

<b>Report to</b>	<b>Salisbury Area Board</b>
<b>Date of Meeting</b>	<b>20 January, 2011</b>
<b>Title of Report</b>	<b>Community Area Grants</b>

## **Purpose of Report**

To ask Councillors to consider 1 application seeking 2010/11 Community Area Grant Funding

Silver Surfers are seeking £1,500.00 to set up and run a Silver Surfers Club for Harnham and the surrounding area which will provide facilities and training for those over 50, on how to use the computer, and in particular to use the internet.

The Officer recommends an Award of £1,500.00 subject to:

- The applicant receiving confirmation of £1,500 match funding received from Salisbury City Council's Community Fund as indicated in the Community Grant Application. This information to be communicated by the applicant to the Community Area Manager before Wiltshire Council funds are released.

## 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 decision of an Area Board that is contrary to the funding criteria and/or the officer's recommendation would need to demonstrate that the application in question has a wider community benefit, and give specific reasons as to why this should justify an exception to the criteria.
- 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. Funding applications will be considered at every Area Board meeting.
- 1.5. Salisbury Area Board has been allocated a 2010/2011 budget of £78,247 for community grants, community partnership core funding and councillor led initiatives. The carry forward from the 2009/2010 budget is £0.00. This leaves a total budget of £78,247 for the 2010/2011 budget.
- 1.6. 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>• Salisbury City Community Area Plan 2004 – 2009</li><li>• Local Agreement for Wiltshire</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 6 rounds of funding during 20010/11. The fifth is contained in this report the remaining will take place on;
  - 17 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 Salisbury Area Board.
- 4.2. Salisbury Area Board has been allocated a 2010/2011 budget of £78,247 for community grants, community partnership core funding and councillor led initiatives. The carry forward from the 2009/2010 budget is £0.00. This leaves a total budget of £78,247 for the 2010/2011 budget.
- 4.3. To date, the Area Board has funded a total of £43,534.00 covering 11 community grants and community partnership core funding. This leaves £34,713.00 available in the budget up to March, 2011.
- 4.4. If the Community Area Grant submitted to the 20 January, 2011 meeting is awarded in line with officer recommendations, the Salisbury Area Board will have a balance of £33,213.00.

### **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
9.1 Grant Register ref no: SAL 036-10	Harnhams Silver Surfers Group	To set up and run a Silver Surfers Club for Harnham and the surrounding area.	£1,500.00

8.1.1. The Officer recommends that the total amount of £1500.00 requested is awarded for this project subject to:

- The applicant receiving confirmation of £1,500 match funding received from Salisbury City Council's Community Fund as indicated in the Community Grant Application. This information to be communicated by the applicant to the Community Area Manager before Wiltshire Council funds are released.

8.1.2. This application meets the grant criteria 2010/11.

8.1.3. This application demonstrates a link to the Salisbury Community Plan in respect of its planned inter-generational span, building relationships between the young and the old. This in turn can reduce the fear of crime. (P6 of community plan 2004-9)

8.1.4. The concept of a Silver Surfers Club (SSC) for Harnham came from the Salisbury Diocese, Ecumenical Mission Enabler suggesting that if any of the Churches Together members had a suitable venue, they might consider setting up a Silver Surfers Club. However, it must be emphasised that the SSC is not a religious group, it is open to everyone in the community providing an opportunity for different generations to work together. It is a non-profit making club, working closely with Age UK and is administered and run by St George's Hall Committee consisting of Chairman, Treasurer, Secretary with a further five committee members living in Harnham. The Club's Terms of Reference main objective is to provide training on using a computer and the internet, open to all over 50 in Harnham and surrounding areas although priority will be given to Harnham residents.

8.1.5. The project location will be the St George's Hall Meeting Room, Harnham. The Club has identified an individual responsible for computer training and maintenance and training assistants will be provided by Bishop Wordsworth School for boys as part of their community service.

8.1.6. The Club intends to have 6 laptops initially and will purchase relevant software, i.e.,

two packs of McAfee total protection for three users and Microsoft Office for one computer to illustrate what ITC programmes are available (Word, Excell, Powerpoint). The Club will ensure provision of secure, lockable storage facilities for the IT equipment and has provided an estimate of £500 to cover this. In kind support has been costed as 5 days at £50 per hour for the administrative set up of the project.

- 8.1.7. Evidence of local need for this project had been identified after contact was made with a Silver Surfers Group in Southampton who highlighted that as a result of the campaign launched by the BBC to get people on-line, they were getting many requests from Wiltshire residents asking to join their group.
- 8.1.8. The project will promote equality through its efforts to bridge the generation gap by offering the over 50's the same access to computers and facilities as other generations.
- 8.1.9. A decision not to fund this application would mean the project would not proceed.

<b>Appendices:</b>	<b>Appendix 1 Grant application – Silver Surfers Club</b>
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No unpublished documents have been relied upon in the preparation of this report.

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