

<b>Report to</b>	<b>Wootton Bassett &amp; Cricklade Area Board</b>
<b>Date of Meeting</b>	<b>March 24<sup>th</sup> 2010</b>
<b>Title of Report</b>	<b>Community Area Grants</b>

## **Purpose of Report**

To ask Councillors to consider three applications seeking 2009/10 Community Area Grant Funding

1. **Cricklade Climate Action Network**- £90 requested to provide collection containers to recycle household batteries for members of the local community using local amenities.
2. **Purton and Cricklade Young Farmers Club**- £790 to upgrade the electrics at the YFC Hut in Purton Stoke, to meet current regulations and allow the local community to continue using this local facility safely.
3. **Cricklade Leisure Centre Gardeners** -£255 to enlarge, improve and plant up the Children and Young Peoples Garden, designed by the group of 5-13 year olds who maintain this garden, which will continue to improve the outside of the leisure centre for the benefit of its users and for those on the Thames Walk.

## 1. Background

- 1.1 A single and simple application process was accepted by the Implementation Executive on 13<sup>th</sup> May 2009 for use during 2009/10. The Community Grants Pack includes details of the grants process and criteria and may be found either on the Councils website at [www.wiltshire.gov.uk/areaboards](http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/areaboards) or as a paper version through the report author.
- 1.2 Area Boards have authority to approve Area Grants under powers delegated to the Area Boards by the Leader of the Council (13<sup>th</sup> May 2009). Under the terms of that delegation Area Boards must operate within the policies set by the Leader and /or the Council. The Council has adopted an Area Grants policy, with funding criteria, to which the Area Boards must adhere.
- 1.3 In accordance with the Scheme of Delegation, any recommendation of an Area Board that was contrary to the funding criteria would need the approval of the Leader, the appropriate Cabinet Member or the Cabinet.

<b>Background documents used in the preparation of this Report</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Community Area Grant Application Pack 2009/10</li><li>• Northern Community Area Plan</li></ul>
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## 2. Main Considerations

- 2.1. Councillors will need to be satisfied that grants awarded in the 2009/10 year are made to projects that can realistically proceed within three months of 31<sup>st</sup> March 2010.
- 2.2. There will be four rounds of funding during 2009/10. The last of these is contained in this report.
- 2.3. ***Community and voluntary groups, town and parish councils are encouraged to submit funding applications for the 2010/11 grants scheme. The first round will be considered by the area board on May 26<sup>th</sup> 2010. Closing date for receipt of applications for this round is 14<sup>th</sup> April 2010. Further rounds and deadlines will be published on the website.***
- 2.4. While officers provide recommendations to Councillors in their report, the decision to support applications and to what level is made by Wiltshire Councillors on this Area Board.
- 2.5 Two other applicants withdrew their applications and hope to reapply at a future date.

### 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 Wootton Bassett & Cricklade Area Board.

4.2. If grants are awarded in line with officer recommendations, Wootton Bassett & Cricklade Area Board will have a balance of **£412.53** to be carried forward to 2010/11.

### 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 – “Project Proposals”.

### 8. Officer recommendations

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.1	Cricklade Climate Action Network	To provide collection containers to recycle household batteries for members of the local community at a number of local amenities.	£90

8.1.1 It is recommended that the group is awarded a grant of £90 to provide this battery recycling facility in Cricklade

8.1.2 Officers are of the opinion that this application meets the 2009/10 grant criteria,

- 8.1.3 The application demonstrates specific links to the Northern Community Area Plan (p 18- recycling)
- 8.1.4 The overall project relates to a number of Wiltshire Council priorities. The aim of the project is to encourage recycling of batteries and reduce the environmental impact of household batteries in waste collection through the provision of collection buckets in participating local amenities and businesses. Volunteers from these amenities and Cricklade CAN! will bulk the batteries together for collection by Batteryback.org and will report the weight of batteries collected each month in the Cricklade Chronicle. This will encourage volunteering and young people's participation in positive activities, increase recycling and raise awareness of renewable energy measures and climate change.
- 8.1.5 The applicant is seeking 100% of the costs of the project
- 8.1.6 There will be no discrimination, either positive or negative with regard to the target group of beneficiaries.
- 8.1.7 A decision not to fully fund this application is likely to result in a delay in the project proceeding while the applicant seeks funding from other sources.

