

<b>DRAFT Report to</b>	<b>Amesbury Area Board</b>
<b>Date of Meeting</b>	<b>22 November 2012</b>
<b>Title of Report</b>	<b>Area Board Grants</b>

## **Purpose of Report**

To ask Councillors to consider :

(A) 3 Grant Applications seeking 2012/13 Community Area Grant Funding

1. Splitz Support Service – TeenZtalk  
Funding sought : £3,250 :  
Recommended for **Approval**
2. Bourne Valley Scout Group – Scout Archery  
Funding sought : £800 :  
Recommended for **Approval**
3. Orcheston Wives - Orcheston in the 1900s ?????  
Funding sought: £350 :  
Recommended for **Approval**

(B) A proposal to earmark funding for administrative support and running costs for the Community Planning Groups

## **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 Adult Care, Communities and Housing (4 April 2012). Under the Scheme of Delegation Area Boards must adhere to the Area Board Grants Guidance 2012/2013.
  - 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 and the nurturing of resilient communities. With this in mind Community Area Grants (CAGs) should be encouraged from and awarded to community and voluntary groups. Likewise, Small Grants (new this year) should be awarded to similar groups, as well as un-constituted groups of people wanting to improve things near to where they live.
  - 1.4. Amesbury Area Board has been allocated a 2012/2013 budget of £50,455 for community grants, small grants, community partnership core funding and area board/councillor led initiatives. An overspend of £6990 from 2011/12 has since been deducted from this figure – leaving £43,465 available. Subsequently, the Area Board has approved grants totalling £16,899 and an allocation of £3,000 to the Community Planning Group: Crime and Community Safety. This leaves the 2012/13 available budget at £23,566.
  - 1.5. Applications of up to and including £1,000 can be made for a Community Area Grant, which will not require matched funding. Amounts of £1,000 - £5000 will be required to find matched funding. The area board will rarely award more than £5,000.
  - 1.6. Small Grants, new for this year will fund up to £350, where the total cost of the project does not exceed £350. This grant is aimed at enabling groups (including those not formally constituted) to implement projects, involving local people to make their community a better place to live.
  - 1.7. Area boards will not consider Community Area Grant (CAG) 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.
  - 1.8. In addition to CAGs and Small Grants, councillors can submit an Area Board/Councillor Led Initiative. This enables area boards to tackle sticky community issues and/or community identified priorities. Cabinet have emphasised that they do not wish these to be used to avoid complying with Community Area Grant criteria or for filling gaps where there are council service shortfalls. The application process and form has been updated to bring it in line with the other grants.
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- 1.9. Officers are required to provide recommendations in their funding reports (except in the case of Area Board/Councillor led initiatives), although the decision to support applications is made by Wiltshire Councillors on the Area Board.
- 1.10. Funding applications will be considered at every Area Board meeting.
- 1.11. Applicants are encouraged to contact and seek funding help from Charities Information Bureau (CIB) who work on behalf of Wiltshire Council. CIB 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.
- 1.12. Paper copies of funding applications no longer appear as part of the agenda in an attempt to reduce paper. They are however available on the Wiltshire Council web site with the area board agenda papers and hard copies available upon request.
- 1.13. The 2012/2013 funding criteria and application forms are available on the council's website ([www.wiltshire.gov.uk/areaboards](http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/areaboards)) and paper versions are available from the Community Area Manager.
- 1.14. All recipients of area board funding are expected to complete and return an evaluation form as soon as the project or activity has been completed and this should be accompanied by receipts and invoices, as well as photographs if possible. Failure to return the evaluation requested will preclude them from being considered for any future funding from the area board. This applies to all grants made by the area board.
- 1.15. A budget ring-fenced for the needs of young people will again be made available in 2012/2013. How this will be allocated will be the decision of the area board. £3,000 of this £5,053 budget was earmarked at the 19 July 2012 board meeting for the Bourne Valley Youth Transport Budget.
- 1.16. The Amesbury Area Board has a separate Community Area Transport Group (CATG) budget of £17,500 for 2012/13.

