

Report to	South West Wiltshire Area Board
Date of Meeting	6 February 2013
Title of Report	Area Board Grants

Purpose of Report

- To ask Councillors to consider 13 applications seeking 2012/13 Community Area Grant Funding.

Application	Amount requested
Grass cutting replacement mower Applicant: South Newton Cricket Club	£6,294
Replace multi-play tower in childrens' playground Applicant: Hindon Parish Council	£1,250
Storage container Applicant: Mere Town Youth Football Club	£1,400
Restoration, renovation and repositioning of medieval stained glass window Applicant: PCC, St Mary's Church, Dinton	£4,686
New notice board for Fugglestone St Peter Applicant: Fugglestone DCC	£985
Audio-visual system Applicant: Bishopstone Village Hall	£5,000
Chalke Valley community hub Applicant: Chalke Valley Community Hub Ltd.	£5,000
Cricket nets restoration Applicant: Compton Chamberlayne Cricket Club	£960
Modifications to roofing structure Applicant: Fovant Village Hall	£4,000
Childrens' playground safety upgrade Applicant: Fovant Parish Council	£2,125
Dinton community shop Applicant: Dinton Community Shop	£5,000
Barford recreation ground (playing field) rejuvenation Applicant: Barford St Martin Parish Council	£4,018
Maintenance equipment Applicant: Mere Town Football Club	£5,000

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. South West Wiltshire Area Board has been allocated a 2012/2013 budget of £121,048 for community grants, small grants, community partnership core funding and area board/councillor led initiatives.
- 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.
- 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) 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. South West Wiltshire Area Board agreed to delegate powers to the Community Area Manager to make decisions on expenditure of up to £750 in the financial year, 2012/13. This was agreed at the Area Board meeting on 13 June 2012.
- 1.16. 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.
- 1.17. South West Wiltshire Area Board has a separate Community Area Transport Group (CATG) budget of £17,079 for 2012/13.

Background documents used in the preparation of this Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Area Board Grant Guidance 2012/13 as presented for delegated decision • Wiltshire Community Plan 2011 – 2026
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2. Main Considerations

- 2.1. 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.
- 2.2. There are due to be 6 rounds of funding during 2012/13, including this meeting. The deadline for submitting applications to the Community Area Manager is 4 weeks prior to the meeting. More information is available at: www.wiltshire.gov.uk/council/areaboards/southwestwiltshireareaboard.htm

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 South West Wiltshire Area Board. Grant applications totalling **£45,718** have been received for this meeting.
- 4.2. At the time of writing this report, South West Wiltshire Area Board currently has a balance of **£94,794** remaining for 2012/13.

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
Wil/12/008	South Newton Cricket Club	Grass cutting replacement mower	£6,294

- 8.1.1. Officers are of the opinion that this application meets the 2012/13 grant criteria.
- 8.1.2. This application is for £6,294. The Community Area Grants Funding criteria states that grants will not normally exceed £5,000, but more can be awarded in exceptional cases.
- 8.1.3. The application demonstrates a link to the Wiltshire Community Plan 2011 – 2026 (p10); this will assist in fostering strong communities by drawing together members of the community through engaging in sport.
- 8.1.4. This project is to replace an existing mower that has broken down after being used for 25 years. The existing mower was used to maintain the entire recreation area, which is approximately 5 acres.
- 8.1.5. The recreation ground is used by many local sports clubs and community groups and would not be so extensively used if it were not to be properly maintained.
- 8.1.6. The Area Board recognises the need to support and enhance local facilities for all

the community.

8.1.7. If the Board does not fund this project then the community would continue to fundraise.

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
Tis/12/015	Hindon Parish Council	Replace multi-play tower in childrens' playground	£1,250

8.1.8. Officers are of the opinion that this application meets the 2012/13 grant criteria.

8.1.9. The application demonstrates a link to the Wiltshire Community Plan 2011 – 2026 (p10), as the playground potentially helps to build a stronger and more resilient community, fit for the future.

8.1.10. This project is to replace the multi-play tower in the childrens' playground. The previous tower was condemned by safety inspectors after being assessed as unsafe.

8.1.11. The Parish Council reports that the playground is well used by the local community, and that the multi-play tower has been missed since its removal.

