

Report to	Pewsey Area Board
Date of Meeting	7 March 2011
Title of Report	Community Area Grants
Purpose of Report	
<p>To ask Councillors to consider eight applications seeking 2010/11 Community Area Grant Funding.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Wiltshire Heritage Museum – Henge Hopper – To pilot the Henge Hopper Bus Service linking Stonehenge and Avebury and the Wiltshire Heritage Museum, Devizes. Seeking £500. Officer Recommendation – Approval 2. Burbage Royal Wedding Street Party – Contribution towards the cost of portaloos, marquees, entertainment etc. Seeking £500. Officer Recommendation – Approval with conditions (see 8.2.1) 3. Stanton St Bernard Parish Council – To upgrade play equipment and fence the area. Seeking £335. Officer Recommendation – Approval 4. Upavon Parish Council – To refurbish 2 old red telephone boxes. Seeking £570. Officer Recommendation – Approval 5. Easton Royal Village Hall - Parish notice board. Seeking £800. Officer Recommendation - Approval of reduced amount of £400 6. Pewsey Gallery – contribution towards start up costs. Seeking £1000. Officer Recommendation - Approval with condition that this is one off funding only. 7. Pewsey Royal Wedding Party – contribution towards the cost of portaloos, tables and chairs etc - Seeking £500. Officer Recommendation - Approval with conditions (see 8.2.7). 8. Bouverie Hall Committee– new tables and storage trolley. Seeking £700. Officer Recommendation – Approval <p>If grants are awarded in line with officer approval recommendations Pewsey Area Board grants budget would have a deficit of -£911. Councillors will therefore have to reduce the total amount of grant awarded by at least this amount. Surplus funding may be carried over into the next financial year.</p> <p><i>Detailed information for councillors to consider before making their decision is included within the body of this report.</i></p>	

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 (providing there is money available).
- 1.5. Pewsey Area Board has been allocated a 2010/2011 budget of £44,949 for community grants, community partnership core funding and councillor led initiatives. The carry forward from the 2009/2010 budget is £38. This gives a total budget of £44,987 for 2010/2011. The balance at the last meeting was £9,675, however this amount was slightly incorrect, as the £400 we thought would be unclaimed was in fact a lesser amount of £163. At the last meeting the Area Board approved grants totalling £5,844 - this now leaves a final balance of £3,594.
- 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) or paper versions are available from the Community Area Manager.

Background documents used in the preparation of this Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Community Area Grant Application Pack 20010/11• Pewsey Community Area Plan
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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.

There will be six rounds of funding during 20010/11. This is the final round

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 Pewsey Area Board.
- 4.2. If grants are awarded in line with officer approval recommendations Pewsey Area Board will have a deficit of -£911, Councillors will therefore have to reduce the amounts of grants awarded by at least this amount. Any surplus funding may be carried over into the next financial year.

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.

8. Officer recommendations

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.1 (148)	Wiltshire Heritage Museum	To pilot the Henge Hopper Bus Service linking Stonehenge and Avebury and the Wiltshire Heritage Museum, Devizes. It will boost tourism in the vale of Pewsey, Devizes and the Avon Valley	£500

- 8.1.1. The Officer recommendation is that this application be approved.
- 8.1.2. This project meets the grant criteria 2010/11.
- 8.1.3. Wiltshire Council's Head of Heritage & the Arts has commented in favour of this project as an important and additional initiative to the core work of the Museum, benefiting tourism, transport and local communities.
- 8.1.4. The project has a direct link to the Pewsey Community Area Plan on page 11 - 2.8 To increase visitors to the Vale and therefore contribute to the local economy.
- 8.1.5. The intention is to pilot the service in the Spring 2011 as part of The Stonehenge & Avebury World Heritage Site (WHS) Management Plans which both identify the need for improved transport links to encourage visitors to explore the WHS. The aim is to encourage visitors to see a visit to Stonehenge as much more than a one hour experience,

and to explore the local area, stopping to have lunch or stay overnight.