<b>Background documents used in the preparation of this Report</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Area Board Grant Guidance 2012/13 as presented for delegated decision</li> <li>• Amesbury Community Area Plan</li> </ul>
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## **2. Main Considerations**

- 2.1. Councillors will need to be satisfied that grants awarded in 2012/13 are made to projects that can realistically proceed within a year of the award being made.
- 2.2. There will be 6 rounds of funding during 2012/2013. The first took place on the 24<sup>th</sup> May, the second on the 19<sup>th</sup> July, the third on the 20<sup>th</sup> September and the fourth is contained in this report. The remaining rounds will take place on;

- 31 January 2013
- 21 February 2013

### 3. Environmental & Community Implications

- 3.1. Area Board Grants 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, the Amesbury Area Board will have a balance of £19,166.

### 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 and Small Grants will give local community and voluntary groups, town and parish council's equal opportunity to receive funding towards community based projects and schemes, where they meet the funding criteria.
- 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	Splitz Support Service	TeenZtalk: to tackle the problem of teenage partner abuse	£3,250

- 8.1.1. Officer recommendation – **to approve**

- 8.1.2. This application meets grant criteria 2012/13.

- 8.1.3. This application demonstrates a link to the Community Plan, as it will support a project to help young people involved in or affected by domestic abuse.

- 8.1.4. The Splitz Support Service has a long history of working with children who have been exposed to or witnessed domestic abuse. It is an independent charity and leading provider of domestic abuse support services in Wiltshire.
- 8.1.5. The project for which area board funding is being sought is TeenZtalk. This is a pilot project, and will benefit up to 24 young people at The Stonehenge School in Amesbury. The project aims to tackle teen partner abuse, in response to findings that :
- Amesbury West has the highest rate of domestic violence in the south of the county
  - we are seeing a rise in abuse by young men, and the acceptance of this abuse by young women
  - the high level of school absence at The Stonehenge School is related to young people witnessing or being exposed to domestic abuse
- 8.1.6. The funding will assist with two separate 12 week programmes, one for girls and one for boys in years 9 and 10. Issues covered in each programme will include; defining and understanding abuse, conflict resolution and sexual respect.
- 8.1.7. The pilot will provide Splitz with the opportunity to see what methods work and what improvements need to be made to the TeenZtalk programme before it is rolled out to other areas of Wiltshire.
- 8.1.8. This project is also being funded to the sum of £3,000 by the Wiltshire Policy Authority.

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.2	Bourne Valley Scout Group	Scout Archery	£800

- 8.2.1 Officer recommendation – **to approve**
- 8.2.2 This application meets grant criteria 2012/13, and demonstrates a link to the Community Plan, in that it will provide additional activities for young people in one of the more rural parts of the Area.
- 8.2.3 The funding will help the Scout Group to introduce archery as a part of the core programme of activities offered by the Group.
- 8.2.4 The Bourne Valley Scout Group is one of the largest in the area, with approximately 100 members and a waiting list to join. In order to offer a varied programme and maximise opportunities for the members, outside help is often required, which comes at considerable cost and usually involves travel. Provision of a wider range of activities that can be run safely within the Group is always an aim. With the
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correct equipment and leader training, archery can be provided across the age range of the Scout Group (6 yrs - adult).

8.2.5 Archery has enjoyed a rise in profile post-Olympics and it is a good activity that can be provided “in house” by the Group. Participation in this activity is entirely in line with the aims of the Scout Association – developing the individual both mentally and physically, and is accessible to all.

8.2.6 The area board grant will fund the Scout Leader’s training, and all the required equipment.

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.3	Orcheston Wives	Orcheston1900	£350

8.3.1 This application meets the small grant scheme’s criteria and the officer’s recommendation is therefore to approve.

8.3.2 Orcheston 1900 will be an event for the whole village to enjoy, and is scheduled to take place in May 2013. It is being organized by a group of wives in Orcheston who have successfully run village events previously.

8.3.3 The main costings for this event include a maypole and its decorations, materials for kite making and costume making, victorian toys, punch and judy shows, catering.

8.3.4 All ages will be brought together to enjoy this village event from Orcheston, Elston and Shrewton. In particular, school pupils are being actively engaged to help them in their education about the 1900s and to help them experience in a fun and community way what it would have been like to live, eat, play and learn in Victorian Orcheston.

<b>Appendices (available online or on request):</b>	<b>Appendix 1 Grant application – Splitz - TeenZtalk Appendix 2 Grant application – Bourne Valley Scouts: Archery Appendix 3 Grant Application – Orcheston 1900</b>
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No unpublished documents have been relied upon in the preparation of this report.

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