

<b>Report to</b>	<b>Warminster Area Board</b>
<b>Date of Meeting</b>	<b>24 June 2010</b>
<b>Title of Report</b>	<b>Community Area Grants</b>

## **Purpose of Report**

To ask Councillors to consider 5 applications seeking 20010/11 Community Area Grant Funding

1. Chapel of St. Lawrence, Tower restoration, £4,900  
Officer recommendation: Approve, on the basis that the building is classed as a community resource and used for purposes other than religious activities.
2. Warminster Town Council, Revitalising the war memorial, £5,000  
Officer recommendation: Approve
3. Warminster Walkers, Website £400  
Officer recommendation: Approve
4. Economy and Tourism Group, Enhanced Christmas Leaflet £400  
Officer recommendation: Approve
5. Community Area Young People's Issues Group, Summer Art Project £950  
Officer recommendation: Approve

Total, if all applications are allocated in line with officer recommendations, £11,650

## 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 Community Services (27 February 2010). Under the Scheme of Delegation Area Boards must adhere to the Area Board Grants Guidance for funding.
- 1.2. In accordance with the Scheme of Delegation, any recommendation of an Area Board that is contrary to the funding criteria would need the approval of the Leader, the appropriate Cabinet Member or the Cabinet.
- 1.3. In accordance with the Area Board Grants Guidance officers are required to provide recommendations in their report, however, the decision to support applications and to what level is made by Wiltshire Councillors on this Area Board.
- 1.4. Funding applications will be considered at every Area Board meeting.
- 1.5. Warminster Area Board has been allocated a 2010/2011 budget of £47,752 for community grants, community partnership core funding and councillor led initiatives. Following grant payments of £13,699 at the 20 May 2010 meeting, there is £34,053 remaining in the budget before community partnership core funding.
- 1.6. A decision has been made in 2010/2011 that 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.
- 1.7. The 2010/2011 funding criteria and application forms are available on the council's website ([www.wiltshire.gov.uk/areaboards](http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/areaboards)) or paper versions are available from the Community Area Manager.

<b>Background documents used in the preparation of this Report</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Community Area Grant Application Pack 20010/11</li><li>• Warminster and Villages Community Area Plan</li></ul>
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## 2. Main Considerations

- 2.1. Councillors will need to be satisfied that grants awarded in the 2010/11 year 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 20010/11. The second is contained in this report the remaining will take place on;

- 2 September 2010
- 11 November 2010
- 13 January 2011
- 10 March 2011

The deadline for applications is six weeks prior to the date of the meeting.

### **3. 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.

### **4. Financial Implications**

4.1. Awards must fall within the Area Boards budget allocated to the Warminster Area Board.

4.2. If grants are awarded in line with officer recommendations, Warminster Area Board will have a balance of £22,403 before community partnership core costs.

### **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 WAR02 1/10	Chapel of St. Lawrence	Tower restoration	£4,900

8.1.1. Officer recommendation – Approve on the basis that the building is classed as a community resource and used for purposes other than religious activities.

- 8.1.2. The application meets the grant criteria 2010/11, although it does not make a link to the community plan.
- 8.1.3. The application does not demonstrate a link to the Community Plan, although the community area manager has found a link to page 12.
- 8.1.4. The project will support the following local priorities:
- Engage with local people to find out their priorities and work with them to deliver solutions
  - Increase the number of people involved in regular volunteering
  - Encourage people to make lifestyle changes that will have a positive impact on the health of themselves and their family
  - Improve young people’s participation in positive activities
  - Improve local area through intergenerational activities
- 8.1.5. The Friends of the Chapel of St. Lawrence is a non profit organisation, which looks after the chapel on behalf of the people of Warminster. The building is a ‘peculiar’ and as such does not belong to, or be the responsibility of any religious organisation. It is owned by the people of the town. The Chapel is used for a wide variety of non-religious activities.
- 8.1.6. The Friends of the Chapel have provided written evidence regarding community ownership of the building, which is available on request.
- 8.1.7. The project will make the top of the tower safe and prevent further deterioration.
- 8.1.8. If the Area Board does not to fund the project it will be delayed, causing the stone work to become more dangerous.

