

<b>Report to</b>	<b>Amesbury Area Board</b>
<b>Date of Meeting</b>	<b>22 September 2011</b>
<b>Title of Report</b>	<b>Community Area Grants</b>

<b>Purpose of Report</b>	<u><i>Recommendation</i></u>
To ask Councillors to consider two applications seeking 2011/12 Community Area Grant Funding	
1. Friends of Durrington All Saints C of E Infant School Edwardian, Costume day - Seeking £1923	<i>Approve in full</i>
2. Avon Valley & the Stonehenge Sports Partnership, to offer 23 sports festivals in the community area - Seeking £2,000	<i>Part approve - £1,700</i>
<b>The following 4 applications are for Jubilee Grants from a separate fund.</b>	
3. Winterbourne Parish - A planned community activity. Seeking £500	<i>Approve in full</i>
4. Idmiston Parish - A planned activity to help promote community cohesion. Seeking £500.	<i>Approve in full</i>
5. Durrington Carnival and Show weekend to encourage more people to be volunteers. Seeking £500.	<i>Approve in full</i>
6. Allington with Boscombe Parish - A community Jubilee celebration. Seeking £500.	<i>Approve in full</i>
Total requested: £5923	<i>Total recommended: £5623</i>

**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. 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 (15 April 2011). 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 for why this should justify an exception to the criteria.
- 1.3. The emphasis in the Coalition Government's Localism agenda supports the ethos of volunteering and community involvement. With this in mind, Community Area Grants should be encouraged from, and awarded to, community and voluntary groups.
- 1.4. Area boards will not consider applications from town and parish councils for purposes that relate to their statutory duties or powers that should be funded from the local town/parish precept. However this does not preclude bids from town/parish councils, encouraging community projects that provide new opportunities for local people or those functions that are not the sole responsibility of the town/parish council.
- 1.5. Officers are required to provide recommendations in their report, although the decision to support applications and to what level is made by Wiltshire Councillors on the Area Board.
- 1.6. Funding applications will be considered at every Area Board meeting.
- 1.7. All applicants are encouraged to contact the Charities Information Bureau which is working on behalf of Wiltshire Council to support community and voluntary groups, town and parish councils to seek funding for community projects and schemes both from the Area Board and other local and national funding sources.
- 1.8. 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.
- 1.9. The 2011/2012 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 2011/12</li></ul>
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## **2. Main Considerations**

- 2.1. Councillors will need to be satisfied that grants awarded in the 2011/12 year are made to projects that can realistically proceed within a year of the award being made.
- 2.2. Future rounds of funding during 2011/12 are planned for;
  - 24 November 2011
  - 19 January 2012
  - 23 February 2012

## **3. Environmental & Community Implications**

- 3.1. 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 Amesbury Area Board.

## **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
8.1	Friends of Durrington All Saints C of E School	Centenary Project	£1923

- 8.1.1. The Officer recommendation is for approval as the application meets the grant criteria 2011/12.
- 8.1.2. The application meets the Community Area Grants criteria 2011/12 (see 1, 4 above). It is a project benefiting all ages from the local community.
- 8.1.3. The application demonstrates a link to the Durrington Community Action Plan (pg. 6), which identifies the need for leisure and cultural activities for young people and additional community.
- 8.1.4. The Friends of Durrington All Saints C of E School have been in existence for over 10 years and enhance activities outside the remit of the Council by fundraising and supporting the school.
- 8.1.5. The application meets locally agreed area board priorities.
- 8.1.6. Activities will be promoted by experiencing a typical Edwardian day, there will be skills sessions such as designing and making a memorial mosaic, and authentic Edwardian costumes and artefacts from that era including photographs; will also be on show.
- A centenary photo will be taken and an aerial photograph will be taken. Viscount Blediso will attend the celebration worship service.
- 8.1.7. Participating organisations are the school, parents, ex staff and pupils, the local church, Parish Council and members of the local community.
- 8.1.8. This project demonstrates community cohesion and equality.

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.2	Avon Valley & Stonehenge School Sport Partnership	Amesbury 2012 Community Area Sports Festival.	£2,000

- 8.2.1 The Officer recommendation is for approval in part - £1.700
- 8.2.2 The application meets the grant criteria 2011/12
- 8.2.3 The application demonstrates a link to the Wiltshire Council's priorities of promoting a healthier community through increased opportunities for leisure and sport

activities, and reducing Anti Social behaviour, it also coincides with the Olympics 2012.

8.2.4 The application meets locally agreed/area board priorities

8.2.5 There is widespread concern regarding unhealthy lifestyles and rising levels of obesity in younger generations. Sporting activities, such as a Community Area Sports Festival will help combat this, whilst also helping to motivate young people to do more exercise in general, and giving them the opportunity to do so. Sporting activities also encourage team work and help children develop their social skills. The school has agreed that the festival will be officiated by local secondary school students: this will help build their self esteem and confidence, whilst also giving the younger children positive role models. It is hoped this will also have the effect of raising academic attainment. Staff will benefit from coach involvement increasing their knowledge base and confidence.

8.2.6 The School Partnership hopes to reach 1445 children and young people by offering a wide variety of sporting opportunities and encouraging participation after the festival by strengthening links with local sport clubs.

8.2.7 Equality and inclusion is demonstrated by the range of staff, pupils, and local sports clubs who will take part. The festivals are inclusive and children with disabilities will take part.

Appendices – Grant application forms (available to view online at <http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/council/areaboards/areaboardscommunitygrantsscheme.htm>)

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

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