

<b>Report to</b>	<b>Marlborough Area Board</b>
<b>Date of Meeting</b>	<b>27<sup>th</sup> March 2012</b>
<b>Title of Report</b>	<b>Community Area Grants</b>

To ask Councillors to consider 6 applications seeking 2011/12 Community Area Grant Funding. Officer recommendations:

1. **Friends of Coronation Gardens, Ogbourne St. George. Requested: £316.67.**  
Replacement of a bench used for seating in the public Coronation Gardens within the village. Recommendation: Decline
2. **Merchants' House, Marlborough. Requested: £3,678.** To restore the 17<sup>th</sup> century kitchen so as to provide a more complete house, in order to increase visitor numbers and community use by extending opening hours and developing further the education programme. Recommendation: Award
3. **Baydon Young People's Association, Baydon. Requested: £3,782.** This project will install new, thermally efficient windows and doors which will make the hall more energy efficient and make it more attractive to current and prospective users. Recommendation: Award
4. **1<sup>st</sup> Ramsbury Scout Group, Ramsbury. Requested: £4,414.** To install new, secure and efficient windows and doors to the Scout hut in order to increase security. Recommendation: Award
5. **Kennet Valley Driving Group (RDA), Rockley. Requested: £992.** The group's new premises are in need of refurbishment to get them up to a suitable standard for both the disabled users and the animals that are stabled there. Recommendation: Award
6. **Marlborough Cricket Club. Requested: £989.** To purchase new training equipment for the Junior Academy that will make coaching more effective and safer. Recommendation: Award

### **Discretionary Youth Funding Budget**

Marlborough Area Board was awarded the sum of £7,877.95 by Wiltshire Council's Cabinet, specifically for projects that would benefit young people in the Community Area.

The following two applications fit the criteria of this scheme:

1. **Sk8 and Scoot Competition, Marlborough. Requested £1,780.** To put on a skateboarding and scooter competition, open to all, at Marlborough Skatepark in May 2012. Recommendation: Award
2. **Ramsbury Skatepark Group. Requested £4,968.** To install a skateboarding half-pipe on land at Whittonditch Road, Ramsbury. Recommendation: Award

<p><b>Background documents used in the preparation of this Report</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Area Board Grant Guidance 2011/12</li> <li>• Marlborough Community Area Plan</li> </ul>
<p><b>1. Background</b></p> <p>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<sup>th</sup> April 2011. Under the Scheme of Delegation Area Boards must adhere to the Area Board Grants Guidance for funding</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>1.6. Funding applications will be considered at every Area Board meeting.</p> <p>1.7. All applicants are encouraged to contact Charities Information Bureau who 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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>1.9. The 2011/2012 funding criteria and application forms are available on the council's website (<a href="http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/areaboards">www.wiltshire.gov.uk/areaboards</a>) or paper versions are available from the Community Area Manager.</p>	

## 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. There will be no further rounds of funding during 2011/12.

## 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 budget allocated to the Marlborough Area Board.

4.2. If grants are awarded in line with officer recommendations, Marlborough Area Board will have a balance of £5,239.

## 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 Coronation Gardens	To purchase new bench	£316.67

8.1.1 Friends of Coronation Gardens, Ogbourne St George – Not award £316.67 to replace the wooden bench at the Coronation Gardens recently destroyed.

8.1.2 This application does not meet the Community Area Grants Criteria for 2011/12.

Grants can only be awarded to groups with a Constitution or Terms of Reference and their own bank account. The Friends of Coronation Gardens have neither of these.

8.1.3 This application does demonstrate a link to the Marlborough Community Plan “Places for people to meet”.

8.1.4 The Officer feels The Friends of Coronation Gardens is a sub-group of Ogbourne St George Parish Council. Because the new bench is to sit on land owned by the parish council, under the Grant Criteria the officer would expect the parish council to provide match funding towards this project

8.1.5 If the Area Board decides not to fund this project it might result in the project being delayed while looking for alternative funding opportunities.

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.2	Merchant’s House, Marlborough	To re-instate the 17 <sup>th</sup> century kitchen	£3,678

8.2.1 Merchant’s House Marlborough – Award £3,678 to re-instate the 17<sup>th</sup> century kitchen in order to increase visitor numbers and community use.

8.2.2 This application meets the Community Area Grant Criteria for 2011/12.

8.2.3 This application demonstrates a link to the Marlborough Community Plan “Aim to increase support for community facilities and events and to encourage a range of cultural opportunities for residents and visitors to the area”.

8.2.4 The Merchant’s House, Marlborough is a not for profit organisation that has for many years promoted the heritage of the town to both residents and visitors. This project will allow a new and important aspect of the building to be made available for the first time. This project aims to increase community use of the Merchant’s House by developing further the education programme.

8.2.5 The funding provided by the Marlborough Area Board is a small part of the overall funding of the project but will be an important contribution in “pump priming” these funds and showing local support. Without the Area Board’s contribution, other funders may not be willing to support this project.

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.3	Baydon Young People’s Association	To install new, thermally efficient windows and doors	£3,782

8.3.1 Baydon Young People’s Association – Award £3,782 to install new thermally efficient

windows and doors in order to increase use of the hall by making it easier and cheaper to heat.

8.3.2 This application meets the Community Area Grant Criteria for 2011/12.

8.3.3 This application demonstrates links to the Marlborough Community Plan “Places for people to meet”, “Aim to involve young people in activities” and “Aim to increase support for community facilities and events and to encourage a range of cultural opportunities for residents and visitors to the area”.

