

Report to	Bradford on Avon Area Board
Date of Meeting	19 June 2013
Title of Report	Community Area Grants

Purpose of Report

To ask Councillors to consider 8 applications seeking 2013/14 Community Area Grant funding:

i) Holt War Memorial Restoration Project requesting £1,750 towards the restoration of the village war memorial in time for the centenary of the First World War in 2014

ii) Friends of the Strips requesting £777 towards the restoration of the woodland

iii) Scouts requesting £500 towards maintenance equipment and a secure store at their Scout Camp at Brokerswood

iv) Friends of Woolley requesting £500 towards a community noticeboard outside The George pub

v) Winsley Parish Council requesting £4,000 towards a bus shelter at Dane Rise/ Bradford Road in Winsley

vi) Bradford on Avon Community Sports Project requesting £1,350 towards outdoor table tennis tables as an Olympic legacy project

vii) Councillor Rosemary Brown requesting £1,500 towards the Bradford on Avon Campus Phase 1 consultation starting September 2013

viii) Councillor Rosemary Brown requesting £300 towards the grand opening of the refurbished facilities at Barton Farm and Victory Field Play Areas

1. Background

- 1.1 Area Boards have authority to approve Community 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 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 as to why this should justify an exception to the criteria.
- 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 Bradford on Avon Area Board has been allocated a budget in 2013/2014 of £ £39,942 capital and £11,133 revenue expenditure for community grants, community partnership core funding and councillor led initiatives.
- 1.5 It has been decided that paper copies of funding applications will no longer appear as part of the agenda in an attempt to reduce the volume of paper used. However, the application forms will be available on the Wiltshire Council website and hard copies will be available upon request.
- 1.6 The 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.

Background documents used in the preparation of this Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Community Area Grant Application Pack 2011/12• Bradford on Avon Community Area Plan• Wiltshire Local Area Agreement
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2 Main Considerations

- 2.1 Councillors will need to be satisfied that grants awarded in the 2013/14 year are made to projects that can realistically proceed within a year of the award being made.
- 2.2 There will be 5 rounds of funding during 2013/14, this being the first.

3 Environmental & Community Implications

3.1 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 Bradford on Avon Area Board.

4.2 If grants are awarded in line with recommendations, Bradford on Avon Area Board will have a balance of approximately £ 35, 065 capital funding and £ 18 revenue funding remaining in the grants budget for the 2013/14 financial year.

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 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	Holt War Memorial Restoration Project	Restoration of the village war memorial in time for the centenary of the First World War in 2014	£ 1, 750

8.1.1 This application meets the community area grant criteria for 2012/13.

8.1.2 The application demonstrates a link to the Bradford on Avon Community Plan and Wiltshire Local Area Agreement through its support to community facilities and to cultural

life in the village.

8.1.3 The application is to repair and enhance the village War Memorial in time for the centenary of the start of the First World War in 2014. The most significant part of the cost will be to replace the broken concrete surround of the obelisk with granite, but other work will include the cleaning of the granite obelisk itself, the painting of the surrounding railings, and treatment of the bronze plaques. The War Memorial is situated on Ham Green, which is the main focal point of the village, where various events take place each year. The Parish Church is on the edge of the Green, it is close to the Playing Field and Bowls Club, one pub is adjacent to the Green and the other not far off. The War Memorial was built in 1919 of Cornish granite and was paid for by public subscription. In 1922, metal railings were added.

8.1.4 £ 2,000 has been raised from the War Memorials Trust and £ 850 from public subscriptions.

Officers recommend that £ 1, 750 is contributed towards the restoration of the village war memorial in time for the centenary of the First World War in 2014

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8.2	Friends of The Strips	Restoration of the Woodland including new posts, native species planting and tools	£ 777

8.2.1 This application meets the community area grant criteria for 2012/13.

8.2.2 The application demonstrates a link to the Bradford on Avon Community Plan and Wiltshire Local Area Agreement through its support for community facilities and nature conservation.

8.2.3 The Friends of the Strips was formed by local residents early in 2012 to restore and conserve The Strips as a Community Woodland for future generations of Bradfordians after years of underfunding by The Strips' owners, Wiltshire Council and the District and Urban Councils before them.

