved. In the future there will be a small charge, which it is hoped participants will be willing to pay.

8.3.7 A decision not to fund this project will mean fees would have to be charged from the outset and it is thought that the take up for the bands would be very small and it would be difficult to get the project up and running..

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8.4. TID: 017/10	Phoenix Hall Management Committee	Landscaping the area at the rear of the Phoenix Hall to provide a pleasant, safe outdoor area for all parishioners	£3,275

8.4.1 Officers recommend that the Phoenix Village Hall Management Committee is awarded £3,275 towards the cost of landscaping the area at the rear of the Phoenix Hall to provide a pleasant, safe outdoor area for all parishioners (up to 2200), subject to the standard conditions of the grant scheme and an extra condition to provide base figures on usage of the hall and figures of the increase following the completion of the outdoor works.

8.4.2 Officers are of the opinion that this application meets the 2010/11 grant criteria, except that the funding put in by the applicant is slightly under 50%. The total project cost is £6,475 and the management committee is putting in £3,200 from its 200 Club account and asking for a grant of £3,275.

8.4.3 It is hoped that the improvements will increase the income from hall hire, making it more sustainable.

8.4.3 The application demonstrates a link to the Tidworth Community Area Plan 2003 – 2013 under the Housing and Built Environment and Culture and Leisure themes in that it:-

- improves the outdoor area of an existing community hall used by most of the local population.
- encourages community involvement and volunteering through extending the facilities.
- provides a safe outdoors environment for all sections of the community.

8.4.4 The rear of the building has become overgrown and unsightly and this project will improve and make good use of the space. It will provide a safe and scenic outdoor area for users of the hall, particularly the elderly and very young. It will enable the younger members of families to play in a safe environment under supervision of adults. It will encourage people to spend time out of doors in a social environment

8.4.5 The Hall is a charity, managed by a committee under the supervision of trustees. The project will be managed from the hall hire account after completion. This account is currently in deficit of just under £5,000 but steps are being taken to bring the account into balance. This sum is covered by the small amount of free reserves. Details of accounts have been provided.

8.4.6 A decision not to fund the project would mean that the project would not go ahead.

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.5. TID: 019/10	Tidworth Royals Football Club	To purchase matching kit for the Tidworth Royal Teams (adults and children).	£2,408

8.5.1 Officers recommend that Tidworth Royals Football Club is awarded £2,407 towards the purchase of matching kit for the Tidworth Royals Teams, subject to the standard conditions of the grant scheme.

8.5.2 The total project cost is £4,908. The Club are contributing £2,500 to the project which is just over 50%. This includes a grant of £2,000 from Tidworth Town Council.

8.5.3 Officers are of the opinion that this application meets the 2010/11 grant criteria.

8.5.4 The application demonstrates a link to the Tidworth Community Area Plan 2003 – 2013 under the Culture and Leisure and Health & Social Care theme in that it:-

- supports the work of a sports club which is for both adults and young people.
- promotes healthy lifestyles through the medium of playing football.
- encourages community involvement and volunteering.

8.5.5 The Club's membership has risen by over 200% in the last 12 months and it has recently achieved FA Community Charter Standard. They feel a need to project a more united and professional image and wish to purchase matching kit for all their members which includes the new Tidworth Council crest.

8.5.6 After the capital outlay on the team kit, the club hope to continue raising grants or sponsorship as well as fundraising in various ways. They try to keep subscriptions to an affordable level, so that anyone who wants to can afford to play. They do not have reserves but the account is in a positive balance.

8.5.7 A decision not to fund this project will mean that the project would have to be delayed. This would mean that the teams would not present a unified approach when playing throughout the district.



Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.6. TID: 018/10	Tidworth Community Area Awards committee	To organize and run the annual Community Area Awards Ceremony	£860

- 8.6.1 Officers suggest that councillors consider recommending that the Tidworth Community Area Awards committee is awarded £860 towards the cost of organising and running the annual Community Awards ceremony, bearing in mind the comments on grant eligibility at paragraph 8.6.3. The Award Ceremony is growing year by year and a condition should be imposed on any award, that the Awards committee seek sponsorship and funding from other organisations in the future.
- 8.6.2 The committee consists of volunteers and the time given by them is difficult to estimate. The committee does not hold funds but Clarendon Junior School acts as accountable body and holds the funding in a ring-fenced part of the school accounts.
- 8.6.3 The 2010/11 grant criteria specify that running costs for annual events are not eligible but this event becomes bigger and more inclusive each year. The Lord Lieutenant presents the certificates and awards and the entire evening is held with the aim of acknowledging publically the efforts and achievements of many people across the community area, all of which bring direct benefit to others. The event supports the ethos of the Area Board and £100 of the costs is a new award to be awarded by the Area Board.
- 8.6.4 The application demonstrates a link to the Tidworth Community Area Plan 2003 – 2013 under the Culture & Leisure theme in that:-
- it encourages volunteering and the work of clubs and community organisations.
  - it brings people together for the good of the community and recognises individual and joint effort in the community.
  - the event is growing year by year and now includes music and dance by local groups of all ages.
- 8.6.5 In future years it is hoped to obtain more sponsorship from local businesses, schools, the military garrison, local government bodies and other organisations.
- 8.6.6 This highly successful and innovative event has been running for the past 15 years and is well supported and valued by the community. It does not hold funds and without a grant or sponsorship, the number of wards made to individuals would have to be reduced, which would devalue the real purpose of the event.

**Appendices:**

**Appendix 1 Grant application T2A Climbing Equipment**  
**Appendix 2 Grant application The Great Stones Way**  
**Appendix 3 Grant application Kennet Young Musicians**  
**Appendix 4 Grant application Phoenix Hall Landscaping**  
**Appendix 5 Grant application Tidworth Royals Football Club**  
**Appendix 6 Grant application Tidworth Community Area Awards**

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

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