

Area Board Projects and Councillor Led Initiatives Application Form 2017/2018

To be completed by the Wiltshire Councillor leading on the project

Please ensure that you have read the Funding Criteria before completing this form

PLEASE COMPLETE ALL SECTIONS TO ENSURE THAT YOUR APPLICATION CAN BE CONSIDERED

1. Contact Details

Area Board Name	Trowbridge		
Your Name	Councillor Steve Oldrieve		
Contact number	07774984262	e-mail	(steve.oldrieve@wiltshire.gov.uk)

2. The project

Project Title/Name	River Biss Water Quality Management Activities – Friends of Biss Meadows (FOBM)
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<p>Please tell us about the project/activity you want to organise/deliver and why?</p> <p><i>Important: This section is limited to 900 characters only (inclusive of spaces).</i></p>	<p>Background: The River Biss is a key natural feature that runs through the heart of our County Town and has often been the subject of public concern when it has become polluted or threatened by over development.</p> <p>In the past 3 years due to licence constraints the volunteers have secured working connections and undergone training with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - the Environment Agency (EA) to obtain licences for river habit improvement work including the building of safe river access platforms, fish habitat and river bank enforcement activities - Freshwater Watch, Bristol Avon Rivers Trust (BART) and the Wild Trout Trust and (BART) to undertake ecology studies from the river bed including invertebrates and water quality monitoring - Park maintenance with Wiltshire Council including waterside activities <p>The Friends of Biss Meadows are the only local resource that regularly care for the River as it approaches the Town.</p> <p>The project: EA central funding is declining and more charitable Trust bodies taking on responsibility for local river policing, working in the river is an essential objective for water quality and ecological diversity. This work presents considerable educational and community engagement opportunity for all those wishing to participate. To do this effectively there should be a centrally managed secure store container resource, this proposal specifically for that storage.</p>
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Where is this project taking place?	Biss Meadows though a Wiltshire Council owned asset, is maintained by the volunteers of the FOBM since Jan 2009
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When will the project take place?	Autumn 2018
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What evidence is there that this project/activity needs to take place/be funded by the area board?	There has been much publicity over the years of pollution incidents and issues with the river these have often taken a long time to resolve. Also the river has been raised as a key asset in strategic planning by the Area Board over the years.
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How will the local community benefit?	By providing a specific storage facility, not only do we meet important work cleanliness requirements separating land and water based tooling, but we will also be able to store much more project equipment and safety PPE enabling bigger groups to be involved. It is hoped to build a close partnering relationship with a local school and extend opportunities for waterside studies. The wider community will benefit from a well maintained river and access to equipment for future project opportunities.		
Does this project link to a current Community Issue? (if so, please give reference number as well as a brief description)	River Biss pollution and regular clearance currently only to landside accessible areas.		
Does this project link to the Community Plan or local priorities? (if so, please provide details)	Maintenance, care and maximising the benefit from the River Biss through the Town Centre has been specified regularly in Town Plans.		
Is this project supported by the Local Youth Network or Community Area Transport Group? (if it relates to young people or highways and transport)	N/A		
What is the desired outcome/s of this project? The facility to be available by the end of 2018			
Who will be responsible for managing this project? FOBM contact Pete Barnett pj.barnett@btinternet.com who has the role for projects within the Friends group.			
3. Funding			
What will be the total cost of the project?	3,945		
How much funding are you applying for? Please note that only capital funding is available	1,945		
If you are expecting to receive any other funding for your project, please give details	Source of Funding	Amount Applied For	Amount Received
	Big lottery River Guardian Project	600	600
	FOBM	400	400
	FOBM Mgmt. and labour resources	1000	1000
Please give the name of the organisation and bank account name (but not the number) your grant will be paid in to. (N.B. We cannot pay money into an individual's bank account)	Account Name: Friends of Biss Meadows Country Park Sort 30-98-75 Acc 00396505		
4. Declaration – I confirm that...			
<p>Yes the information on this form is correct and that any grant received will be spent on the activities specified</p> <p>Yes any form of licence, insurance or other approval for this project will be in place before the start of the project outlined in this application</p>			

Name: Peter Barnett	Date: 25 July 2018
Position in organisation: FOBM Projects lead	
Please return your completed application to the appropriate Area Board Locality Team (see section 3)	

Attachments for supporting information

WC Planning consent:



Container.WCplanning.pdf

Accounts:

Last year end and current



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Quotation: [Note this is single source as the supplier has supplied numerous of this type to Wiltshire Wildlife Trust and the FOBM also have one of these]



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16th June 18quote.pdf

Correspondence with the supplier:



Flatpack container
Biss Meadows quotation



Flatpack container
Biss Meadows delivery