8.1.12. The Area Board recognises the need to support and enhance local facilities for all the community.

8.1.13. If the Board does not fund this project then the community would continue to fundraise.

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
Mer/12/011	Mere Town Youth Football Club	Storage container	£1,400

8.1.14. At the time of writing this report the following is still outstanding:

- Confirmation of current free reserves held by the club

Officers are of the opinion that this application meets the remaining 2012/13 grant criteria.

8.1.15. The application demonstrates a link to the Wiltshire Community Plan 2011 – 2026 (p10); this will assist in fostering strong communities by drawing together members of the community through engaging in sport.

8.1.16. This project is to provide a new storage facility for the 8 youth football club teams. At the present time the club shares storage facilities with Mere Cricket Club but the expansion of both teams has led to the need for a new arrangement.

8.1.17. The youth football club involves over 120 young people from the local community, from ages 6-18 years. New equipment has been purchased to meet new standards and replace old equipment, and there is the need for this to be securely

stored.

8.1.18. The Area Board recognises the need to support and enhance local facilities for all the community.

8.1.19. If the Area Board does not fund this project then the local community will continue to fundraise.

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
Wil/12/011	PCC, St Mary's Church, Dinton	Restoration, renovation and repositioning of medieval stained glass window	£4,686

8.1.20. Officers are of the opinion that this application meets the 2012/13 grant criteria.

8.1.21. Due to the specialist nature of this work, only one final quotation has been provided.

8.1.22. The application potentially demonstrates a link to South West Wiltshire Area Board's local priorities, to assist the promotion of tourism in the area.

8.1.23. This project is to do restorative work on a 14th Century medieval stained glass window in the Church. Dinton Church is a historic 12 Century building designated as Grade I Listed.

8.1.24. The applicant reports that they have visitors to the church from many parts of the country and Europe who are holidaying in the area and that this work will benefit the local community by preserving part of the village's ancient history for future generations.

8.1.25. The Area Board recognises the need to support and enhance local facilities for all the community.

8.1.26. If the Area Board does not fund this project then the local community will continue to fundraise.

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
Wil/12/012	Fugglestone DCC	New notice board for Fugglestone St Peter	£985

8.1.27. At the time of writing this report the following is still outstanding:

- Copy of constitution.

Officers are of the opinion that this application meets the remaining 2012/13 grant criteria.

8.1.28. The application potentially demonstrates a link to South West Wiltshire Area Board's local priorities, to assist the promotion of tourism in the area.

- 8.1.29. This project is to erect a new sign visible to people passing by the Church, which will indicate the Church as a historic building within Wilton.
- 8.1.30. The applicant reports that they have received feedback from passers-by that the current sign reflects poorly on the local area. A new sign will draw attention to an important part of Wilton's history and add to any experience for people visiting the area.
- 8.1.31. The Area Board recognises the need to support local tourism.
- 8.1.32. If the Area Board does not fund this project then the local community will continue to fundraise.

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
Wil/12/013	Bishopstone Village Hall	Audio-visual system	£5,000

- 8.1.33. Officers are of the opinion that this application meets the 2012/13 grant criteria.
- 8.1.34. The application demonstrates a link to the Wiltshire Community Plan 2011 – 2026 (p10), as the work of the Village Hall potentially helps to build a stronger and more resilient community, fit for the future.
- 8.1.35. This project is to install an audio-visual system into the village hall.
- 8.1.36. The village hall already shows films, calling in the services of Moviola, which have proved to be popular with the local community, including surrounding parishes. Installing this system will enable both the quality of this service, provide an opportunity for enhanced investment through extra revenue and increase opportunities for alternative uses. The audio-visual system will link with the wifi facilities already available, and provide a hearing loop.
- 8.1.37. The Area Board recognises the need to support and enhance local facilities for all the community.
- 8.1.38. If the Area Board does not fund this project then the local community will continue to fundraise.

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
Wil/12/007	Chalke Valley Community Hub Ltd	Chalke Valley Community Hub	£5,000

- 8.1.39. Officers are of the opinion that this application meets the 2012/13 grant criteria.
- 8.1.40. In the application, the project income lists £20,000 from 'share issue UNSECURED,' leaving a project surplus of £734. This is an initiative where members of the local community have pledged funding on the understanding that the project is successful in receiving Sowing Seeds funding to proceed. The

applicant is requesting £5,000 funding from South West Wiltshire Area Board, on the basis that any money received from the share issue element over £14,266 will then be returned to South West Wiltshire Area Board.

