

Report to :	Amesbury Area Board – 30 January 2014
Title of Report	Area Board Funding

Purpose of Report

To ask councillors to consider officer recommendations in respect to:

1. Girl Guiding Wiltshire South Berwick Management Committee – award £1,840 for an industrial dish-washer, conditional to the balance of funding being in place;
2. Woodford Valley Table-Tennis Club – award £379 for a table-tennis table;
3. Tilshead Playing Field Committee – award £5,000 towards the purchase of the playing field, conditional upon the balance of funding being in place;
4. Tilshead Village Hall – award £2,063 towards the purchase of audio-visual presentation equipment, conditional upon the balance of funding being in place;
5. Shrewton Utd FC – award £498 for the purchase of football netting;
6. Idmiston Parish Council – award £392 towards the purchase and installation of cedar shingle tiles for Idmiston Bus Shelter, conditional on the balance of funding being in place; and
7. Durrington Junior Friends – award £500 towards the costs of setting up a breakfast club.

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 (5 April 2013). Under the Scheme of Delegation Area Boards must adhere to the [Area Board Grants Guidance 2013/2014](#).
- 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 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.
- 1.4. The area board may want to link funding to local priorities, including those identified in their Community Plan, Local Area Joint Strategic Assessment and any other community based consultative work.
- 1.5. Amesbury of Area Board has been allocated a 2013/2014 budget of **£82,361** for community area grants, digital literacy grants, community partnership core funding, area board operational funding and area board/councillor led initiatives. In 2013/14 only capital funding is available for community area and digital literacy grants.
- 1.6. In addition to CAGs and digital literacy 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.
- 1.7. In support of the Olympic and Paralympic legacy, in 2013/14 the Amesbury Area Board invites applications that encourage young people and people with disabilities to become more actively involved in sports, outdoor activities, recreation, arts and volunteering.
- 1.8. Applications of up to and including £500 can be made for a Community Area Grant, which will not require matched funding. Amounts of £501 - £5,000 will be required to find matched funding. The area board will rarely award more than £5,000. Grants of up to £500 are available for Digital Literacy projects.
- 1.9. New for 2013/14 is a single on-line application process for Community Area Grants (CAG) and Digital Literacy grants, introduced to provide an easy step by step application process. The application process and funding criteria can be found [here](#).

- 1.10. Area boards will not consider 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.
- 1.11. 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.
- 1.12. Funding applications will be considered at every Area Board meeting whilst there is money available.
- 1.13. All recipients of area board funding are expected to complete an evaluation form as soon as the project has been completed and provide receipts if requested. Groups are encouraged to up-load information and photographs about their project on to their area board [blogsite](#). Failure to evaluate projects will preclude applicants/organisations being considered for future funding.

Background documents used in the preparation of this report	<p><u>Area Board Grant Criteria and Guidance 2013/14 as approved by delegated decision</u></p> <p><u>Amesbury Area's Community Plan Priorities</u></p> <p><u>Amesbury Area Joint Strategic Assessment.</u></p>
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2. Main Considerations

- 2.1. Amesbury Area Board has been allocated a 2013/2014 budget of **£82,361** that may be allocated through Community Area Grants, Digital Literacy Grants, Area Board/Councillor Led Initiatives and funding support for community planning activities.
- 2.2. Councillors will need to ensure that the distribution of funding is in accordance with the Scheme of Delegation outlined in Section 1 of this report.
- 2.3. Councillors will need to be satisfied that grants awarded in 2013/2014 are made to projects that can realistically proceed within a year of the award being made.
- 2.4. There are now 2 funding rounds remaining during 2013/14. Deadlines for receipt of funding applications are as follows:
 - 19 December 2013 for consideration on 30 January 2014
 - 13 February 2014 for consideration on 27 March 2014

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 accordance with officer recommendations Amesbury area board will have a balance of **£16,040.54**.

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 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 will be outlined in section 8, 'Officer Recommendations' of the funding report.

8. Officer Recommendations

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.1.	Girl Guiding Wiltshire South Berwick Management Committee	Industrial Dish- washer	£1,840

- 8.1.1. Officers recommend that Wiltshire South Girl Guide HQ, Berwick St James, is awarded £1,840 as a contribution to the costs of a new dishwasher.
- 8.1.2. This facility is largely used by guiding groups for their members and leaders in the Wiltshire South area for training and meetings. User numbers have increased steadily and the new dishwasher will help achieve standards of health and safety.
- 8.1.3. The facility is also hired to local organisations and disadvantaged groups for team building exercises and training. Improved kitchen facilities will increase the potential use of the venue.

- 8.1.4. When not in use by local groups and the Guiding organisation, the venue is hired by private individuals for social functions including wedding receptions, wakes and harvest suppers. Again the improved kitchen facilities will help contribute to the increased use of the facility in the wider community.
- 8.1.5. Berwick St James County Headquarters is a large venue of which there is a shortage in the immediate area. Centre users also visit from other users increasing the numbers of people also visiting the local area and the town centre.
- 8.1.6. This application helps to address issues identified in the Joint Strategic Assessment for Amesbury (addressing social deprivation and promoting healthy lifestyles) and the Local Agreement for Wiltshire (building resilient communities by encouraging young people to succeed and take part in positive activities).
- 8.1.7. The applicant has raised half the total project cost of £1,840 through fund-raising activities and the area board is asked to contribute the balance of funding required for the purchase of the industrial dish-washer.