8.1.6. The bus service has been decided to complement and not compete with public transport providers, and developed in response to surveys of visitors to Stonehenge and through online surveys.

8.1.7. The bus service will be a regular “hop on – hop off” timetabled route operated by a 12 seater minibus, with a ticket costing approximately £10 to be valid for a whole day or weekend.

8.1.8. It is intended to tie in as much as possible with Pewsey Station, draft timetable as follows:-

Devizes	10.00	11.00	1.00	2.00	4.00
Stonehenge	10.45	11.45	1.45	2.45	4.45
Pewsey Station	11.25 (meets 11.04 service from London)	12.25 (meets 12.03 Sat service)		4.05 (16.16 service)	5.25 (18.13 service)
Marden	--.---	--.---	2.25	--.---	--.---
Avebury	11.50	12.50	2.50	4.30	5.50

8.1.9. The Museum’s accounts for 2009/10 (page 3 on application form) record a reserve of £675,432. The reserves act as an endowment for the museum, which provides an income to sustain it for the future. The Museum has an annual deficit of £50,000 which will need to be deducted from the reserves. Also the reserve will need to assist with the museum’s current pension deficit.

8.1.10. If the area board decides not to award the grant requested the term of the pilot phase (currently March – May 2011) will need to be shortened.

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.2. (80)	Burbage Royal Wedding Street Party	Contribution towards the cost of portaloos, marquees, entertainment etc	£500

8.2.1. The Officer recommendation is that this application be approved with the condition that the board’s grant is used to pay for the purchase of the marquee and the remainder put towards the cost of the toilets.

8.2.2. This project meets the grant criteria 2010/11.

8.2.3. The applicant is Burbage Royal Wedding Street Party. The total project cost is £2,321. £1,821 is expected to be put towards the project from local fund raising and sponsorship.

8.2.4. The application doesn’t demonstrate a specific link to the Pewsey Community Area Plan 2010/11 although it is felt that this community event will enhance community spirit, encourage greater local awareness and friendliness. It will help to motivate other residents and demonstrate how the community can work together to achieve results which will transfer onto other projects as they arise.

8.2.5. There are 12 people on the management group; and everyone is invited to the event. The local schools and a number of local groups are committed to the event i.e. cub scouts,

Burbage News, Burbage Village Hall, the Burbage & Easton Royal British Legion and the Parish Council.

- 8.2.6. A decision not to fund the project would mean that the group would have to cut back on some of the entertainment and facilities.

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.3 (134)	Stanton St Bernard Parish Council	To upgrade playground equipment to a safe standard. Erect fencing.	£335

8.3.1 The Officer recommendation is that this application be approved.

8.3.2 The project meets the grant criteria 2010/11.

8.3.3 The project demonstrates a specific link to the Pewsey Community Area Plan 2010/2011 - Priorities 6.6 Lack of activities for young people, 6.7 Improving sports, play and leisure facilities, and 6.8 Diversionary activities for young people. Pages 26 and 27.

8.3.4 The applicant is Stanton St Bernard Parish Council who will provide £336 in match funding. The total project cost is £671.

8.3.5 The project is to upgrade the playground equipment to a safe standard, to fence the area which will prevent dogs entering, and also the fence will prevent children falling into an adjacent ditch.

8.3.6 If the Area Board makes a decision not to fund the safety fence around the Winterbourne may need to be put on hold until the parish council can afford to install it from parish funds.

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.4 (144)	Upavon Parish Council	External refurbishment of two old red telephone boxes	£570

8.4.1 The Officer recommendation is that this application be approved.

8.4.2 The application meets the grant criteria 2010/11.

8.4.3 The application doesn't demonstrate a link to the Pewsey Community Area Plan.

8.4.4 The applicant is Upavon Parish Council. The total project costs are £1140. The Parish Council is contributing £570 towards the project.

