

<b>Report to</b>	<b>Amesbury Area Board</b>
<b>Date of Meeting</b>	<b>24<sup>th</sup> November 2011</b>
<b>Title of Report</b>	<b>Community Area Grants</b>

## **Purpose of Report**

To ask Councillors to consider 4 applications seeking 20010/11 Community Area Grant Funding Totalling £13.59.37

### **Community Area Grants**

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| 1. Brambles Pre School.<br>Seeking £1.388.37            | Outdoor Classroom                       |
| 2. Amesbury Pub Watch.<br>Seeking £1.671                | CCTV & Radio Operated Scheme            |
| 3. Berwick St James Reading Room.<br>Seeking £5.000     | Erecting new wall & Screening damp wall |
| 4. Shrewton BMX & Mountain Bike Club.<br>Seeking £.5000 | Construct a new BMX Track               |

### **Total**

£13059.37

### **Jubilee Grants**

The following 7 applications are for Jubilee grants from a separate fund

Orcheston	A community activity yet to be finalised
Lynchets, Amesbury	A community bonfire with refreshments stalls/ games
Newton Tony	Garden Party
Shrewton	A village celebration with a Scarecrow Trail
Great Wishford	Tea party Barn Dance and produce a village book
Woodford	Community party hire of tables / chairs
Durnford	Community party cost of Marquee

## 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 (27 February 2010). 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 recommendation of an Area Board that is contrary to the funding criteria would need the approval of the Leader, the appropriate Cabinet Member or the Cabinet.
- 1.3. 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.
- 1.4. EXAMPLE Two applicants withdrew their applications and hope to reapply at a future date. One application did not meet the funding criteria and was referred to Charities Information Bureau (CIB) for support to seek funding from elsewhere. CIB work 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.
- 1.5. Funding applications will be considered at every Area Board meeting.
- 1.6. Amesbury Area Board has been allocated a 2010/2011 budget of £50,455 for community grants, community partnership core funding and councillor led initiatives. The carry forward from the 2009/2010 budget is £6,088.44. This leaves a total budget at the start of the year of £56,543.44 for the 2010/2011 budget.
- 1.7. A decision has been made in 2010/2011 that 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.
- 1.8. The 2010/2011 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 20010/11</li></ul>
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## 2. Main Considerations

- 2.1. Councillors will need to be satisfied that grants awarded in the 2010/11 year are made to projects that can realistically proceed within a year of the award being made.

2.2. There will be 3 rounds of funding during 2010/11. The first is contained in this report and the remaining will take place on;

- 19<sup>th</sup> January 2012
- 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2012

### 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 Amesbury Area Board.
- 4.2. If grants are awarded in line with officer recommendations, Amesbury Area Board will have a remaining balance of £12,811.07

### 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 (Grant Register ref no)	Brambles Pre School	Outdoor Learning Classroom Environment	£1.388.37

- 8.1.1. Officer recommendation is for **approval** as the application meets with the grant criteria 2011/12.

- 8.1.2. The application meets the Community Area Grant criteria 2010/11(see 8.1.3 – 8.1.8 below)
- 8.1.3. The application demonstrates a link to the Community Plan which identified a need to provide more facilities and access to education for children and young people.
- 8.1.4. The application meets locally agreed / area board priorities
- 8.1.5. Brambles Pre School is a registered charity run preschool, which is aiming for Forest School status next year. To establish this they need an outdoor classroom, this consisting of a Gazebo, Outdoor Easels, Picnic benches, Outdoor toys and play equipment.  
  
The aim is to undertake the majority of children’s learning outdoors regardless of the weather where possible. This will benefit children at Brambles and Fighledean C of E Primary School. Committee members have pledged to undertake the building of structures needed.
- 8.1.6. Brambles Pre School is a new charity set up and opened on 12<sup>th</sup> September 2011 and are Ofstead approved they support Fighelden School with a breakfast club / after school club supported by local councillors and community members.
- 8.1.7. To offer unique learning objectives and able to offer holiday clubs during half term to children of Fighledean and the School.
- 8.1.8. The majority of children are from military families and therefore the project provides a wider benefit to these children enabling them to experience new and exciting ways of learning.