8.1.41. The application demonstrates a link to the Wiltshire Community Plan 2011 – 2026 (p10), as a community shop and hub helps to build a stronger and more resilient community, fit for the future.

8.1.42. This project is to establish a community-owned retail amenity in Broad Chalke, to be located in the United Reform Church Chapel. This is due to include a shop, post office facility, meeting room, information facility and coffee shop.

8.1.43. The existing shop and Post Office is due to close in the summer of 2013. The new shop will endeavour to stock local produce, and will provide a local community facility for the whole of the Chalke Valley. There has been widespread local support for the project, and the new facility will provide both a paid position and volunteering opportunities.

8.1.44. The Area Board recognises the need to support and enhance local facilities for all the community.

8.1.45. If the Area Board does not fund this project then the local community will continue to fundraise.

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
Wil/12/014	Compton Chamberlayne Cricket Club	Cricket nets restoration	£960

8.1.46. At the time of writing this report the following is still outstanding:

- Copy of club constitution.

Officers are of the opinion that this application meets the remaining 2012/13 grant criteria.

8.1.47. The application demonstrates a link to the Wiltshire Community Plan 2011 – 2026 (p10); this will assist in fostering strong communities by drawing together members of the community through engaging in sport.

8.1.48. This project is to relay the concrete in the existing cricket nets, which has been damaged due to the impact of extreme weather.

8.1.49. The cricket club provides an important sporting and social focus for the local community. A suitable net for practice is required to ensure the continuing survival of the club, and enable new members of the community to take up sport.

8.1.50. The Area Board recognises the need to support and enhance local facilities for all the community.

8.1.51. If the Area Board does not fund this project then the local community will continue to fundraise.

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
Tis/12/017	Fovant Village Hall	Modification to roofing structure	£4,000

8.1.52. At the time of writing this report the following is still outstanding:

- Two up-to-date quotes for the work to be done.

Officers are of the opinion that this application meets the remaining 2012/13 grant criteria.

8.1.53. The application demonstrates a link to the Wiltshire Community Plan 2011 – 2026 (p10), as the work of the Village Hall potentially helps to build a stronger and more resilient community, fit for the future.

8.1.54. This project is to carry out modifications to the village hall roof in order to deal with visible deterioration, including new insulation.

8.1.55. The village hall is considered to be a vital community facility and work is required to ensure there is no further dilapidation. The hall is currently used on average 5 times a week.

8.1.56. The Area Board recognises the need to support and enhance local facilities for all the community.

8.1.57. If the Area Board does not fund this project then the local community will continue to fundraise.

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
Tis/12/018	Fovant Parish Council	Childrens' playground safety update	£2,125

8.1.58. At the time of writing this report, clarification is still required on the final project expenditure listed in relation to the quotes provided. Officers are of the opinion that this application meets the remaining 2012/13 grant criteria.

8.1.59. The application demonstrates a link to the Wiltshire Community Plan 2011 – 2026 (p10), as the playground potentially helps to build a stronger and more resilient community, fit for the future.

8.1.60. This project is to replace the deteriorated bark surface at the playground with a permanent impact safety surface. The playground is leased to Fovant Parish Council by Wiltshire Council.

8.1.61. The replacement of the surface is as a result of a playground safety review conducted in September 2012. It is anticipated that the project will also reduce annual maintenance costs, enabling Parish Council funds to be used elsewhere.

8.1.62. The Area Board recognises the need to support and enhance local facilities for all the community.

8.1.63. If the Area Board does not fund this project then the local community will continue to fundraise.

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
Wil/12/015	Dinton Community Shop	Dinton Community Shop	£5,000

8.1.64. Officers are of the opinion that this application meets the 2012/13 grant criteria.

8.1.65. In the application, the project indicates a funding shortfall of £1,250 if this application is successful. The applicant advises that this will be made up either by short term bank loans if the business is performing well or by a further share issue to members.

8.1.66. The application demonstrates a link to the Wiltshire Community Plan 2011 – 2026 (p10), as a community shop and hub helps to build a stronger and more resilient community, fit for the future.