<http://www.friendsofthestrips.org.uk/friendsofthestrips/Welcome.html>

8.2.4 This area of woodland, so important to the setting of Bradford on Avon, is suffering from years of neglect and needs to be restored for the benefit of the local community. Carbon storage by trees and protection of threatened flora and fauna will be additional benefits. This project will benefit, in the first instance, the many locals who live nearby and who use the Strips for exercise, dog-walking or as a means of reaching the centre of the town. It will benefit the many children who play therein and who build dens and use it as an adventure playground. It is to be hoped that the Council will be able to fund the short stretch of cycleway which will use the path on the north side. This will inevitably cause disruption while being built, but should result in additional tree planting. Lastly, as stated above, the whole town will

benefit from the assurance that the woodland that is such a vital part of its skyline is being safeguarded for the future.

8.2.5 Contributions of £ 300 from a family day and voluntary contributions have been made. In January 2013 £350 was contributed by the Area Board for tree and bulb planting at The Strips, from the previous financial year.

Officers recommend that £ 777 is contributed towards the restoration of the woodland. No further applications will be considered by the applicant in the current financial year.

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8.3	Wiltshire West District Scout Association	Maintenance equipment and a secure store at their Scout Camp at Brokerswood	£ 500

8.3.1 This application meets the community area grant criteria for 2012/13.

8.3.2 The application demonstrates a link to the Bradford on Avon Community Plan and Wiltshire Local Area Agreement through it support for youth and community facilities.

8.3.3 Having purchased a field at West Ashton we are making good progress in developing this into a Scout Camp Site and Youth Activity Centre open to Scouts, Guides and organised youth groups nationwide and to local community groups. Having planted over 6200 trees to form a new Jubilee Wood and installed essential infrastructure, we now need items of maintenance equipment and a secure store to keep them in and also need to improve accessibility, particularly for the disabled. Our 800 young members in West Wilts, of whom 160 plus 30 adult volunteers are from the Bradford Area plus Guides, local youth groups and the local community will benefit. We do not know how many of these will take advantage of the opportunity but we already know that the 105 pupils at West Ashton School intend to make full use of the facility We are already enjoying a high level of engagement as young people and the local community have helped with tree planting etc. This project is about encouraging young people to get the best out of life and to enjoy their childhood in the great outdoors. Links to local priorities are: Economy: Increasing skill levels: We believe that young people develop most when they are 'learning by doing,' are given responsibility, work in teams, take acceptable risks and think for themselves. The leadership and team working skills that young members acquire, together with the self confidence that the training engenders helps to provide them with the skills that future generations of leaders and of our national workforce will need in order to make planned economic growth become a reality. Addressing Anti-social behaviour: We encourage our members to understand the consequences of their actions, and aim to help build the strength of character necessary to resist pressures to join anti-social behaviour. Sport and Active Leisure: Our project is all about getting away from the TV and computer and enjoying an active, fulfilling life-style Environment and the Countryside: we foster understanding of how

communities and individuals need to integrate with the countryside and how the actions and behaviours of young and old alike impact on the environment. The aim is to create a safe, self-sustaining environment in which the trees, the flora and the wildlife can flourish alongside and integrated with citizenship training. Education & Lifelong Learning; Improving chances for children. To improve young people's outcomes and outlook on life, it is vital that the cycle of dependency on benefits is broken and young people aspire to a career or work life. Scouting promotes the development of young people in achieving their full potential. Health & Social Care; Improving Life Styles: Increasing levels of obesity and low fitness in young people is a matter of national concern. We encourage and foster a healthy life style based upon healthy eating, hygiene, exercise and outdoor pursuit. The camp site will enable these important life-skills to be reinforced by means of day visits and over-night camping where young members will, for example, plan their menus, buy their provisions and cook for themselves. Crime & Community Safety: our training helps young people to find the strength of character to make the right choices and helps give them the maturity to resist pressures to take a part in activities such as drug dealing and gang cultures. Many church leaders, members of the police force and social workers value the contribution that scouting makes towards achieving better, safer communities. Community: As well as being used by Scouts and Guides from outside the District, we are committed to making the site available for use by other groups, who need not necessarily be youth groups, and to schools etc. We envisage making the facility available for use by schools and youth and other groups for a variety of social, educational and sports activities. Our long-term aim is that the site will become some form of hub for youth outdoor activity, helping young people to appreciate the importance of conservation and how to enjoy the countryside in a responsible manner. We try to foster understanding of why individuals should contribute to the well-being of the community of which they are part and the benefits that they and the community at large will derive from this. We hope that by adulthood our young members will have a keen understanding of the needs of their community and be willing and able to contribute to the life of the community and to strengthen the voluntary sector in years to come.