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.2. (Grant Register ref no)	Amesbury Pub Watch	Amesbury Pub Watch Radio Link	£1,671.00

- 8.2.1. Officer Recommendation is for **approval** as the application meets with the grant criteria 2011/12.
- 8.2.2. The Scheme promotes community safety in Amesbury area and meets the grant criteria 2010/11
- 8.2.3. The application demonstrates a link to the Community Plan by supporting a community safety initiative and addressing the need to reduce anti social behaviour and other crime levels.

- 8.2.4. The application meets locally agreed/area board priorities
- 8.2.5. Amesbury Pub Watch was established when a need for shops and local Public houses linked by radio and CCTV was recognised. It is hoped this could significantly reduce crime levels.
- 8.2.6. The project links up Public houses and Shops via a radio and CCTV link thus warning others if there is potential for anti social behaviour within the town and enabling door staff to be vigilant.
- 8.2.7. If the Area Board makes a decision not to fund the project the project will not develop.

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.3. (Grant Register ref no)	Berwick St James Reading Room	Berwick St James Reading Room project	£5000

- 8.3.1. Officer Recommendation is for **approval** as the application meets with the grant criteria 2011/12.
- 8.3.2. The application meets the Community Area Grant criteria 2010/11
- 8.3.3. The application demonstrates a link to the Stonehenge Community Plan 2004-9 which identified a need for community halls, leisure and cultural activities for young people and additional community facilities.
- 8.3.4. The application meets locally agreed/area board priorities
- 8.3.5. The Reading room is within the village hall which currently has a 'Cob' wall. These walls are permanently damp and the hall smells musty. Community members have commented that if this was rectified the hall would again be used much more frequently and foster greater community participation. The project aims to erect a new wall inside the hall and damp screen the existing wall with a ventilated membrane; redecorate, and provide storage cupboards, curtains, tables and chairs.
- 8.3.6. The room will be used for cultural and community activities.
- 8.3.7. If the Area Board makes a decision not to fund the project, the project will only be able to go ahead in part.

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.4. (Grant Register ref no)	Shrewton BMX & Mountain Bike Club	Construct a BMX Track	£5.000

- 8.4.1. Officer recommendation Officer Recommendation is for **approval** as the application meets with the grant criteria 2011/12.
- 8.4.2. The Scheme is promoting community safety and challenging area for local children and the surrounding villages and meets the grant criteria 2010/11
- 8.4.3. The application demonstrates a link to the Community Plan which identifies the need for leisure and cultural activities for young people and additional communities.
- 8.4.4. The application meets locally agreed/area board priorities
- 8.4.5. The BMX & Mountain Bike club was established 15/07/11 and plan to use the Recreation Committee Charity ground. Permission for the BMX track has been granted by the recreation committee ground.
- 8.4.6. The project demonstrates a link to the Stonehenge Community Plan 2004-9 which identified the need for leisure and cultural activities for young people and additional youth centres.
- 8.4.7. Children and Young People: The project would provide more indoor and outdoor recreational activities and equipment, improve children and young people's access to training, education and leisure. It will also help promote a more integrated community where each generation understands and respects the needs of the other. See the draft Amesbury Community Plan 2011-16.
- 8.4.8. If the Area Board makes a decision not to fund the project, the project will not grow.

<b>Appendices:</b>	<b>Appendix 1 Grant application – Brambles Pre School</b> <b>Appendix 2 Grant application – Amesbury Pub Watch</b> <b>Appendix 3 Grant application – Berwick St James</b> <b>Appendix 4 Grant application –BMX Mountain bike Club</b>
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No unpublished documents have been relied upon in the preparation of this report.

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