8.4.5 The project is the refurbishment of two old red telephone boxes; one is a listed structure. When completed they will enhance the village outlook. The Parish Council is still considering future uses for the boxes after refurbishment. Ideas under consideration include: village notice boards; book exchange locations.

8.4.6 The whole village will benefit from these boxes no longer being an eyesore and the future potential use of them once refurbished.

8.4.7 If the Area Board makes a decision not to fund the project the refurbishment will be considered to be carried out from a small budget reserve in Parish Council funds.

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.5 (139)	Easton Royal Village Hall	Purchase and installation of a new Parish Notice Board for Easton Royal	£800

- 8.5.1 The Officer recommendation is that this application be approved.
- 8.5.2 The project meets the grant criteria 2010/11. However for reasons set out in 8.5.6 and 8.5.7 below it is recommended that a reduced amount of £400 be awarded.
- 8.5.3 The project demonstrates a link with the Pewsey Community Area Plan 2010/11 priorities 2.10 Access to Information, and 2.11 Support for voluntary organisations on Page 11. It is recognised that communication in rural villages is vital, and notice boards provide a much needed resource for the community.
- 8.5.4 The applicant is Easton Royal Village Hall. The total project costs are £1000. The Parish Council is contributing £100 towards the project, and the village hall £100.
- 8.5.5 The project is for the purchase and installation of a new parish notice board. The existing one is rotten and in a very poor condition.
- 8.5.6 Pewsey Area Board has previously granted awards for parish notice boards; although the applicants have been the parish council who under the terms of the criteria have to provide 50% match funding.
- 8.5.7 Grants already awarded for notice boards by Pewsey Area Board include Patney £251 towards total cost £502; Alton £75 towards total cost £150; Charlton £265 towards total cost £530. In view of this and in view of the fact that this applicant is not from the parish council who would normally only receive 50% a reduced amount of £400 is recommended. It is also evident from the previous applications that notice boards can be obtained at more modest sums.
- 8.5.8 If the Area Board makes a decision not to fund the project alternative funding would need to be sought as the notice board has to be replaced shortly.

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.6 (143)	Pewsey Gallery Art Centre	To provide an Art Gallery, Arts and Crafts Workshops and Artists talks	£1000

- 8.6.1 The Officer recommendation is that this application be approved subject to consideration of the points made in paragraphs 8.6.2, 8.6.5, 8.6.6 and 8.6.9 below.
- 8.6.2 The project meets grant criteria 2010/11; however the criteria states that projects which have already started should not receive area board funds; and running costs should not be funded. It could be argued that a) this is for start-up funding (which is eligible) and b) not a project which has already started as there has been a period where there has not been a gallery operating on the site.
- 8.6.3 The project is to promote the advancement of local artists and craftspersons within

Wiltshire by providing an Art Gallery as a regional focus for the visual arts. To provide a resource centre to encourage strong community arts and crafts activities. This will include workshops and artists talks.

- 8.6.4 The project will provide community benefit because there will be an opportunity for amateur artists and community groups (including schools, youth groups, over 65's, carers and disabled persons) an opportunity to exhibit alongside professional artists and craftspersons and to attend art and craft courses.
- 8.6.5 Members will need to consider the financial sustainability of this project, particularly given the finance required in previous years, and the applicant has stated that funding will continue to be sought. If it is agreed to grant an award it must be on the condition that this is one off funding, and no further funding will be given.
- 8.6.6 A gallery on this site was previously set up and run by the Pewsey Area Community Trust who closed it in October 2010. The gallery operated by PACT received initial funding by the Rural Regeneration Fund and then sought and was granted financial assistance from Kennet District Council.
- 8.6.7 The project demonstrates a direct link to the Pewsey Community Area Plan, priorities 6.2 Build links between the rural parts of the area and Pewsey Village, 6.6 Lack of activities for young people, 6.9 Insufficient meeting room space, 6.13 The need for more people to engage in volunteering and 6.15 Support for Arts and Crafts on Pages 25-28.
- 8.6.8 The applicant is the Pewsey Gallery Art Centre; a new not for profit group. The group is contributing £3,000 to the project (£1,000 confirmed, £2,000 unconfirmed). The total project cost (year one) is £23,158 and the remainder of income is anticipated through sales, courses, room rentals and exhibitions.
- 8.6.9 The applicant has been offered a short term lease of the premises initially for 6 months and then on a month by month basis. Members may wish to consider whether the lack of certainty over the length of the lease may represent a risk that the project may be short-lived
- 8.6.10 If the Area Board makes a decision not to fund the project the group would not be able to initiate the community workshops, rent out rooms, or offer courses within the premises until furniture can be bought. The Gallery cannot be opened without public liability insurance, fire cover or the first month's wages.