8.3.4 Parallel applications have been made to Trowbridge and Melksham Area Boards for £1, 500 and £ 500 respectively and to Trowbridge Town Council for £ 2, 000.

Officers recommend that £ 500 is contributed towards maintenance equipment and a secure store at the Scout Camp at Brokerswood, subject to contributions also being forthcoming form the Trowbridge and Melksham Area Boards

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8.4	Friends of Woolley	Community noticeboard outside The George pub in Woolley Street	£ 500

8.4.1 This application meets the community area grant criteria for 2012/13.

8.4.2 The application demonstrates a link to the Bradford on Avon Community Plan and Wiltshire Local Area Agreement through its support for essential community facilities and cultural life.

8.4.3 The project is to erect a Friends of Woolley community notice board in the heart of Woolley outside The George pub for use by anyone local. We have identified a need for more accessible and visible information to be made available. The A0 size board will be of traditional and sustainable materials, designed to be robust yet attractive, and mounted on a stone wall. The landlord has given his consent to the mounting of the board on his wall. We are a voluntary community group inaugurated in 2005 to provide the local community with a formally constituted body to assist with local representation. This project will further foster community spirit and keep all better informed by displaying posters advertising community & social events; notices of meetings/campaigns; adverts for local trade & craftsmen; requests for volunteers for community projects. It will benefit:

- i) All residents of Woolley - reaching a wider audience in its prominent position as a focal point;
- ii) Friends of Woolley - our website provides news, via the notice board we could communicate even more directly with residents. Currently we only use a resident's gatepost as a publicity point. It also benefits the area by supporting many of the actions set out in our Plan for Woolley 2026, unanimously endorsed by the Town Council. In the Plan a website notice board was already proposed. A board would form an important valuable extension to this by providing access to information for those not regularly consulting websites
- iii) Our community – will be strengthened in accordance with the vision and objectives of the Community Strategy - to enable people to get together to address local concerns, organise cultural events and to socialise
- iv) The wider area- by posting information regarding Bradford on Avon's plans for the future of the town as well as in Woolley
- v) Local businesses - the pub and any local trades people will be able to advertise and promote their services and goods. Community industries and projects will also be promoted

The board will be designed and constructed by a Woolley craftsman. The quote is competitively priced compared with commercially produced boards, and far preferable as it supports a local business. The grant application is for the cost of designing, making & fixing of the board. We will fund the cost of a Plexi glass cover and undertake to maintain/replace this into the future.

All who call at our well established produce table will benefit by catching up on news on the board above. It is a highly valued resource for residents & passers by where surplus local garden produce is left with an honesty box system for donations. This prevents waste and encourages local produce.

We anticipate that this additional opportunity for publicity will increase interaction and participation between people and businesses, improve income generation and achieve more effective promotion of events and projects, thereby delivering a

lasting benefit for the community of Woolley.

Officers recommend that £ 500 is contributed towards a community noticeboard outside The George pub in Woolley Street

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8.5	Winsley Parish Council	Bus shelter at Dane Rise/ Bradford Road in Winsley	£ 4, 000

8.5.1 This application meets the community area grant criteria for 2012/13.

8.5.2 The application demonstrates a link to the Bradford on Avon Community Plan and Wiltshire Local Area Agreement through its support for community facilities.

8.5.3 The project is to provide a bus shelter on the Bradford Road at the junction of Dane Rise, where there has been a hard standing ready for the shelter for some years but as cost has always been an issue it has never been installed. There is an increasingly ageing population from the Tynning Estate which is located at the north side of Bradford Road, it is this area from which approximately half of the users of this particular bus stop would come, the road is long and wide and does seem to be particularly exposed to the elements making the shelter more of a necessity - it has long been the intention of Winsley Parish Council to promote the use of the very good and important bus route into and out of Bath and to encourage people to use it for more than just shopping trips but to see it as a genuine alternative to commuting to work in their car.

8.5.4 The Parish Council will match fund the project costs, a total of £ 8,000.

8.5.5 This matter was discussed at the recent Community Area Transport Group which requested a costed proposal for consideration its next meeting in September.

