



**South West Wiltshire Area Board  
Youth Project Funding Application Form 2012/13**

**Name of Group:** Bishopstone Saturday Soccer Club

**Number of young people in group:** up to 25

**Name of person applying:**                      **Age:** 14

**Contact email:**

**Contact phone number:**

**Contact address:**

**1. What do you want the funding for (describe what your project is about)?**

The project is to provide a focal point in the village for young people to meet and have fun whilst exercising and learning new skills. It involves coaching in soccer skills for boys and girls in Bishopstone aged 5 to 15 years.

The comprehensive Bishopstone Village Survey undertaken in 2011 identified the problem that there is little opportunity for young people to interact and meet socially within the village given the wide variety of schools attended. This project is one response.

The funding is to meet the cost of the FA qualified coach who provides all the equipment and coaching. Initially supported by Wiltshire FA and Salisbury City Football Club with time limited funding, the project has been funded for the last six months by Bishopstone Parish Council. The project has been established and is a big success, regularly involving up to 25 children, both girls and boys, in a two hour coaching session every Saturday morning.

The aim now is to enable the project to continue for 2013. Unfortunately, the Parish Council, with an annual precept of £5000, is unable to continue funding at the present level. It is therefore proposed to meet the costs by a combination of parental contribution, continued Parish Council support and grant aid from the SWWAB. Without this the project will close in February 2013.

**2. Where will the project take place?**

The project takes place on the Bishopstone Recreation Field.

**3. When will the project take place?**

Every Saturday morning, with a break at Christmas, Easter and through the summer holidays.

**4. What will be the benefits of the project for the young people involved / the local community** (e.g. leading healthier lifestyles / keeping physically healthy, learning new skills, making a positive contribution, access to transport or other services, challenging bullying or discrimination)

By its nature the project promotes physical fitness and an increased level of football skills. However, importantly, it has brought together young people from across the village, both boys and girls, who would not normally socialise in this way and has created a real sense of community for our young people. It has also had the benefit of bringing parents together in the village who come to watch whilst their children play.

**5. How much funding do you want from the Area Board? (standard grants up to £1000)**

£ 970

For 2013 the project will involve 44 weeks of coaching sessions at a total cost of £2200.

It is proposed that this cost be met as follows:

Parental contributions: £880

Parish Council grant: £350

SWWAB Grant: £970

**6. List all of the things you need to buy or pay for to run your project (please provide copy of quotes)**

Coach fees of £25 per hour x 2 = £50 per week (all equipment is provided by the coach)

(please note Wiltshire Council will pay funding to a 'supporter' e.g. youth worker, school, parish council)

**7. How will you know your project has been successful?**

The success of the project can be measured by a number of criteria.

1. The number of young people who regularly attend and who have maintained their commitment over an extended period.
2. The number of parents that come to watch and interact with other parents, it has become a good social activity for the children and their families on a Saturday morning.
3. It has increased the social network available to children in the village regardless of which school they attend.
4. The feedback from the parents and children continues to be very positive, with improved levels of self confidence, fitness and social contact.
5. Some of the children are now playing at a junior level at Salisbury FC.

**8. Any further information**

The coach brings professional expertise to the project, both as a soccer coach and as a leader and motivator for young people. He has been a very positive part of the success of this project. He is a qualified FA coach with many football contacts and has many options and ideas to develop our children if their aspirations are wider than community football. We do not have a qualified coach in our village. Whilst parents are happy to commit to helping on a Saturday morning they do not have the skills or experience to take this project on board.

**DON'T FORGET!** There will be an announcement at the Area Board meeting on **17 October at Nadder Hall, Tisbury** to find out more and ask any questions. **But you don't need to wait till then!** Please contact Stephen Harris on **01722 434211** or email [stephen.harris@wiltshire.gov.uk](mailto:stephen.harris@wiltshire.gov.uk) for more information.

Please return your application by **14 November 2012** to **Stephen Harris, Community Area**

**Manager.** Please email [stephen.harris@wiltshire.gov.uk](mailto:stephen.harris@wiltshire.gov.uk), or if you are unable to do this you can post your application to the following address; Wiltshire Council, Bourne Hill, Salisbury, Wiltshire. SP2 2HX.