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8. 2	Purton and Cricklade Young Farmers Club	To upgrade the electrics at the YFC Hut in Purton Stoke, to meet current regulations and allow the local community to continue using this local facility safely.	£790

- 8.2.1 It is recommended that the YFC is awarded a grant of £790 to upgrade the electrics at the Club Hut, which is a safety requirement.
- 8.2.2 Officers are of the opinion that this application meets the 2009/10 grant criteria
- 8.2.3 The application demonstrates specific links to the Northern Community Area Plan (p 22- 'lack of youth facilities')
- 8.2.4 The project relates to Wiltshire Council priorities around adult participation in sport, and improving young people's participation in positive activities. The hut has been owned and maintained by the club for over 30 years. As well as being used by 40+

members (aged 10-26) for their wide range of sporting, educational, social and fund raising activities, it is also used by the local community in the village for a weekly yoga class, saving travel to a larger settlement for such an activity. In addition, the hut is used by local residents for events such as Christmas dinner for over 60s, children's Christmas party, Harvest Supper and various coffee mornings. Apart from the village pub and chapel it is the only community facility in Purton Stoke.

8.2.5 The Club is requesting £790 which represents 100% of the costs of electrical upgrading.

8.2.6 There will be no discrimination, either positive or negative with regard to the target group of beneficiaries who are all local residents, as well as the club members, who are largely under 25s.

8.2.7 Councillors are reminded that the applicant was awarded a grant of £1,450 for refurbishments by the NWDC Area 2 Committee in September 2008

8.2.8 A decision not to fund this application may result in a delay while the applicant seeks funding from elsewhere. Although the club has a small fund in its reserves account, the only source of funding for the hut is the club's own fundraising activities. Funding is earmarked both for charitable giving locally and for the education of its members, who are encouraged to undertake "Skills for Life" training and to enter a wide range of competitions which also help them develop vocational skills.

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8. 3	Cricklade Leisure Centre Gardeners	To enlarge, improve and plant up the Children and Young Peoples Garden, designed, planted and maintained by a group of 5-13 year olds. This will continue to enhance the outside of the leisure centre for the benefit of its visitors and for those on the Thames Walk.	£255

8.3.1 It is recommended that the group is awarded a grant of £265 to develop the Children and Young people's Garden

8.3.2 Officers are of the opinion that this application meets the 2009/10 grant criteria

- 8.3.3 The application demonstrates specific links to the Northern Community Area Plan (p 22- 'encouraging participation in healthy living activities')
- 8.3.4 The project relates to Wiltshire Council priorities around volunteering, healthy living, young people's participation in positive activities, improving the local area through intergenerational activities, reducing perceptions of anti-social behaviour and improving local biodiversity. As well as creating a more attractive environment around the leisure centre, the group cleans up graffiti.
- 8.3.5 The group is requesting £255 which represents almost 100% of the costs of moving a tree, building a larger flowerbed, and planting up the flowerbed to the children's design.
- 8.3.6 There will be no discrimination, either positive or negative with regard to the target group of beneficiaries who are local residents and users of the leisure centre and visitors on the Thames Walk, as well as the children and young people's who are engaged with the project.
- 8.3.7 Councillors are reminded that the applicant was awarded a grant of £2,464 by the NWDC Area 2 Committee in August 2008
- 8.3.8 A decision not to fund this application may result in a delay, or the project not going ahead at all, while the applicant seeks funding from elsewhere. The youngsters have planned their garden and need to get planting during April.

<b>Appendices:</b>	<p><b>Appendix 1 Grant application – Cricklade Climate Action Network</b></p> <p><b>Appendix 2 Grant Application – Purton and Cricklade Young Farmers Club</b></p> <p><b>Appendix 3 Grant Application- Cricklade Leisure Centre Gardeners</b></p>
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No unpublished documents have been relied upon in the preparation of this report.

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