Officers recommend that the application for £ 4,000 towards a bus shelter at Dane Rise/ Bradford Road in Winsley is referred to the Community Area Transport Group for its consideration in the first instance

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.6	Bradford on Avon Community Sports Project	Outdoor table tennis tables as an Olympic legacy project	£ 1, 350

8.6.1 This application meets the community area grant criteria for 2012/13.

- 8.6.2 The application demonstrates a link to the Bradford on Avon Community Plan and Wiltshire Local Area Agreement through its support for sport and culture.
- 8.6.3 As part of improving recreational amenities for Bradford on Avon residents and visitors as part of community health, wellbeing and interpersonal involvement, the addition of outdoor Table Tennis would be a very positive addition to current activities. Outdoor TT Tables have proved very popular in both the UK and abroad and would be an excellent recreational activity for all ages. This is a legacy project from the very successful, Inspire-marked, Community Sports Festival in 2012.
- 8.6.4 The Council's Play and Leisure Strategy Officer is supportive of the application and is negotiating a suitable site with the applicant where the table tennis tables can be provided as a permanent structure, cemented in situ.
- 8.6.5 The bulk of the expenditure is covered by a Sport England grant of £ 4, 000.

Officers recommend that £ 1, 350 is contributed towards outdoor table tennis tables as an Olympic legacy project

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8.7	Councillor Rosemary Brown	Bradford on Avon Campus Phase 1 consultation starting September 2013	£ 1, 500

- 8.7.1 This application meets the community area grant criteria for 2012/13.
- 8.7.2 The application demonstrates a link to the Bradford on Avon Community Plan and Wiltshire Local Area Agreement through its support for community facilities and access to services.
- 8.7.3 The Shadow COB has to consult widely in order to develop a public service campus proposal for Bradford on Avon. The consultation will be held in phases over the next few years. This funding application is to support the first phase consultation in 2013/14. The purpose of the first phase is to inform and engage the community as widely and as clearly as possible regarding the project. Costs include pop-up display, adverts, exhibition material, web and paper collection and collation of responses, refreshments at events, WC van and meeting room hire. The community will benefit by being able to express their views about what services are included within the campus, so that when it is finally created it meets their needs in a way that significantly improves the life of the community as a whole especially those groups that are disadvantaged. The Shadow COB wishes to prepare and design appealing, professional and informative material which its community can easily interact with.
- 8.7.4 It is likely that the campus project will require further substantial funding in future financial years. Given the constraints on revenue funding in the Community Area Grants budget it is recommended that a suitable alternative fund for campus consultations should

be identified corporately within the Council.

Officers recommend that £ 1,500 revenue funding is contributed towards the Bradford on Avon Campus Phase 1 consultation starting September 2013

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.8	Councillor Rosemary Brown	Grand opening of the refurbished facilities at Barton Farm and Victory Field Play Areas	£ 300

8.8.1 This application meets the community area grant criteria for 2012/13.

8.8.2 The application demonstrates a link to the Bradford on Avon Community Plan and Wiltshire Local Area Agreement through its support for community facilities, parks and open spaces.

8.8.3 The project is to provide in partnership with Bradford on Avon Town Council an opening ceremony to celebrate the upgrading of both the Victory Field and Barton Farm Play Areas on Friday 5th July 2013 12noon – 1pm. The refurbishment was a known need of local residents, the Friends of Barton Farm Group carried out extensive consultation and provided the original plans for the upgrade which met with the needs of the town. S106 funding has been used to fund this project, together with funding from BoA Town Council and the Early Years section of Wiltshire Council. Both areas were in need of substantial upgrading this has been achieved within budget as well as meeting the needs of the local residents. Active Play is known to be a real benefit to the development of children as well as being an indicator of a vibrant, strong and developing community.

8.8.3 The total capital cost of the refurbished play areas is in the region of £130k, mostly funded from Section 106 contributions from Linden Homes. The Town Council will match fund the costs of the opening ceremony. As revenue funding is so constrained in 2013/14 it is recommended that a slightly reduced sum is offered.

8.8.4 The Council's Play and Leisure Strategy Officer has been a key player in the detail of the restoration project and is involved and supportive of the proposed opening ceremony.

Officers recommend that £ 200 is contributed towards the grand opening of the refurbished facilities at Barton Farm and Victory Field Play Areas

Appendices:	Grant applications from: Holt Memorial Restoration Project Friends of The Strips Wiltshire West District Scout Association Friends of Woolley Winsley Parish Council Bradford on Avon Community Sports Councillor Rosemary Brown
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	Comments from Colin Brown, Play and Leisure Strategy Officer
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No unpublished documents have been relied upon in the preparation of this report.

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