8.1.67. This project is to open a community shop, providing groceries, fruit and vegetables and newspapers as well as post office services and a café.

8.1.68. The previous shop and Post Office closed in 2012. The new shop will endeavour to stock local produce, and will be located in the same premises as the shop that closed. There has been widespread local support for the project and the new facility will provide both a paid position and volunteering opportunities, which at least 40 local people have already committed to undertake.

8.1.69. The Area Board recognises the need to support and enhance local facilities for all the community.

8.1.70. If the Area Board does not fund this project then the local community will continue to fundraise.

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
Wil/12/016	Barford St Martin Parish Council	Barford recreation ground (playing field) rejuvenation	£4,018

8.1.71. At the time of writing this report the following is still outstanding:

- Copy of accounts

The Community Area Grants Funding criteria states that for funding requests of more than £1,000, financial support from other sources must be identified (matched funding). No more than 50% of the total cost of a project will be awarded. The applicant is not able to provide matched funding totalling at least

50% of the total cost in this application.

Officers are of the opinion that this application meets the remaining 2012/13 grant criteria.

8.1.72. The application demonstrates a link to the Wiltshire Community Plan 2011 – 2026 (p10); this will assist in fostering strong communities by drawing together members of the community through engaging in activities.

8.1.73. This project is to make the playing field into a useable space by levelling and re-seeding the ground. It is anticipated that this will be the first step in developing the area into a community space.

8.1.74. Barford St Martin currently has no village hall or playing facility for children, and the playing field has been identified as the only community area suitable for events and leisure activities. The ground is at present rented from Wilton Estate on a yearly basis; the applicant understands that a 10 year lease with the estate can be agreed if funding for the project can be committed.

8.1.75. The Area Board recognises the need to support and enhance local facilities for all the community.

8.1.76. If the Area Board does not fund this project then the local community will continue to fundraise.

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
Mer/12/012	Mere Town Football Club	Maintenance equipment for upkeep of football pitches, to meet FA standards	£5,000

8.1.77. At the time of writing this report the following is still outstanding:

- Copy of accounts
- Two quotes for all project costs

The Community Area Grants Funding criteria states that for funding requests of more than £1,000, financial support from other sources must be identified (matched funding). No more than 50% of the total cost of a project will be awarded. The applicant is not able to provide matched funding totalling at least 50% of the total cost in this application.

Officers are of the opinion that this application meets the remaining 2012/13 grant criteria.

8.1.78. In the application, the project indicates a funding shortfall of £1,984 if this application is successful. The applicant advises that this will be made up through future sponsor boards around a new barrier that has been constructed; the club already have 10 companies committed for a total of £1,500 and are seeking confirmation for another 8.

8.1.79. The application demonstrates a link to the Wiltshire Community Plan 2011 – 2026 (p10); this will assist in fostering strong communities by drawing together

members of the community through engaging in sport.

8.1.80. This project is to purchase maintenance equipment in order to ensure the football pitches can be kept at the required FA standard.

8.1.81. The club achieved promotion to Dorset Division 1 in 2011/12, and is currently in 1st place in that league at the time of this report. This success has resulted in the need for the playing surface to meet the requirements of higher leagues. Previous work has been done to create a barrier and dugouts, and this project will enable the playing surface to be maintained. The club provides an important community role in terms of players coming through and a social, sporting event to attend.

8.1.82. The Area Board recognises the need to support and enhance local facilities for all the community.

8.1.83. If the Area Board does not fund this project then the local community will continue to fundraise.

Appendices:	Appendix 1 Grant application – South Newton Cricket Club Appendix 2 Grant application – Hindon Parish Council Appendix 3 Grant application – Mere Town Youth Football Club Appendix 4 Grant application – PCC, St Mary’s Church, Dinton Appendix 5 Grant application – Fugglestone DCC Appendix 6 Grant application – Bishopstone Village Hall Appendix 7 Grant application – Broad Chalke Community Shop Appendix 8 Grant application – Compton Chamberlayne Cricket Club Appendix 9 Grant application – Fovant Village Hall Appendix 10 Grant application – Fovant Parish Council Appendix 11 Grant application – Dinton Community Shop Appendix 12 Grant application – Barford St Martin Parish Council Appendix 13 Grant application – Mere Football Club
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No unpublished documents have been relied upon in the preparation of this report.

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