

<b>Report to</b>	<b>Southern Wiltshire Area Board</b>
<b>Date of Meeting</b>	<b>26 July 2012</b>
<b>Title of Report</b>	<b>Community Area Grants</b>

**1. Purpose of the report:**

To ask Councillors to consider an application seeking 20012/13 Community Area Grant Funding:

<b>Application</b>	<b>Officer Recommendation</b>
Works to river bank at Jubilee Close – <b>£223</b> <b>Applicant: Odstock PC</b>	Approve £223
Funding new community website - <b>£500</b> <b>Applicant: Pitton &amp; Farley Parish Council</b>	Refuse
Refurbishment of new kitchen - <b>£5,000</b> <b>Applicant: Winterslow Village Hall Management Committee</b>	Approve £5,000
Funding the purchase of a new instruments to improve stylistic variations - <b>£2,016</b> <b>Applicant: Woodfalls Band</b>	Refuse

**2. Key figures so far:**

Available funds for 2012/13 – **£41,036**

- Amount awarded on 5 April 2012 - **£7,469**
- Amount awarded on 7 June 2012 - **£0**
- Amount of funding sought for 26 July 2012 - **£7,739**

Amount left if all approved - **£25,828**

**3. Main Considerations**

- 3.1. Councillors will need to be satisfied that grants awarded in the 2012/13 year are made to projects that can realistically proceed within a year of the award being made.
- 3.2. There will be at least 5 more rounds of funding during 2012/13, including this meeting. The deadline for submitting applications to the Community Area Manager is about 4 weeks prior to the meeting. For the actual date see: [www.wiltshire.gov.uk/southernwiltshireareaboard](http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/southernwiltshireareaboard)

**4. 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.

**5. Financial Implications**

Awards must fall within the Area Boards budget allocated to the Southern Wiltshire Area Board. Grant applications totalling **£7,739** have been received for this meeting.

**6. Legal Implications**

- 6.1. There are no specific legal implications related to this report.

**7. HR Implications**

- 7.1. There are no specific HR implications related to this report.

**8. Equality and Inclusion Implications**

- 8.1. 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.

Works to river bank at Jubilee Close – <b>£223</b> <b>Applicant: Odstock PC</b>	Approve £223
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**Officer recommendation: Approve £223**

This application meets the grant criteria 2012/13.

The application demonstrates a link to the Community Plan 2010 -15 in that it looks to enhance and protect the local natural environment and uses local volunteers to maintain the area and river. (Issues 34,35,36)

This project is to fund the costs of repairing the eroded riverbank and amenity enhancement to the public access at Jubilee Gardens. The majority of the funding is being sought from other funds, such as the Landfill Communities Fund, the Parish Council and a local landowner. As a small proportion of the overall cost, this funding serves to leverage in significant amounts from other funds. Total project cost is £3863.

The Area Board recognises the need to support and enhance local amenities and the environment.

The Parish Council is contributing £1140 to this project.

Funding new community website - <b>£500</b> <b>Applicant: Pitton &amp; Farley Parish Council</b>	Refuse
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**Recommendation: Refuse**

This application meets grant criteria 2012/13. As a parish council it must demonstrate that it is contributing more than the Area Board is requested to fund.

Application does not demonstrate a direct link to the Community Plan 2010 – 15.

This project is to fund a new and improved parish website which will be more secure and less vulnerable to hackers.

The site is well used as a community resource. The parish council will fund £600 towards the total cost of £1100. Volunteer developers will help with this work.

As a common parish council function across the Community Area it is not unreasonable to expect it to be fully funded by the precept.

Refurbishment of new kitchen - <b>£5,000</b> <b>Applicant:</b> Winterslow Village Hall Management Committee	Approve £5,000
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**Recommendation: Approve - £5000**

This application meets grant criteria 2012/13.

Application demonstrates a link to the Community Plan 2010 – 15. It looks to improve local facilities in the community.

This project is to fund the costs of refurbishing the kitchen at the village hall.

The Area Board recognises the need to support the improvements of our village hall facilities.

The parish council is not contributing financially to this project; however a large proportion of the costs will be met from the Committee's reserves. The total project cost is £12,000

Funding the purchase of a new instruments to improve stylistic variations - <b>£2,016</b> <b>Applicant:</b> Woodfalls Band	Refuse
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**Recommendation: Refuse**

This application meets grant criteria 2012/13.

Application does not demonstrate a direct link to the Community Plan 2010 – 15.

This project is to part fund the costs of two new horns to improve the stylistic variations of the band.

The Area Board recognises the need to support local community arts and music groups however the community benefit from this project seems limited.

Clarification of local community benefit, in terms of potential for local band member development and how often the band plays locally at community functions would strengthen the community benefit of this project.

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