



Area Board Project

1. What is the Initiative?

An earmarked fund of £11,000 from the Amesbury Area Board discretionary grants budget 2011/12 to be made available for parish councils and community groups who need financial assistance to stage celebrations/events to mark the 2012 Olympics and/or the Queen's Diamond Jubilee.

Parish councils and community groups are able to request up to a maximum of £500 for their local celebrations.

2. Where is the initiative taking place?

This fund will be managed by the Amesbury Area Board and will be made available to all of the 22 parishes in the Area. The fund will not be available however to Amesbury Town itself, if the Performance Reward Grant for the "Amesbury 2012" project is approved.

3. When will the initiative take place?

During 2012

4. What are the Community benefits/evidence of need/links to Community Plan/Community Issue?

The Amesbury Area Board anticipates that many of the parishes within the Area will want to stage community events to mark these two national celebrations, and it would like to demonstrate its support for such events, on the basis that these activities will help promote the overall objectives of community engagement and cohesion.

5. What is the desired outcome of this initiative?

To support and encourage parishes to organise community events associated with the 2012 Olympics and the Queen's Diamond Jubilee.

6. Who will Project Manage this initiative?

Each community event will be managed by its own volunteers. The £11,000 fund will be allocated by the Area Board based on the merits of each application.

7. Costs/quotes/ match funding?

Each community event is required to demonstrate a need for financial assistance from the Area Board, and to provide quotes and invoices evidencing the costs of each event.

Match funding is not a condition of this fund. However, the board reserves the right to exercise discretion on each request made, and would prefer to see that financial support is secured from other local sources for each event, e.g. from the parish council or local business sponsor.

8. Additional information

The availability of this fund is earmarked for the specific purposes detailed above only, and the Area Board reserves the right to exercise full discretion in how this fund is applied.

All bids to this fund will need to have been submitted and formally considered by the Area Board before the 31st March 2012.