8.3.4 Baydon Young People’s Hall is a not for profit organisation and the committee go to great lengths to keep the building and amenities in good order for the benefit of the community. Awarding this grant will make the Hall more attractive to both existing and new hirers.

8.3.5 If the Area Board decides not to fund this project it might result in the project being delayed until alternative funding can be sought.

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.4	1 <sup>st</sup> Ramsbury Scout Group, Ramsbury	To install new, secure efficient windows and doors	£4,414

8.4.1 1<sup>st</sup> Ramsbury Scout Group, Ramsbury – Award £4,414 to install new secure and thermally efficient windows to the scout hut in order to make the building secure from the outside and to make it easier to heat.

8.4.2 This application meets the Community Area Grant Criteria for 2011/12.

8.4.3 This application demonstrates links to the Marlborough Community Plan “Places for people to meet”, “Aim to involve young people in activities” and “Aim to increase support for community facilities and events and to encourage a range of cultural opportunities for residents and visitors to the area”.

8.4.4 The 1<sup>st</sup> Ramsbury Scout Group is a not for profit group which makes the hall fully available for use by the whole of the community and is advertised as such.

8.4.5 If the Area Board decides not to fund this project it might result in the project being delayed until alternative funding can be sought.

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.5	Kennet Valley Driving Group (RDA), Rockley	To refurbish the group’s new premises to a standard suitable for their user group	£992

8.5.1 Kennet Valley Driving Group – Award £992 towards the cost of refurbishing new premises to make it suitable and safe for their users and weather-proof for the horses stabled there.

8.5.2 This application meets the Community Area Grant Criteria for 2011/12

8.5.3 This application demonstrates links to the Marlborough Community Plan “Aim to increase support for community facilities and events and to encourage a range of cultural opportunities for residents and visitors to the area” and to “encourage opportunities to involve people with disabilities in cultural activities”.

8.5.4 Kennet Valley Driving Group is the only RDA carriage driving group in Wiltshire and works with a number of disabled users in wheelchairs using specially designed carriages. This funding will enable them to provide a better service to their users in a safer, more comfortable environment. The Group is currently looking to make links with the Help 4 Heroes centre at Tedworth House.

8.5.5 If the Area Board decides not to fund this project it might result in the project being delayed until alternative funding can be sought.

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.6	Marlborough Cricket Club	To purchase training equipment for the Junior Academy	£989

8.6.1 Marlborough Cricket Club – Award £989 towards the purchase of training equipment to enable the Junior section to train more effectively and safely.

8.6.2 This application meets the Community Area Grant Criteria for 2011/12

8.6.3 This application demonstrates link to the Marlborough Community Plan “Aim to involve young people in activities”.

8.6.4 Marlborough Cricket Club has a thriving Junior section. This additional equipment will allow the club to coach their young players to a higher standard and in a safer environment.

8.6.5 If the Area Board decides not to fund this project it might result in the project being delayed until alternative funding can be sought.

## 9. Discretionary Youth Funding Budget

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
9.1	Sk8 and Scoot, 2012	To run a skateboard and scooter competition	£1,780

9.1.1 Sk8 and Scoot 2012 – Award £1,780 towards the organisation of a skateboarding competition event.

9.1.2 This application meets the Criteria of the Discretionary Youth Budget for 2011/12

9.1.3 This application demonstrates a link to the Marlborough Community Plan “Aim to involve young people in activities”.

9.1.4 The Sk8 and Scoot group are made up of a local skateboard shop and a group of local skateboarders. They have made contact with the Marlborough Development Centre for Young People to develop the project of establishing what is hoped will be an annual skating competition held at the Marlborough skatepark. Young people are involved in the design and planning of this event in conjunction with the youth centre. The event will be advertised throughout the community area and there will be transport arranged to enable young people from rural areas to attend.

9.1.5 If the Area Board decides not to fund this project it might result in the project being delayed until alternative funding can be sought.

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
9.2	Ramsbury Skatepark Group	To install a skateboarding half-pipe	£4,968

9.2.1 Ramsbury Skatepark Group – Award £4,968 towards the installation of a half-pipe at a site on Whittonditch Road in Ramsbury.

9.2.2 This application meets the Criteria of the Discretionary Youth Budget for 2011/12

9.2.3 This application demonstrates links to the Marlborough Community Plan “Places for people to meet”, “Aim to involve young people in activities” and “Aim to increase support for community facilities and events and to encourage a range of cultural opportunities for residents and visitors to the area”.

9.2.4 The Ramsbury Skatepark Group comes under the auspices of Aldbourne Youth Council and has access to Aldbourne’s experienced youth workers to help develop this project. Local young people are taking part in the development and design of this project and meet weekly to push forward ideas. The young people will be fundraising a significant proportion of the funding and the project also has in-kind support. Experience has shown that young people can “police” these sites themselves, but the group are aware of potential problems at the chosen location and will be seeking professional advice regarding noise.

9.2.5 The funding provided by the Marlborough Area Board is a fairly small part of the overall funding of the project but will be an important contribution in “pump priming” these funds and showing local support. Without the Area Board’s contribution, other funders may not be willing to support this project.

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

<b>Appendices:</b>	Appendix 1 grant application – Friends of Coronation Gardens Appendix 2 grant application – Merchant’s House Trust Appendix 3 grant application – Baydon Young People’s Association Appendix 4 grant application – 1 <sup>st</sup> Ramsbury Scout Group Appendix 5 grant application – Kennet Valley Driving Group Appendix 6 grant application – Marlborough Cricket Club Appendix 7 grant application – Sk8 and Scoot Competition Appendix 8 grant application – Ramsbury Skatepark Group
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