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.2.	Woodford Valley Table-Tennis Club	Table-tennis table	£379

- 8.2.1. Officers recommend that Woodford Valley Table-Tennis Club is awarded a grant of £379 for the purchase of a new table-tennis table.
- 8.2.2. This new group formed in May 2013 has been using borrowed equipment. The group has become very popular and is now playing weekly with players from the Woodford and Bourne Valleys, and Amesbury.
- 8.2.3. The group now wish to play competition games and the borrowed equipment is not in a fit condition for this purpose.
- 8.2.4. The age range of players is 11 to 73 and while the aim is to be able to compete competitively for those who are keen to do so, the club wishes to remain primarily for open club play embracing players from all walks of life.
- 8.2.5. The club uses the local village hall which also contributes to its ongoing success.
- 8.2.6. This application helps to address issues identified in the Local Agreement for Wiltshire (enable people to improve their long term health and well being).

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.3.	Tilshead Playing Field Committee	Purchase of playing field	£5,000

- 8.3.1. Officers recommend that Tilshead Playing Field Committee is awarded a grant of £5,000 towards the purchase of a playing field from the army.
- 8.3.2. The Army has offered the Playing Field Committee the opportunity to purchase the land they currently manage.
- 8.3.3. The field is used for both sport and social recreational activities that are multi-generational and socially inclusive including fetes and functions.
- 8.3.4. The committee intend to apply for Queen Elizabeth II trust status to ensure that the field is secured for the community in perpetuity.
- 8.3.5. This application helps to address issues identified in the Joint Strategic Assessment for Amesbury (addressing anti-social behaviour and promoting healthy lifestyles) and the Local Agreement for Wiltshire (building resilient communities by encouraging young people to succeed and take part in positive activities that enable people to improve their long term health and well being).
- 8.3.6. The applicant has raised half the total project cost (£5,000) through donations from the parish council and their own funds.

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.4.	Tilshead Village Hall	Audio-visual presentation equipment	£2,063

- 8.4.1. Officers recommend that Tilshead Village Hall is awarded £2,063 towards the purchase of presentation equipment for the hall.
- 8.4.2. The applicants would like to improve the facilities at the village hall by purchasing various items of equipment used for presentations to increase the hiring opportunities to include business meetings, training, educational and recreational purposes and enhance social events.
- 8.4.3. The additional facilities will contribute to the ongoing sustainability of the hall.

8.4.4. This application helps to address issues identified in the Joint Strategic Assessment for Amesbury (addressing social isolation and promoting healthy lifestyles) and the Local Agreement for Wiltshire (building resilient communities by helping local communities develop their own priorities and improvements, building a strong and vibrant voluntary sector and creating stronger and more inclusive communities).

8.4.5. The applicant has raised half the total project cost (£2,063) through donations from the parish council and their own funds. Due to the hall's recent refurbishment, the committee are not able to raise all the funds required.

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.5.	Shrewton Utd FC	Football netting	£498

8.5.1. Officers recommend that Shrewton Utd FC is awarded £498 to purchase football netting.

8.5.2. The football club wish to provide netting behind the goal that backs onto the village stream and the road that runs to Orcheston to reduce the number of lost balls and create a safer environment for the road users.

8.5.3. The club wishes to progress to the next league which requires the installation of safety netting.

8.5.4. This application helps to address issues identified in the Joint Strategic Assessment for Amesbury (encouraging beneficial lifestyle changes and improving children's health) and the Local Agreement for Wiltshire (providing strong foundations for children and young people's development and enabling people to improve their long term health and well being).

8.5.5. Shrewton Utd FC is unable to fund the cost of the netting from its reserves.

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.6.	Idmiston Parish Council	Purchase and installation of cedar shingle tiles	£392

8.6.1. Officers recommend that Idmiston Parish Council is awarded £392 towards the purchase and installation on cedar shingle tiles for the Idmiston Bus Shelter.

8.6.2. The bus shelter is no longer water-tight for bus passengers and the shelter also serves as the parish notice board which needs to be kept dry.

8.6.3. The parish council is currently directing its funds towards the new cemetery project which is urgent.

8.6.4. This application helps to address issues identified in the Local Agreement for Wiltshire (safer communities: reassure the public by regularly communicating with communities; and lives not services: supporting more people to have independent and fulfilling lives as part of their local community).

8.6.5. The parish council did not anticipate this cost, which requires specialist craftsmanship, and are not able to fund the project entirely.

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.7.	Durrington Junior Friends	Breakfast club set-up costs	£500

8.7.1. Officers recommend that the Durrington Junior Friends is awarded £500 towards the setting up of a new breakfast club.

8.7.2. This project addresses the school's concerns that a substantial proportion of pupils are not eating breakfast and arriving at school hungry, which may impact negatively on learning and behaviour.

8.7.3. The breakfast club will help working parents and carers and contribute towards improving/sustaining good relations between the school and parents.

8.7.4. This application helps to address issues identified in the Joint Strategic Assessment for Amesbury (improving children's health and improving community cohesion and social capital) and the Local Agreement for Wiltshire (helping young people to succeed at school and take part in positive activities).

8.7.5. The Durrington Junior Friends is able to fund half the project cost from donations and fund raising; however, as a newly formed parent group, it does not yet have sufficient funds to cover all the start-up costs of breakfast club.

Appendices	<p>Appendix 1 Grant Application - Girl Guiding Wilts South Berwick Management Committee</p> <p>Appendix 2 Grant Application - Woodford Valley Table-Tennis Club</p> <p>Appendix 3 Grant Application - Tilshead Playing Field Committee</p> <p>Appendix 4 Grant Application - Tilshead Village Hall</p> <p>Appendix 5 Grant Application - Shrewton Utd FC</p> <p>Appendix 6 Grant Application - Idmiston Parish Council</p> <p>Appendix 7 Grant Application - Durrington Junior Friends</p>
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No unpublished documents have been relied upon in the preparation of this Report, other than those requested in the funding criteria e.g. estimates.

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