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.2. WAR02 2/10	Warminster Town Council	Revitalising the War Memorial	£5,000

- 8.2.1. Officer recommendation - Approve
- 8.2.2. The application meets the grant criteria 2010/11
- 8.2.3. The application demonstrates a link to the Community Plan (see Pages 12 and 18).
- 8.2.4. Warminster Running Club is a non profit making organisation that promotes physical activity.
- 8.2.5. The group require a lap top computer to improve the efficiency of their administration. Their existing computer is at the end of its working life and a new

one will help the group maintain the website, which promotes sport in the community. This is a capital expenditure.

8.2.6. If the Area Board does not to fund the project it will be delayed.

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.3. WAR02 3/10	Warminster Walkers	Website	£400

8.3.1. Officer recommendation – Approve

8.3.2. The application meets grant criteria 2010/11

8.3.3. The application demonstrates a link to the Community Plan (see pages 9, 13 and 14)

8.3.4. Warminster Walkers is a non profit making organisation promoting walking as a healthy lifestyle choice.

8.3.5. The group aims to establish a Warminster Walkers web-page on the new Warminster Community web-site. The aim is to attract more people to walking in the Warminster area, promoting access to the countryside & healthy exercise. New members are needed to ensure the future of the group.

8.3.6. The initial work will include a content management tool to allow the group to refresh the walking programme every 6 months. No further funding will be required.

8.3.7. Without a community area grant, the group would be unable to go ahead with the project due to lack of funds. The group aim to recruit more members, providing subscriptions and ensuring a susustainable future for the project.

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.4. WAR02 5/10	WVCP, Economy and Tourism Group	Enhanced Christmas Leaflet	£400

8.4.1. Officer recommendation – Approve, subject to judgement over 8.4.2.

8.4.2. The application meets the grant criteria 2010/11, although a judgement must be made regarding whether this is a new project (see 8.3.5) or a repeat of the 2009/10 project.

8.4.3. The application supports the Community Plan's vision to achieve a thriving and

sustainable economy and increased visitor spending on local goods and services.

8.4.4. The Economy and Tourism Group is a theme group of the Community Partnership.

8.4.5. The group plan to build upon the success of the Christmas 'Buy Local' leaflet, by responding to feedback and providing tear-off vouchers for local businesses in full colour (previously printed in black and white).

8.4.6. This is revenue expenditure.

8.4.7. Without a community area grant, fewer leaflets would be produced lessening the impact of the campaign. Other bodies would be approached for funding but there would be consequential uncertainty for the production of the leaflet in sufficient time for the Christmas trade.

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.5. WAR02 6/10	Community Area Young People's Issues Group	Summer Arts Project	£1,000

8.5.1. Officer recommendation – Approve, subject to the conditions outlined in 8.5.7.

8.5.2. The application meets the grant criteria 2010/11

8.5.3. The application demonstrates a link to the Community Plan (see pages 12, 14, 17 and 19).

8.5.4. The project will support the following local priorities:

- Encourage people to make lifestyle changes that will have a positive impact on the health of themselves and their family
- Improve young people's participation in positive activities
- Reduce perceptions of anti-social behaviour

8.5.5. The project will be run by the Wiltshire Council Youth Service.

8.5.6. The project aims to provide an artist to work with young people from the Warminster Community Area to produce a sculpture to be sited in Warminster Park. The CAYPIG would like to use the project to demonstrate that young people can be creative and deliver a positive message.

8.5.7. There is a need to secure an artist to deliver the project and to secure permission from Wiltshire Council to install the sculpture in the park. If awarded, these matters should form conditions of grant.

8.5.8. The project cannot take place without a community area grant.

<b>Appendices:</b>	<b>Appendix 1 Grant application – Chapel of St Laurence</b> <b>Appendix 2 Grant application – Warminster Town Council</b> <b>Appendix 3 Grant application – Warminster Walkers</b> <b>Appendix 4 Grant application – Economy and Tourism Group</b> <b>Appendix 5 Grant application – Community Area Young People’s Issues Group</b>
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No unpublished documents have been relied upon in the preparation of this report.

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