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.7 (124)	Pewsey Royal Wedding Party	A community event to celebrate the Royal Wedding	£500

- 8.7.1 The Officer recommendation is that this application be approved, with the condition that the grant is used to pay for the toilet hire, rather than as a general contribution. This is due to the fact that some of the project is for raffle prizes, which is not something that Area Board funding should be put towards.
- 8.7.2 The project meets the grant criteria 2010/11.
- 8.7.3 The application demonstrates a specific link to the Pewsey Community Area Plan 2010/11 Page 25 Culture & Leisure– events are encouraged to maintain public spirit in the villages and rural areas.

- 8.7.4 The applicant is Pewsey Royal Wedding Community Event which is a not for profit one time community group. The group is made up of 12 people. The total project cost is £2,350 – income is confirmed from local business donations £100, Pewsey Area Community Trust £250; Pewsey Parish Council £250; in kind volunteer effort £200 and provisional from ticket sales £600, raffle £200, Hasbeens £250 and from food sales £200.
- 8.7.5 The project is to run a street party to celebrate the Royal Wedding. It will take place at the field at the Coopers Arms, Pewsey from 9.30 am to late. The wedding can be watched on big screens, people can take along a picnic or purchase food from a BBQ. There will be an it's a knockout competition, fair rides and music into the evening. Tickets will be charged at £2 and all attending will receive a commemorative mug. The costs involved are in toilet hire, raffle prizes, tables and chairs, mugs, first aid, decorations, advertising, and marshalling. If there is a financial surplus the group will dispose of it for community benefit – the nominated cause initially will be the Pewsey Children's Carnival.
- 8.7.6 If the Area Board makes a decision not to fund the project the group would have to charge more for each ticket which will make the event less accessible to lower income groups in the village plus perhaps run additional fund raising activities on the day.

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.8 (156)	The Bouverie Hall Committee	To purchase 12 lightweight tables and storage trolley	£700

- 8.8.1 The Officer recommendation is that this application be approved.
- 8.8.2 The application meets the grant criteria 2010/11.
- 8.8.3 The application doesn't demonstrate a specific link to the Pewsey Community Area Plan but it is recognised that village halls are part of the fabric of local communities, and a vital resource for local people for recreation, social events, meetings etc, much of which is included in the Pewsey Community Area Plan. Village halls help to facilitate many of the objectives of the Plan.
- 8.8.4 The applicant is The Bouverie Hall Committee, a not for profit organisation with a management group of 11. The Bouverie Hall Committee is contributing £700 towards the project. Total project costs £1400.
- 8.8.5 The applicant does have reserves, however these are due to be used in the near future to replace the floor and the partition.
- 8.8.6 The project is to purchase 12 lightweight tables and a storage trolley. The current tables are heavy and reaching the end of their useful life. Buying lighter more modern aluminium tables will assist all those holding functions in the hall. Community events and organisations will benefit.
- 8.8.7 If the Area Board makes a decision not to fund the project, it will not go ahead and result in inadequate numbers of tables at the hall.

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

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