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Objective 3: Communities

To work for cohesive, stable and sustainable communities throughout the area by addressing current imbalances and geographical and social isolation

Case Study

Grant: £9,999

Total project cost: £27,393

Organisation: Erelstoke PCC

Project: Modernisation of church for community activity

Main purpose: The second stage for which we are applying for a grant from Plain Action is for the provision of two toilets and kitchenette. We have permission from the DAC to install 2 toilets and a kitchenette in the church. Three stone monuments will have to be relocated to facilitate this. We have broken our plans into stages to enable funding to be achieved. A first stage is proposed to install a fire exit/entrance combined with a disabled ramp. (This is not part of our grant application). The installation of toilets will enable the church to be used as a multi use facility for example social events, parish council and other meetings and as a polling station as there is no other public building available for these purposes due to the village hall closure 2 years ago (this was due to the expiration of the 50 year lease).



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Key dates

Management
meetings, all
Thursdays

14 April 2011

5 June 2011

11 August 2011

13 October 2011

8 December 2011

All open to the
public. For venues
and further details
please see
website

**Larkhill
Play Area
Redevelopment
£90,000**

**Alabare
Christian Care
£7,776**

**Wyndham Hall
£93,000**

**Army Education
Centre
£9,600**

**Warminster
Community
Radio
£68,112**

**Edington Silver
Surfers
£3,000**

**Tidworth Youth
Wind Band
£4,500**

**Over 50% of Grant
Funds Committed**

33 projects with over £13m funding have now been approved by the Programme Management Board. This represents 61.2% of the available grant funds have been committed.

The projects cover a variety of different activities that span the Objectives of Plain Action. These objectives: skills and training, business and employment, communities linked to the themes of military/civilian integration and climate change/environmental issues provide a very wide scope for projects.

Within this newsletter are three case studies of projects that show this variety. A further 35 projects are at various stages of preparation.



A New Face

John Dowsett, the Programme Manager for Plain Action, retired from the position at the end of 2010. John was instrumental in securing the funding for Plain Action and working with the Programme Management Group to agree the objectives and to set up the framework for the project. In his retirement John will be pursuing his hobby of classic cars and hopes to move to the Dorset countryside.

To replace John, the Programme Management Group has appointed Alan Truscott. Alan has a construction background and has worked for Local Authorities, the Ministry of Defence and Housing Associations, although his last position was for Age UK Wiltshire.

STOP PRESS

Plain Action have been told by SWRDA that a review of the LEADER funding of which Plain Action is part of will be undertaken over the next four months. During this time no further approvals for projects will be given by SWRDA.

Projects that have already been given approval have secure funding and will be able to continue and make claims.

Staff at Plain Action will continue to work with applicants to prepare applications but no further approvals during this period will be given for "expressions of interest" or full applications.

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European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development: Europe Investing in Rural Areas.



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- Plain Action Business Support £38,916
- Post Point £30,850
- Making Tracks £39,845
- Bustard Country £38,000
- Project Inspire £64,562 and £122,824
- Skilled for Health £21,600
- Art in the Garden £2,175
- Homestart Kennet £20,000
- Friends of the Ridgeway £5,000 and £24,750
- Homestart South Wilts £17,250
- Hawk Conservancy Cinnamon Cafe £100,000
- Fyfield PCC—modernisation of St Nicholas Church £4,669
- Homestart South Wilts £17,250

Objective 1: Skills and Training

To maximise the skills, abilities and opportunities of all those living and seeking work in the area, particularly in the context of the opportunities presented by the military establishment and the skills of those leaving it.

Case Study

Grant: £36,000
Total project cost: £64,000
Organisation: Learning Curve
Project: NVQ Training and Qualifications in Childcare

Main purpose: This programme will provide local residents, including army dependants, an opportunity to acquire training and qualifications in childcare to nationally recognised standards. As well as achieving an NVQ and improving their general employability, participants will learn about how they can use these skills to earn an income by providing child care services in their community. The programme would include one-to-one support, tailored training and the opportunity to improve literacy and numeracy skills where appropriate.

What is Plain Action??!

Plain Action is a rural development programme operating across Salisbury and into Hampshire.

Comprehensive details are to be found on the website: www.plainaction.org.uk

Main purpose: To improve the lives of all those working and living in the Salisbury Plain area.

Timescale: 2008 to 2013

Main fields of activity: Skills and training, business and employment, education.

(1) by a variety of local organisations through a number of educational partners

(2) by professional and other outside tender organisations

Governance: Plain Action is a Local Action Group (LAG) led by 10 locally appointed members representing all areas.




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Objective 2: Businesses and Employment

To strengthen the long term economic performance of the area by supporting initiatives that nurture enterprise, cross sectors and remove barriers

Case Study

Grant: £9,999
Total project cost: £16,380
Organisation: The Gurkha Variety Spice Store
Project: Business Start-up

Main purpose: We need this grant to fund the capital purchase of fridge and freezer equipment which is vital to our operation and wider set-up and furnishing of the empty shop unit, variety of choices of spice foods for the local community who love spices for local shopping. Investment in the local economy and employment for 3 service leavers initially with scope to employ others in the future. The products available to the Foreign and Commonwealth will greatly enhance their lifestyle as they can cook traditional foods. As part of our promotion we will hold taster session of foods which will be open to all, thus educating and promoting diversity among British, Foreign and Commonwealth personnel eventually leading to improved community integration.



- Museum of Army Flying £39,500
- Holy Saviour Church, Erelstoke £9,999
- Wellington Academy £93,750
- Mayflower Marquee Hire Ltd £3,757
- Wiltshire Council—Building Sustainable Communities £37,500
- Shipton Allotment Society £2,574
- The Learning Curve, £36,000 and £150,000
- Shipton Bellinger Pre-School £3,390
- Gurkha Variety Store £9,999
- Real Cooking £9,999
- Laverton Hall £90,000